



# THE FISHNET

**LOAVES & FISHES**

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A WEEK'S WORTH OF GROCERIES TO PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY FACING ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS.

[www.loavesandfishes.org](http://www.loavesandfishes.org)

## SUMMER HUNGER REPORT

### SUMMER IS HERE. SO IS HUNGER.

Brendetta believes that God blesses you with the things that you need. During the school year, she works for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools while summers are spent at home with her three boys. The family relies on her husband's income to get them through - leaving no room for extras. Sometimes it's a struggle just to put food on the table, especially with 11-year-old growing twin boys who constantly want to eat.

*"It can feel like summer is all about trying to survive until school starts back."*



You may be surprised to learn that summer is the busiest time of year for Loaves & Fishes. With school out, thousands of children who rely on free and reduced breakfast and lunch turn to us for help. In fact, we are currently on track to feed over 6,000 children by summer's end.

### LUNCHEON OF HOPE

To help raise awareness, Jeannette Walls, award winning author of *The Glass Castle*, joined us in May speaking to a sellout crowd at the Loaves & Fishes Luncheon of Hope. Having grown up in extreme poverty and often hungry as a child, Walls reminded everyone that it is up to us to feed not only with food but also with hope. The family that finds itself at a Loaves & Fishes pantry may have an empty refrigerator at home but their heart remains filled with hope.



### POP UP FOOD SHARES

To help meet the need, Loaves & Fishes has begun a series of Pop Up Food Share events to distribute fresh produce, milk and food boxes from the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). In collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank, Atrium Health, Goodwill Industries and other community organizations, these mobile food shares allow us to get more nutritious foods into homes that need it.



### FROM HUNGER TO HOPE

All of this is possible because of you and your support of Loaves & Fishes. Because of you, more children will move from hunger to hope this summer. And for Brendetta that is what "helps you keep going."





## The 8th Annual Tour de Turns

Join us Saturday, August 24th for the 8th Annual Tour de Turns and Under the Shade Trees Festival. This unique benefit bicycle ride and walk winds through beautiful South Charlotte neighborhoods and is followed by live music, lunch and a craft beer garden in Carmel Rd. Neighborhood Park. Tour de Turns is for all skill levels and ages, with 15, 25, 37 and 62 mile routes, as well as a bike rodeo for the kids hosted by Bikin' Dads.

All proceeds from Tour de Turns benefit Loaves & Fishes to help turn the corner on local hunger! Register today at [www.tourdeturns.org](http://www.tourdeturns.org).



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### HUNGER NEVER TAKES A VACATION

Far too many children experience food insecurity, missing out on the nutrition they need to thrive during the summer months when the school year — and access to school breakfast and lunch — comes to an end, according to the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC).

Loaves & Fishes sees this first hand each summer when our pantries experience up to a 20% increase in the number of families coming to us for help.

#### How can you help?

-  Volunteer to work a Loaves & Fishes Pop Up Food Share this summer.
-  Donate non-perishable groceries .
-  Donate funds we use to purchase eggs, yogurt and fresh meat.

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