

Our mission is to provide a week's worth of nutritious groceries to people within our community facing economic hardships.



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Impact: Dignity, Stewardship, Collaboration



“Loaves & Fishes helps working families have that extra support. As for me, I can pick and choose the food that fits my family’s needs. We can use the money we would have needed for groceries and pay the rent, utilities, or clothing and school supplies for our kids and still have a daily, healthy, diet.”

– Shawnovia and her husband are a working family with two school-aged children. Shawnovia also struggles with Lupus. Because of flare-ups and resulting doctors appointments, Shawnovia sometimes is forced to miss several days of work. On these days, she does not get paid.

“For me, it has been a transformational experience to watch a first-time client come to Loaves & Fishes, apprehensive and embarrassed, and 30 minutes later leave with a cart full of groceries, smiling and often hugging the volunteers.

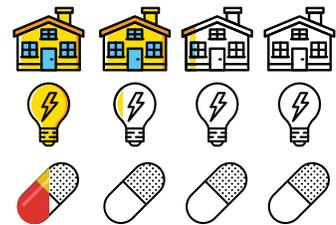
I am humbled by the support of our donors and volunteers who make this transformation happen every day.”

– Tina Postel, Executive Director



From Our 2016 Client Survey

- 54%** will use the money they saved to pay rent
- 28%** will use the money they saved to pay electric and/or gas bills
- 14%** will use the money they saved to pay for medicine



Food Insecurity our clients face:

- 93%** worried whether their food would run out before they had money to buy more.
- 92%** have had food run out
- 85%** ate less at a meal because there wasn’t enough money to buy food.



Program Highlights For FY 2015-2016

At Loaves & Fishes, we believe that access to nutritious food is a fundamental human right. Therefore, we are guided by the core values of dignity, stewardship and collaboration.

Dignity

Realizing that a short-term crisis often cannot be resolved with just one week of groceries, in 2016 the Loaves & Fishes Board of Directors instituted a policy change in eligibility requirements. Clients can now visit a Loaves & Fishes pantry up to eight consecutive weeks in a rolling calendar year.

After moving to Charlotte for a new job, the Stevens family arrived to find their housing situation had fallen through. Hotels were expensive and apartments required hefty deposits that the family wasn't prepared for. Being able to come to Loaves & Fishes for several weeks in a row allowed a breather until commission from Mr. Stevens' new job kicked in. "For someone like us, where we knew we weren't going to need assistance long-term," he says, "we were looking more at just getting us through this rough patch. Loaves & Fishes has been so amazing."

Stewardship

Established The Beverly Howard Endowment Fund in honor of former Executive Director Beverly Howard's 28 years of dedicated service. This fund creates a more sustainable community in support of the future of Loaves & Fishes.

Collaboration

Partnered with Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont to open a mini pantry for the new Goodwill Opportunity Campus. This mini pantry offers a 2-day emergency supply of groceries for those receiving services at Goodwill Industries.

Since the end of last fiscal year Loaves & Fishes has opened an additional three new pantries, implemented technology in our pantries to improve customer service and streamlined food distribution from our warehouse - all to better serve the hungry in our community.

Because of Your Support in 2016



Volunteers
Full-time Staff
Part-time Staff
Full Pantries
Mini Pantries

1,400,000

67,509

64,500

31,054

\$1,082

3

4,296

9

3

16

4

Pounds of groceries distributed

People you provided with groceries to prepare in their own homes

Hours volunteers provided

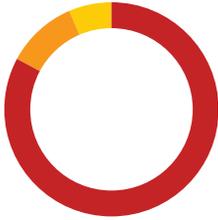
Number of children you assured went to school with a full belly

Average monthly household income of Loaves & Fishes clients

Average family size served by Loaves & Fishes

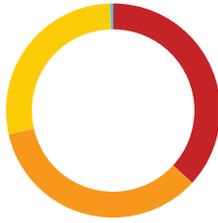


2015-2016 Budget



How Support Was Used

Program	\$4,382,000
Administration	\$546,000
Fundraising	\$227,000



Sources of Support

In-Kind Donations	\$1,921,000
Financial Donations	\$1,747,000
Volunteer Time	\$1,483,000
Other	\$4,000

Breakdown of Support

Financial Donations

Individuals - 54.8%
 Foundations - 17.6%
 Congregations - 12.4%
 Businesses - 10.2%
 Organizations - 4.6%
 Government - 0.4%

In-Kind Donations

Individuals - 4.4%
 Congregations - 10.5%
 Businesses - 36.8%
 Organizations - 27.7%
 Government - 14.6%
 Schools/Colleges - 6.0%

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