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NEWS FROM LOAVES & FISHES

Fleet Replacement Program

New Refrigerated Truck Enables Loaves & Fishes to Increase Perishable Food Deliveries

A new refrigerated truck will be added to Loaves & Fishes' fleet and will deliver fresh produce, meat, baked goods and other perishable foods free of charge to children, families and senior citizens in need throughout Greenville County. This new truck was made possible by grants from generous local funders The Hollingsworth Funds, Inc. and Greenville Women Giving.

"Since the fall of 2008, the more than 100 local agencies that Loaves & Fishes delivers perishable food to have seen an increase from 14% to 40% in the number of families seeking assistance with food. This truck will enable us to safely deliver

much needed fresh food to the more than 60,000 people in Greenville County who don't know where one of their meals today will come from," said Susan Douglas, Executive Director of Loaves & Fishes. Loaves & Fishes is Greenville County's only mobile food rescue organization.

John D. Hollingsworth, Jr. was an astute textile executive and real estate investor who owned and operated a world leading fiber-processing machinery and textile carding business from his Greenville County headquarters. Mr. Hollingsworth left the bulk of his estate to The Hollingsworth Funds, Inc. for the benefit of Furman University, the

YMCA and for charitable organizations that operate or conduct affairs for the benefit of charitable uses within Greenville County, South Carolina, or for the benefit of residents of Greenville County.

Greenville Women Giving, a special initiative of the Community Foundation of Greenville, is a philanthropic organization serving Greenville County and is committed to the idea that women can strengthen and make a difference in the community. Founded in 2006, the group has more than 335 members and has awarded more than \$854,000 in grants to local organizations.

Making a Difference in 90 Minutes

Loaves & Fishes is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers. In fact, last year these food rescuers delivered more than 10,900 hours of service to our community. At the current rate of \$20.25 per hour, this is an overwhelming economic impact of \$220,775 for Greenville County!

New volunteers are always

welcome. Routes are available throughout Greenville County seven days a week in the morning between 8:30 and 11 AM. Volunteer once a week, bi-weekly, or on a call-in schedule.

In addition to being a great family activity, consider signing up with a friend or co-worker. Applications are available at the office or on our

website. Food rescuers deliver more than half of the almost one million pounds of perishable food distributed to more than 100 local emergency food providers. Loaves & Fishes literally could not do this without them!





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Dear Friends of Loaves & Fishes,

Loaves & Fishes needs your help! It's tough to ask the people who keep our mission moving all year long for more. But these are tough times and Loaves & Fishes is in a tough spot. So we're asking for help from you, our most loyal volunteers and supporters, to help us get through these tough times.

Help – Talk About Loaves & Fishes!

If you are in any kind of a group – a Sunday school class; a civic group; a social organization – please suggest inviting Loaves & Fishes to speak to your group. If you'd rather do the speaking yourself, we have handouts you can use to inform people about what we do.

Help- Organize a food and fund raiser for Loaves & Fishes!

We have materials and a plan to make this easy and fun. A peanut butter or canned food drive coupled with a fund raiser for those who would rather contribute than shop goes a long way to raise awareness and the donated funds help us pay our office and other operating expenses. We also have an online campaign capacity if you want to

use your email and social media contacts to start a fund raising effort.

Help – Tell us where you work!

Many larger employers have charitable foundations that will fund non-profit operations, but they are more likely to support organizations where they know their employees are actively volunteering. But if we know where you work, or where you've retired from, we can maximize our opportunities for funding.

Help – Make a donation yourself!

You are already giving of your time and talent, but if you are so inclined, your donation will be very much appreciated. And if your employer matches funds, and many do, that makes your generosity go even farther. If you aren't aware of matching programs at work, contact us and we will research that for you.

Thank you for all you do to feed the 60,000 people in Greenville today who don't know where one of their meals today will come from.

Susan Douglas

Executive Director



Address Change? We want to stay in touch!

If you have a change of address, please call the office at 232-3595 or email opscoord@loavesandfishesgreenville.org.

Help Us Go Green(er)! If you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically, please email opscoord@loavesandfishesgreenville.org.



