



DSFP

Annual

Report

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Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

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DSFP opens its doors in June 2014.

To Our Supporters

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dulles South Food Pantry, I thank you for joining with us to start a local food pantry to help our neighbors in need. The creation of the Dulles South Food Pantry has been an experience both heartbreaking and joyful. Heartbreaking as we've seen firsthand the want, struggle, and sorrow that so many families experience. Joyful, as we've seen compassion, generosity and the simple human kindness that is so abundant in our community.

What has been accomplished in 2014 is simply amazing. The first community meeting about the pantry was held last February. With a lot of hard work, and a few miracles, the pantry opened in June to coincide with the ending of free and reduced school breakfast and lunch over the summer. On opening night, 7 families walked in the pantry's front doors. Fast forward to Thanksgiving and the pantry was visited 96 times in a single week.

Now, at mid-December, the Dulles South Food Pantry has assisted 131 local families who together made 434 visits to the pantry during 15 food distributions this year. The pantry has served 557 people including 64 children under age 6, 206 children between the ages of 6 and 17, 271 adults between the ages of 18 and 64, and 16 seniors age 65 or older. Volunteers at the pantry have collected and distributed 27,276 pounds of food. Volunteer training has been attended by more than 340 people. Food drives and financial donations have come from local churches and temples, schools, scout troops, sports leagues, service organizations, grocery stores, local businesses, gardeners, farmers, and from many individuals and families. As we end 2014, new families are discovering the pantry every month and the guest numbers continue to grow. Last October, the pantry was able to begin offering fresh milk and eggs. We are striving to improve the nutritional quality of available food and hope to offer more fresh produce and potentially fresh meat in 2015.

The pantry is partnering with local schools to provide supplemental food for children in need over the weekends. Each of the Dulles South high schools and middle schools participate in a Friday Cart program that allows students in need to take home individual-size portions for the weekend. A pilot program is operating at Buffalo Trail Elementary School to provide 15 students with backpack bags of supplemental weekend food. In partnership with the Loudoun County Public Schools Backpack Coalition, the pantry helps provide family-size portions of weekend food to needy families by organizing drivers to transport food from the Backpack Coalition in Leesburg to any participating school in Dulles South.

Thank you for supporting the Dulles South Food Pantry this year.

Sincerely,

Charlene Stoker Jones, President

Operations Summary

The pantry was open for distribution the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 5-8pm for distribution from June 2014 – December 2014. The pantry is located at Arcola United Methodist Church in Dulles, Virginia.

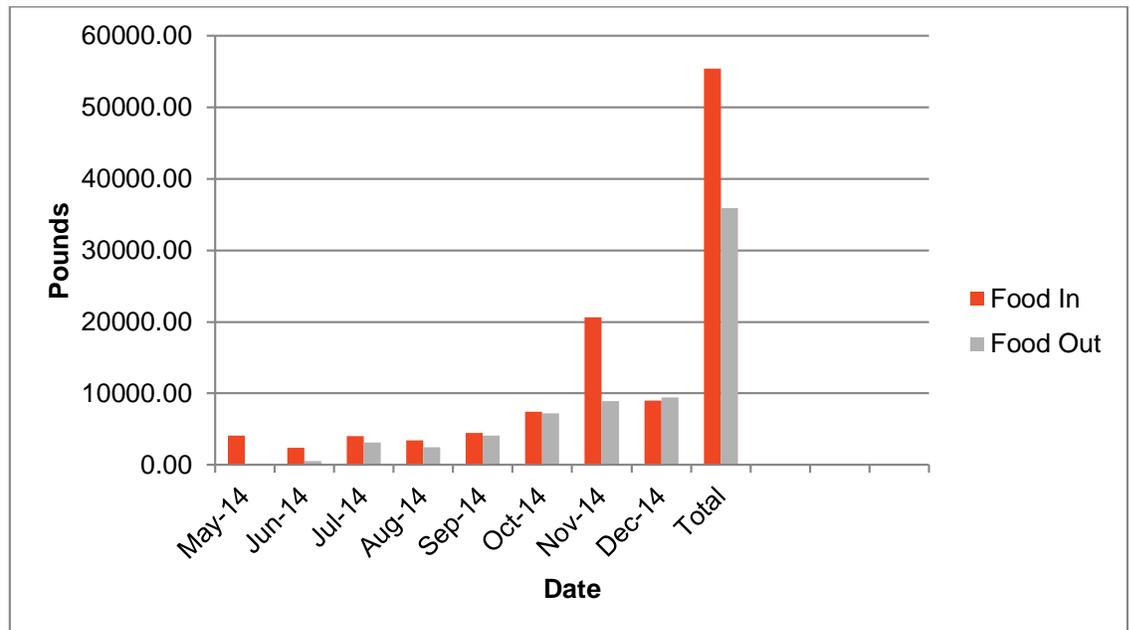
Area Served: The Dulles South Food Pantry serves anyone who needs food and resides within the school boundaries of John Champe High School and Freedom High School. Residents of other areas who attend faith institutions who are partners in the DSFP are welcome to utilize the resources of the DSFP as if they live within the Freedom and John Champe boundaries. Other persons may be referred to emergency at any time.



