

# **Quarterly eNewsletter**

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## Donation Drop Off Hours

Monday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Food Distribution Hours**

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

## **Contact Us**

## **Greetings From The Haymarket Regional Food Pantry!**

Welcome and Happy New Year! Thank you for your interest in our organization, and our mission to eliminate hunger in our community. Our 100%-volunteer-based organization has had a busy 2012: recruiting volunteers, distributing food to clients,



hosting fundraising events, refreshing our brand, improving technology, supporting food drives, and so much more. Because of the support from people like you, the food pantry is well positioned to help the hungry in 2013.

Click on the <u>Donate</u> button in this email, visit our <u>website</u>, or stop by the food pantry to learn more about ways you can help.

#### **Feature Story:**

Casino Night is Saturday, Feb 9 - Buy Your Tickets Online



Purchase Tickets

It's that time of year again: The Haymarket Regional Food Pantry will host its 2nd annual Casino Night & Chinese Auction on **Saturday, February 9th at 7:00pm** at the Brass Cannon Restaurant in Gainesville, VA. Come celebrate Mardi Gras and enjoy an evening of fun featuring: Roulette, Craps and Black Jack tables, a sensational Chinese Auction filled with fun and fabulous items, and exciting raffles and prizes given away throughout the evening. **Tickets are \$40 per person** and include \$500 in "Casino Cash" and hors d'oeuvres with cash bar. Purchase your Casino Night & Auction Tickets online today! Group discounts available! *...read more*.

## **Partner Spotlight:**

## 346 Thanksgiving and 408 Christmas Baskets Distributed to Clients and Local Schools

With a gobble, gobble, gobble and a ho, ho, ho, the Food Pantry was able to help brighten Thanksgiving and Christmas for hundreds our of clients.

For Thanksgiving, members of the Bristow Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints spearheaded a mammoth food collection. Joining their manpower with that of other pantry volunteers, 346 baskets were prepared and distributed. Aiding in the effort was a generous donation of 100 turkeys by ADAMS of Greater Gainesville.



Christmas saw an increased demand with 408 requests for Christmas baskets. Additionally, various Boy Scout groups provided 250 age and gender appropriate

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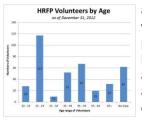


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#### **Volunteer Corner:**

#### Our Volunteer Numbers Are Up!

Our amazing team of volunteers is growing by leaps and bounds. As of December 31, we have over 388 volunteers at the food pantry. Since launching our new online



application for volunteers on September 1st, 124 new volunteers have signed up through the website. Though the paper application is still available, the online application has been well received by volunteers and coordinators alike: it is easier, more efficient, and allows for more timely and accurate processing of applications. The demographic of our volunteers include children over 10 and adults of all ages. We have middle school and high school students

joining our organization to fulfill service hours. Even when these service <u>...read</u> <u>more</u>.

#### From Our Maintenance Team

The generous support from our community (volunteer time, financial contribution, and food donations) have kept us quite busy this holiday season. Our maintenance team *(responsible for sorting through food donations, and generally keeping our food inventory fresh and organized)* did a great job on keeping up with the donated items. They are just coming out from under it all. The support over the holidays has been fantastic, but the need continues. As we begin the New Year, we are in need of: cereal, rice, tuna, luncheon, toilet paper, and spaghetti sauce. Please check the website for current donation hours or for a donation location near you. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Did You Know?**

Facts and Statistics

• In 2012, the HRFP provided food to 399 registered clients throughout the year (up from 92 in 2010, and 240 in 2011). Every week, each registered

client receives food for their household (ranging in size from 1 to 11 people). (See the chart on the right.)

 Since launching the online volunteer application, the food pantry has received 124 new volunteer applications between September 1 and December 31, 2012 (almost doubling our total number of volunteers in just four months)



- Approximately 925 million people in the world do not eat enough to be healthy. That means that one in every seven people on Earth goes to bed hungry each night.
- <u>... read more.</u>