

LOAVES & FISHES REPORT – JUNE 11, 2017

January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 was a very rewarding year for our Loaves & Fishes Program. Our community has been stopping in and donating time, food, and clothing; as well as providing some monetary donations.

We served **6, 491 meals** and gave out **4,774 bags of food**. We served a total of **11, 532** individuals. You can share printed copies of the totals for 2016 and 2017.

Loaves & Fishes received approximately **\$13,000 in Grant Funds for 2016**, as well as other monetary donations. So far for 2017, we have received \$5,000 in Grant Funds and have filed for a \$10,000 Grant from the Maryland Emergency Food Program.

We now have **over 50 volunteers** and **Dakota Dalton** is our Volunteer Coordinator. Soon we will have a Board of Directors.

I want to give credit to the churches that provide volunteers who cook Soup Kitchen Meals each Saturday: **St. Matthias, Calvary Lutheran, Epiphany Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, St. Thomas Episcopal, Church of the Messiah, and Kenwood Presbyterian**. Loaves & Fishes also has a cooperative relationship with the following organizations: **Port Recovery, One Promise Recovery, Hope's Horizon, and St. Paul's School for Girls**.

Loaves & Fishes is now listed on the **"211" Emergency Number**, so we can assist people in need during the week with food, clothing, and referrals.

We have also connected with **Bearfoot Farm in Overlea and Huber's Farm in Kingsville** who donate produce and fresh eggs. Every Saturday a donor delivers bread; enough for all. **Bi-rite Supermarket** donates food every two weeks.

Many thanks go out to **Judy Schneider** for taking on many responsibilities for Loaves & Fishes, such as Providing Proof of Grant Expenditures, TEFAP Monthly Inventory Reports, and Designing Forms as needed, etc.

In closing I would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who make this Feeding Program such a success! May we continue to provide this very needed outreach to our community with the help of generous donors and volunteers with God's Blessing.

Pris Sicard, Director
Loaves & Fishes Program