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## News and Events:

### Holiday Meal Basket Pickup Dates:

- **Thanksgiving Meal Baskets**  
Distributed on Sat.,  
November 17 at 11 AM at  
the Food Pantry
- **Christmas Meal Baskets**  
Distributed on Sat.,  
December 22

**Mardi Gras Casino Night Fundraiser**  
Saturday, February 9

### HRFP [Volunteer Training:](#)

- October 20
- November 17
- December 15
- January 19

**Flea Market to Benefit HRFP**  
Sat. October 13, 9am - 1pm  
(Raindate: October 20)  
The Marque  
13550 Heathcote Blvd.  
Gainesville, VA 20155

[...more News and Events](#)

## Quick Links:

## Greetings From The Haymarket Regional Food Pantry!

Welcome to the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry's online community, and thank you for your interest in our organization, and our mission: to eliminate hunger in our community and surrounding areas by acquiring and distributing food to those who seek aid. This quarter, we have been busy with our Fall Fundraiser, preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets, as well as introducing some simple technology to improve the efficiency of our operations. Be sure to visit our [website](#) or stop by the food pantry to learn more.

[Donate](#)

## Feature Story:

### *Fall Fundraiser Update*

On Friday, September 28th, our community turned out to enjoy the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry's (HRFP) second annual Silent Auction and Dinner Dance at Evergreen Country Club. The goal of the event was to raise money to help aid the Food Pantry in their mission to "Help Other People Eat." The event was a great success, and we hope all participants enjoyed it as much as we did! Communications and publicity were key ingredients in the success of the Silent Auction. For their help in publicizing this community event, we appreciate all the local businesses that put up fliers to advertise the event, our local churches for putting information in their bulletins, and the Dominion Woman's Club for donating an ad for us in the Haymarket Lifestyle Magazine. There are [...read more](#).

## Partner Spotlight:

### *Church of Latter Day Saints in Bristow Prepare Hundreds of Thanksgiving Baskets*

- [Donations Needed](#)
- [Subscribe to eNews & Updates](#)
- [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

## Hours of Operation

### Donation Drop Off Hours

Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Thursdays: 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Food Distribution Hours

Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Thursdays: 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell recently proclaimed September 29 as a Day to Serve, urging all Virginia residents to reach out in their neighborhood in way to help one another. The members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Bristow, decided to focus their service in providing Thanksgiving food baskets for the clients of the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry. All during the day, bags and boxes of non-perishable food items made their way into the church gymnasium. Volunteers quickly emptied the bags, sorting the items into the categories designated for the basket and then hurried out to bring in the next load. At times whole cartons of donated canned goods were wheeled in by smiling members of the church. The group originally planned to assemble 250 baskets from 10:00AM to noon, but the work crew toiled until after 6 PM assembling 396 baskets. Other volunteers manned donation tables at [...read more](#).

## Volunteer Corner:

*Thank You Dianne Rice*



The number of volunteer hours that Dianne Rice has logged in her first year at the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry equals that of a seasoned volunteer. Not only does she distribute food at the pantry every month, she has also branched out by serving on the fundraising committee for the Silent Auction in September and our annual Mardi Gras Casino Night held each spring. Dianne is always willing to help out on short notice to fill an open at the Pantry during the week. She has even gone the extra step to purchase specific items requested by our food pantry clients. Her versatility and commitment shown by her endless hours of volunteer time is an inspiration [...read more](#).

## Did You Know?

### *Making it Easier for You to Support the Food Pantry*

In an effort to make it easier for you to support the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry in providing food to those in need, we have been hard at work implementing some simple and low cost solutions. Simply visit our website at <http://www.haymarketfoodpantry.org> to learn about these new features:

- **Donate Now** - Click on the Donate button on the top right side of the website to make a secure online donation. You can use this option to donate a one-time gift or set up automatic recurring payments. The Haymarket Regional Food Pantry is a Charitable 501(C)(3) Organization.
- **Submit a Volunteer Application** - no more printing, writing and mailing a paper volunteer application! Now you can visit our volunteer page to complete the entire volunteer application online. Once submitted, your application will be routed to the volunteer coordinator who will contact you to schedule a training session.

- **Sign Up for Shift Work** - gone are the days of multiple emails coordinating coverage of volunteer shifts. With our new online calendar, our volunteer coordinator now invites our volunteers to view the open schedule online where they can sign-up for any open shifts at the food pantry, or other pantry events.
- **Buy Tickets** - Our next fundraising event is Mardi Gras Casino Night, and will be held on February 9, 2013. You are now able to purchase and print tickets directly on the food pantry's website. 38% of our ticket sales for our Fall Fundraiser were purchased online, and we are looking forward to more online ticket sales for future events!
- **Find Donation Locations** - Can't make it to the food pantry to drop off donated items? We have started a list on our website of Donation Locations, or local businesses that will collect and deliver donated items to the food pantry. Our list includes some local grocery stores, as well as our newest locations: Next Level Fitness in Haymarket and Vertical Rock in Manassas. Check out our [website](#) for more!



## Did You Know?

### *Hunger Facts and Statistics*

1. Based on the 2011 findings of the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 12% of the population in the state of Virginia is food insecure. It is a myth to think that people who need food are chronically poor. More likely, the person is unemployed, underemployed, suffering from poor health, or enduring the loss of a spouse.
2. In the first six months of 2012, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry distributed food to approximately 6,500 individuals. Over the summer, we have seen an increase to over 350 individuals per week.
3. [... read more.](#)