OUR MISSION: Loaves & Fishes meets the challenge of hunger by connecting willing donors of perishable food with local human services agencies that use the food to feed the hungry.

Our Volunteers are Mmm, Mmm Good!

Loaves & Fishes Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Join us for soup and salad as we celebrate our wonderful food rescuers and their accomplishments over the past year!

Friday, September 18, 2009 at 12:00 PM
St. Michael Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
2617 Augusta Street Greenville, SC 29605

Please RSVP by September 11th:
864.232.3595 | opscoord@loavesandfishesgreenville.org

A Sampling of Recent Food Donations

4,456	<i>lbs of frozen foods from C&S Wholesale</i>
420	<i>lbs of prepared foods from Carolina First Center</i>
1,640	<i>lbs of meat from Dietz & Watson</i>
2,225	<i>lbs of prepared foods, produce and snacks from Furman University</i>
788	<i>lbs of canned goods from Heritage Elementary School</i>
476	<i>lbs of prepared foods from Longhorn</i>
520	<i>lbs of prepared foods from Olive Garden</i>
175	<i>lbs of baked goods from Smoke on the Water</i>
240	<i>lbs of produce from Society of St. Andrew</i>
310	<i>lbs of produce from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory</i>

If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one.—Mother Teresa

Food and Fund Drives are Great for Groups

Loaves & Fishes relies on local support to continue to provide hundreds of thousands of meals to those in need in Greenville County. A Food and Fund Drive is a great way teambuilding project for companies, schools, churches and civic organizations.

Loaves & Fishes will arrange pick up of the non-perishable food items collected by your group and

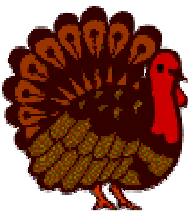
can provide you with a final report showing your success. Most needed items include: peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, soups and stews and beans.

In addition to food, every dollar raised through your drive enables Loaves & Fishes to provide \$12.76 in retail food value. Last year, we distributed 989,313 pounds of food to more than 100 emergency

food providers in our community. With every \$5 donated, Loaves & Fishes can provide \$63.35 worth of nutritious food.

Food and Fund Drives are fun and easy! **To get started, please go to our website to download the Coordinator's Guide, posters and other helpful tools.**

Feed the Thousands this Thanksgiving



It is hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is right around the corner! This year's **Feed the Thousands** event is set for Thursday, November 26th.

The hot meals will once again be prepared at four area churches and then distributed throughout the community to our neighbors in

need. This Thanksgiving we hope to provide more than 2,000 meals to individuals who ordinarily would not have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional holiday meal.

We invite you to be a part of this collaborative effort! If you would like to get support the event, please consider volunteering to carve turkeys with a group from your work, church or a civic

organization, coordinating a canned cranberry sauce food drive or making a monetary donation toward the purchase of dinner carryout boxes, seasonings, stuffing mix, gloves, aprons, buttery sauce and other supplies for the meal.

For more information, please visit our website or contact the office at 232-3595.



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Bringing the Hungry Fresh Food Daily

For the freshest news, visit our website at www.loavesandfishesgreenville.org

Join Our Online Community

Loaves & Fishes is taking the fight against hunger online! In addition to our website and eNewsletter, you can keep plugged in to Loaves & Fishes happenings and raise awareness by joining our new online community:

- **Facebook:** Help raise awareness for hunger relief in Greenville County and South Carolina by joining our Facebook Cause (Bringing the Hungry Fresh Food Daily) or Page and inviting friends to join.
- **Twitter:** Follow Loaves & Fishes on Twitter (loavesfishes) and receive up-to-the-minute information on the state of hunger in Greenville County and how you can help.



What's Cooking



September is **Hunger Action Month!** Download our “30 Days, 30 Ways” guide from our website and you can make a difference.



Our Volunteers are Mmm, Mmm Good! Join us as we celebrate at the Loaves & Fishes **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.**



Feed the Thousands is back! Help a neighbor in need this holiday season by participating with this Thanksgiving program.