



More Than Bread

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Learn how many people we served this quarter
- Our pantry is offering new products; find out what they are.
- Read about the special events going on next quarter

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Grand Opening, Great Success!

On the nineteenth of August, two thousand and ten, luminaries and locals from throughout the city came to Faith Tabernacle Church to celebrate the grand opening of the newly expanded Fishes & Loaves Pantry.

Fishes & Loaves Pantry had been operating in less than two hundred feet of space in the past seven months. Through the hard work and dedication of several mem-

bers of Faith Tabernacle Church, the pantry was able to move into an area four times the size of the old room.

Among those that attended the grand opening ceremony were Mr. Kevin Slayton, the Faith-based Liaison from the mayor's office; Mr. Damion Cooper, representative from the Baltimore City Council; Mr. Joseph Edwards, from Baltimore City Department of Social Services;

Jennifer Patterson, Clarissa Taylor, and Kizzy Dawkins, from the Maryland Food Bank; and Sharon Hardy Knotts, assistant pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church.

Jessica Tinnin, pantry manager, had this to say: "The progress we have made thus far is simply amazing. I can't wait to see where God takes us next; this is incredible. Now we can do so much more."

Pantry Provides Pounds of Produce

Over one hundred fifty people lined up at Faith Tabernacle Church to attend Fishes & Loaves Pantry's first fresh produce giveaway, held on July sixteenth. All of the food distributed was generously provided by

the Maryland Food Bank. Many of those present expressed their thankfulness as they made their way about the room, receiving bags of foodstuffs from every table. The selection of food ranged from vegetables,

to baked goods, to sparkling water. Everyone who came went home with several bags in each hand. Rev. Andre Samuel heartily thanks the Maryland Food Bank for providing fresh produce for all of the clients.



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Third Quarter Numbers

Number of clients served by the pantry in:

July: 133

August: 179

September: 217

Total number of clients served this quarter: 529

Number of people served by the pantry in:

July: 610

August: 681

September: 688

Total number of people served this quarter: 1979

In our pantry, **clients** refers to the individuals that physically come to the pantry, fill out forms, and pick up food.

People refers to the total population that we serve, the clients and their family members.

Testimonials

A few clients were asked the question: What do you think about Fishes and Loaves Pantry?

Here are some of our responses:

“It was very helpful to my family in our time of

need. The staff was really friendly and nice, very helping. This is a great place to get help.”
- M. Johnson

“I’m thankful for the good service that [they] have, and I like the way the pantry is setup. The

area is very close to my home. I appreciate the people working here.” - C. McDaniel

Fishes & Loaves Pantry is thankful to all of the clients who gave their testimonials.

New Additions

The pantry is now able to offer more nonperishable food to its clients. It is also offering infant and toddler clothing, food, toys, diapers, formula, and other miscellaneous items.

Current & Upcoming Events

Men’s Fellowship Calendar Fundraiser—ongoing

Operation Thanksgiving Basket—Nov. 19

Operation Christmas Basket—Dec. 17

Fishes & Loaves Benefit Concert—in December

Look out for our Facebook page, coming soon!

Partners: Old & New

Faith Tabernacle Church

Maryland Food Bank

Baltimore City Department of Social Services

Community Kutz Barber-shop

Diakon Kathryn’s Kloset

Lakeland Elementary/ Middle School

Saint Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

United States Department of Agriculture

PHH

Ample Harvest. Org Campaign

Fishes & Loaves Pantry heartily thanks all of their partners for their continual support .

Thanks & Recognition

Fishes & Loaves Pantry especially thanks PHH for the generous donations we received through their food drive.

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers for the time and effort they gave to our pantry. We greatly appreciate their selfless dedication in these harsh economic times.

Finally, we thank all of the people who have donated their time, energy, or money to help us in our mission to end hunger and give hope to everyone who comes to us for assistance.

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” - John Fitzgerald Kennedy



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*"Have a heart, lend a hand, feed the
needy."*

The mission of **Fishes & Loaves Pantry** is to reach out to the neighborhood to instill and restore hope while providing much needed resources. Following the biblical principle that you are your brother's keeper, Fishes & Loaves Pantry embraces the slogan, **"Have a heart, lend a hand"** to help feed the needy during these economically challenging times, and to collaborate with other organizations to be a source of help and to lend a hand to everyone who needs it in this region, so that no one ever goes hungry or suffers for lack of proper resources.

To learn more, you can contact us through mail, e-mail, or by phone.

A Message from the Director

"In the city of Strasbourg, Germany, a church was bombed during World War Two. It was totally destroyed, but for a statue of Christ, which stood by the altar, almost unharmed. Only the hands of the statue are missing. The people of the church rebuilt their sanctuary, and a famous sculptor offered to make new hands to attach to the arms of the statue. After considering the matter, the people decided to let the statue be as it was, without hands. They said Christ had no hands but our hands to work on earth, so if we feed the hungry, and give drink to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, visit the imprisoned, and clothe the naked, we become the hands of Jesus. " - taken from "Decision" magazine

So, my friends, I call upon you again to have a heart, lend a hand and become the hands of Jesus, and help Fishes & Loaves feed the needy. Like this story says, we are the hands of Jesus. Christ is holding out his hands of compassion, saying, *"as much as you have done it to the least of these, you do it to me."*

Rev. Andre Samuel, Director, Fishes & Loaves Pantry