Easy Ways to Support the Loaves & Fishes Mission

Loaves & Fishes relies on tax-deductible donations from the community to feed almost 60,000 of our neighbors in need each year. Every dollar you give provides food for 4.61 meals. Your invaluable time and contributions are greatly appreciated!

Donations may be made by check and mailed to us at 2050 Lambs Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Convenient online donations may be made at www.cvilleloavesandfishes.org.

AmazonSmile

Sign in to smile.amazon.com with your usual Amazon username and password. Search for Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. and select it as your charity. Every time you shop from Amazon, use smile.amazon.com. Amazon will make a contribution to Loaves & Fishes when you purchase any of the thousands of Smile-eligible products!

If you are a Commonwealth of Virginia employee, donate to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry using CVC code 08113 through the Commonwealth of Virginia campaign.

Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and use your Kroger Plus card number to sign in. (Create an account first, if you haven’t used the site before.) On the Community Rewards page, click Enroll Now. Enter your name and address. Enter 83405 to select Loaves & Fishes. Now, when you shop with your card, Kroger donates to the Pantry! (If you don’t have a Kroger Plus card, sign up for one at the service desk at any Kroger store.)

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry provides free food to help people in need in the greater Charlottesville area. More than 17% of Charlottesville residents have to choose between paying for housing, utilities, transportation, medicine—or food to feed their family. With food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and local grocers, Loaves & Fishes gave out 1.5 million pounds of food to 58,379 people (averaging 1,439 families/month) in 2016; more than half of that food was fresh produce, dairy, and baked goods or frozen meat.

Nourishing Neighbors

- Clients are individuals or families with a household income at or below 150% of the USDA’s federal poverty level. Many work and many live in multi-generational households.
- Pantry visitors who receive SNAP (food stamps), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) automatically qualify for assistance at Loaves & Fishes.
- The amount of food received is determined by the household size and income. Loaves & Fishes clients may visit once per month, and take home about 26 pounds—just over seven days—of food per person.
- 36% of those we serve are children under age 18, 12% are 65 years or older, and more than 14% are disabled.

Please visit us to learn more about what we do!
Call or email Jane Colony Mills at 434-996-7868 or executivedirector@cvilleloavesandfishes.org.

Nourishing Involvement

- Individual volunteers and families connect with community members and experience personal growth by helping others.
- In 2016, volunteers provided 18,801 hours of volunteer labor. Some clients also volunteer.

Nourishing Community

- Businesses give back to our community through their volunteers and donations of money and food to the Pantry.
- Churches, school groups and service organizations increase their outreach by volunteering at the Pantry.
- Loaves & Fishes builds awareness of hunger that can go unnoticed in our community by working with other social services agencies to promote each other’s resources.

To learn about volunteering, email Nancy-Lee Kozub at volunteers@cvilleloavesandfishes.org or visit cvilleloavesandfishes.volunteerhub.com.

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First United Methodist Church starts a food pantry in an afterschool classroom at Jackson-Via Elementary School. In first year, feeds average of 296 families per month.

2004

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry incorporated as a 501(c)(3) Virginia nonprofit corporation.

2008

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry hires part-time Volunteer Coordinator.

2011

Pantry moves to 3,000 square foot facility at 370 Greenbrier Drive, hires part-time Warehouse Manager, adds more fresh foods, and increases to four distributions/week.

2012

Loaves & Fishes hires Executive Director, first full-time employee. 1,269,430 pounds of food distributed. Number of clients doubles 2013-2014.

2013

Loaves & Fishes purchases, renovates, and moves into 5,600 square foot warehouse at 2050 Lambs Road, introduces “client choice.” 1.6 million pounds of food distributed. Part-time Bookkeeper hired.

2015

2016

Four full-time and two part-time staff and 671 volunteers per month pick up, sort, pack, deliver, and re-stock food 6 days per week to feed 1,439 families per month.