

PROVIDING GROCERIES, MEALS AND HOPE



When Tina Postel first came on board as Executive Director of Loaves & Fishes, she wanted to get to know the local nonprofits providing access to healthy food, so she reached out to Friendship Trays Executive Director Lucy Bush Carter. As the primary Meals on Wheels program for Mecklenburg Co., Lucy invited Tina to ride along on a meal delivery route. When they arrived at the home of an elderly grandmother they were met at the door by her 3 grandchildren. As Tina shares, "I knew as soon as I handed over the tray that this grandmother was going to divide her meal up among her grandchildren. Meanwhile, I was sitting on a warehouse full of apples, oranges and milk that I could have brought along." For Tina and Lucy, a lightbulb went off and the rest, as they say, is history. **The two began to put their heads together on how best to collaborate and in May of this year, it became official with the merger into one organization - Loaves & Fishes/ Friendship Trays - providing groceries, meals and hope.**



It is thanks to your generous support that we are growing every day to feed more people healthy, nutritious meals. Those we serve continue to be impacted by the pandemic. In response, our daily meal delivery and home grocery delivery programs, as well as mobile pantry food distribution, have doubled in order to meet the need.

Please take a moment to read all the ways that your support makes an impact in the lives of the neighbors who need you.

35 YEARS OF SERVICE JOIN US IN HONORING LUCY BUSH CARTER

Lucy Bush Carter was looking for something to do with a toddler in tow so she volunteered to deliver meals for Friendship Trays. Little did she know that this would become a lifelong calling. Now, after 35 years of dedicated service, as Executive Director of Friendship Trays and since May as Director Emerita of Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays, Lucy is ready to spend time with other children in tow - her grandchildren. Over the past 35 years, she has been a steadfast and resolute shepherd for all of us and we know she will continue to be a trusted advisor, friend and advocate as she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

To honor the legacy and example Lucy leaves for us, we are sending out a call to action to the community. In true selfless Lucy fashion, she has asked that any recognition of her retirement be as a gift to benefit the organization. **Lucy dedicated the last 35 years to ensuring our neighbors had a warm meal served with a friendly smile. It is now up to us to ensure that this service continues for the next 35 years.** A gift honoring Lucy will benefit the endowment to ensure the mission of feeding neighbors for generations to come.

"I have loved every minute of my time where my feet have taken me over these many years; especially communicating regularly with volunteers and donors. You are the heart and soul that affirms and energizes us to serve our recipients." -Lucy



Help Us Honor
the 35 Years of
Dedicated Service
of
Lucy Bush Carter

Lucy

To make a gift in honor of Lucy Bush Carter visit
loavesandfishes.org or friendshiptrays.org or mail a check to
Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays
648 Griffith Rd., Ste. B
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A BROTHER'S TRIBUTE

Douglas C. Hummel 1955 - 2020

Doug became involved in Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays when he followed in the footsteps of our dad. Dad spent many hours at the First Presbyterian Church food pantry and would enlist Doug's help. In addition to volunteering with Dad, he also volunteered at food drives, either in person or monetarily. Doug was a very compassionate and caring guy, honest and forthright, and accorded respect to everyone he met. I know you will put these funds to good use to eliminate hunger, make our communities stronger, and better places to live. Doug, my wife Cindy, and I thank you for your work.

-Scott Hummel

Doug Hummel gave careful thought to ensure his legacy and generosity in his will. We are grateful for his foresight to ensure the future of Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays.



LOAVES & FISHES/FRIENDSHIP TRAYS: GROCERIES AND MEALS

Home Grocery Delivery Program continues to grow.

Since January of this year, we have delivered groceries to the homes of more than 10,000 people, a third being children and seniors, surpassing the total number of grocery deliveries in 2020!

Danielle Moore, Community Outreach Director for Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays, oversees our home grocery delivery program.

Recently, when delivering a week's worth of groceries to a client, she asked him how he was doing. His answer? "Embarrassed." Danielle assured him that he need not be embarrassed, that this is exactly why we are here. Danielle shares, "No one wants to need help but at the same time no one is truly self-sufficient. We all rely on others at one time or another. I'm just glad we can be here to offer a hand up when someone needs it most."

Home Meal Delivery Program also continues to grow, doubling the number of recipients receiving meals over just one year ago.

Peter Deckbar is one of the newest staff members to Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays but **delivering meals is anything but new for Peter. It's in his DNA.** Among Peter's most treasured childhood memories is riding along with his grandparents on their meal delivery routes for Friendship Trays. It's how they began their mornings, two to three days a week during the summer, with 5-year-old Peter and his two older brothers in the back seat. Peter loved it and when he grew up, he couldn't wait until he could be a part of this himself. **"My grandfather was and is my hero because he is always paying it forward. I want to do what I can to carry on his efforts to help others."**

Today, as a meal delivery driver, Peter delivers to homes, apartments, motels - any and everywhere and is quick to point out that everyone is so nice and welcoming. The big part of delivering meals has always been the friendship part, but right now during the pandemic, that is hard. But as Peter says, "Even though you can only visit through a screen door, there are still smiles, still a lot of 'thank you's' and 'have a great days'. I want to continue to do this for a very long time!" Although his grandfather is no longer able to deliver meals himself, adds Peter, "He's very happy that I am keeping this up."



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED VISIT [LOAVESANDFISHES.ORG](https://loavesandfishes.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- » November 7th - Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk
- » November and December - Holiday Food Drives
- » November - Holiday Cards available for a donation of \$15 per card
- » November 30 - #GivingTuesdayCLT
- » February 5, 2022 - Scouting for Food
- » May 25, 2022 - Luncheon of Hope featuring Stephanie Land, Author of Maid



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WHAT YOU MAKE POSSIBLE - FEEDING NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Because of your support, so far this year, over 60,000 neighbors in our community have not had to wonder where their next meal is coming from.

As we head into the busy holiday season, rent is still due, medical bills still need to be paid and colder weather means higher heating and utility bills.

“You have no idea how much stress is removed from my life because you provided us with food.”
- Sonia

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