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SAVE THE DATES!

Share the Bounty September 21

Inn and Club at Harbour Town - Seapines Resort
Hilton Head Island

Hunger Games October 29 Dataw Island

Stepping up to the Challenge

Being a board member is sometimes like being a parent. You are not always taught how to excel in your new, important role. But that has changed for the Second Helpings' board members, thanks to the guidance and encouragement from Beaufort consultant, Judy Almand. Second Helpings' board and staff now have a concrete plan to "raise the bar" for the agency's processes and operation.

The truck volunteers actively participated in three strategic planning sessions. They provided insight and recommendations to improve operation and volunteer recruitment. And, many of them volunteered for the newly formed committees.

The entire board then attended a strategic planning session and discussed what they had learned from the volunteers - making new recommendations to implement the key points. As a result, key committee members are now directing the formed strategic plan personally.

We have already had great results - and expect more!

Lili Coleman
Executive Director





VOLUNTEERING MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD by Joy Kraft

Volunteering makes you feel good about your soul and your community. And that is true enough of Second Helpings. (Plus I get to lift some weighty boxes to help stay in shape though I'll never have the muscles to tote those banana boxes).

As a Second Helpings volunteer, I can't help but feel good about all the OTHER people involved!

Climbing aboard the big, white rig produces a gentle, warm camaraderie, starting with the infectious energy and positivity of Cesar Garcia, to the three rotating drivers my husband Bob and I ride with on each trip FROM WHERE TO WHERE?.

Bumping along we talk about everything from our new life in the Low Country to sports, retirement, restaurants, music, travel and on and on. And the folks at the food outlets, though busy, always have a second for a friendly greeting and a quick chat. The real treasure of each trip is found at the churches, pantries, shelters and day-centers tucked away down the byways. Their "boots-on-the-ground" staff (many also volunteers) are always happy to see us, often serving as a second (or third) set of eyes on tricky back-ups or pitching in to unload. We've grown familiar with the needs at each stop, so much so that we can anticipate what to set aside for them. Meeting their clients, waiting to fill empty shopping bags, erases any doubt that the work is essential to their well-beings

It's good work. People work. The best kind.

A WISH COMES TRUE

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charleston, Inc. is proud to announce the opening of The Mercy Mission, a first-class thrift shop, a wellness pantry along with financial and immigration services in Hardeeville. The facility was formerly founded by two Mercy Nuns in 1997. Their mission was to serve the poor of Jasper County. The facility closed following their death in 2014. Sisters' Mary Gallagher and Lupe Stump died respectively in 2012 and 2013. Their dying wish was to see this ministry continue to operate.

Their wish is now a reality. The Mercy Mission, reopens on May 20 with a new and improved facility! **Second Helpings will supply much needed food with deliveries every Thursday.**

Located at 19869 Whyte Hardee Boulevard on S.C. 170, these services will be available to all people in need, not just to those of the Catholic faith.

The new 6,000 square foot facility underwent a massive refurbishing, offering a fresh and innovative approach. Everything from the driveway to the food-storage facilities has been redone. The exterior received a fresh new look thanks to local parish members of St. Anthony. They volunteered their time to clean the grounds and clean out the storage unit.

Upon entering the facility, the visitor is charmed by a bright and cheerful thrift shop filled with clean and fashionable clothing, priced reasonably to support the thrift store's mission. To the right, those needing free food will be offered a separate waiting area, followed by the opportunity to shop in the "grocery store" food pantry. Perishables will be kept fresh in two freezers and one refrigerator, donated to support this new food pantry.

To the right of the clothing area is a hallway with restroom facilities, leading to private rooms that will offer local residents in need of financial and immigration services a secure and private area for face-to-face interviews.

In the rear of the property, with plenty of parking, is another building where furniture, office equipment and appliances will be offered for sale at reduced rates.

Staffed by several full-time paid professionals, as well as a number of volunteers, this agency has collected best practices and implemented a menu of services, unlike anything else in Hardeeville. Next year, the plan is to launch "Clean of Heart" center providing showers and laundering facilities to the homeless.

Eric Phillips, the newly hired bilingual regional coordinator of Catholic Charities of the Lowcountry, will represent the Lowcountry regional offices of Catholic Charities, plus Our Lady's Pantry.

"This is my dream job," said Phillips. "I moved here from New Jersey and now I'm working in a role I use to volunteer for after hours. This is my passion."

Mercy Mission will open its doors from 10 am to 3 pm, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



"Everyone is welcome," said Margie Tomczak, a volunteer from Holy Family Church on Hilton Head Island. "We are here to serve the community and all who live and work here."



WHO ARE WE?

Second Helpings is a non-profit food distribution network dedicated to stopping hunger in the Lowcountry.

All over the country, hunger exists, even in our own community. Second Helpings assists those unable to put food on their own tables to eat.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Every day we rescue good, surplus food from 30 donors and distribute it to over 60 agencies who provide to the hungry.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Volunteers on six refrigerated trucks picked up 2.5 million pounds of food from 30 donors last year, providing food to over 22,000 people (equivalent to 2.1 million meals) valued at over \$4.5 million dollars.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteer

We need volunteers for our trucks, events, and committees.

Donate

We need people committed to help us raise funds in the community and donate to the effort.

Attend

We need supporters who will help us develop special events and attend in support of the event.

Learn

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