Donation Dates and Time: We are open to receive nonperishable food donations Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-11:30am and Monday evenings from 7pm to 8pm. On 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays when the food pantry will be open, we accept produce and bakery donations from 10am to 11:30am and 4pm to 5pm.

The Dulles South Food Pantry had several drop off points for nonperishable food in the Dulles South Community - **Dulles South Multi-Purpose Center, South Riding Giant, South Riding Town Hall.** In 2014, nearly 30,000 lbs of food were donated to the pantry. With food and financial donations combined, the pantry was able to distribute over 31,000 lbs of food to its guests.

Over 30,000 lbs of food were donated to DSFP from May to December 2014.



VOLUNTEERS

The pantry had the support of over 150 volunteers who worked over 2,380 hours serving our neighbors. Regular training sessions for new volunteers are held monthly.

To volunteer at the Dulles South Food Pantry, at the 45-minute training session, volunteers complete a volunteer information sheet, sign a confidentiality agreement not to disclose any information about our guests, and learn the operations procedures for stocking food at the Dulles South Food Pantry. We also go over the procedures for distributing food on the evenings when the food pantry is open. Trainings sessions are offered every month and fill up quickly. Youth age 10 to 15, who are accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult who has also completed training, may volunteer for a stocking shift at the pantry. Youth age 16 and older do not need to be accompanied.

**FAITH, COMMUNITY, & BUSINESS SUPPORTERS**

The pantry is extremely grateful to the faith, community, and business sponsors that have supported the pantry this year. We welcome financial donations and food drives. In 2014 various youth and community groups held food drives in support of the pantry.

We had hundreds of local groups support us including: Ace Information Solutions, AJ Yoga, Aldie Church, Aldie Elementary School, Aldie Senators, American Heritage Girls, Arcola Elementary School, Arcola United Methodist Church, Arcola Volunteer Fire Department, Beta Sigma Phi, Bev's Wine Club, Boy Scouts, Buffalo Trail Elementary School, Cardinal Bank, Cardinal Ridge Elementary School, Catholic Charities, Christ Church, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Church of Our Redeemer, Cisco Systems, Classical Conversations Homeschool Group, Concert Technologies, Conquer the Clutter, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Cox Farm, Crosspointe Church, Cub Scouts, Dean Family Dentistry, Discovery Station, Dulles Community Church, Dulles South Youth Sports, Dulles South Multipurpose Center, Dulles South Wyld Life, East Gate Orthodontics, Feed Loudoun Plant a Row, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Freedom High School, Gateway Community Church, Giant Food Stores, Girl Scouts, Grey Hunt Interiors, Harris Teeter, Holiday Coalition, Hutchison Farm Elementary School, J. Michael Lunsford Middle School, John Champe High School, Junior League, Junior Women's Club of Loudoun, KidServe, Kravitz Orthodontics, Lenah Run Froggers, Liberty Elementary School, Little River Elementary School, Loudoun Interfaith Relief, Lunsford Loudoun Youth Volleyball, LYNFYN, Mercer Lunsford Basketball League, Mercer Middle School, Montessori of Chantilly, Montessori School of South Riding, Old Dominion Football Club, Panera Bread, Pinebrook Elementary School, Pleasant Valley United Methodist Preschool, Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church Outreach Center, Rock Ridge High School, Ron Rush Office, Rotary Club of Ashburn, Scouting for Food, Setphin Organic Family Farm, Seven Loaves, South Riding Lions Club, South Riding Roundtable

Rotary Club, South Riding Stingrays, South Riding Proprietary, SouthPoint Church, Stone Ridge HOA, Stone Springs Emergency Center, Temple Beth Torah, Therese Chu, Ticonderoga Farm, Traveler's Insurance Chantilly, Van Metre, Foundation Inc., Vine and Branches Lutheran Church, Walgreens, Wellness Connection, and Willowsford Farm.

In addition to our faith, community, and business sponsors, we are grateful to the individuals who have contributed food and/or money to the pantry. We apologize for anyone who may have been inadvertently left off of this list.

Financial Summary

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profits and Losses)

For a copy of the December 31, 2014 comprehensive Treasurer's Report, please contact the pantry Treasurer at Treasurer@dsfp.org.

2014	Budget	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$ 0
Total Income	\$12,000	\$15,748
Total Expenses	\$12,000	\$ 9,442
Ending Balance		\$ 6,306

Income

The pantry relies heavily on donations. In 2014, Individual donations accounted for \$10,638 in income for the pantry. Corporate Donations totaled \$2,670, Sponsoring group donations totaled \$2,440 and Grants totaled \$0. Next year the pantry hopes to have more grant income and corporate donations by establishing a grants team and a business sponsor recognition program. Details on how to contribute financially to the pantry can be found on the website.

Expenses

The pantry spent its resources during the first year mostly on food purchases and furniture and fixtures (\$4,186). In addition, the pantry had modest expenses in Advertising (\$874), Bank Fees (\$440), Communication Expenses (\$568) and Printing/Reproduction Expenses (\$143). Next year the pantry hopes to be able to invest in computer equipment, refrigerators, freezers, and signage.

Bank Account

The pantry currently uses PNC for its banking.

Audit Report

A comprehensive audit of the pantry financials was conducted in January 2015 covering the period of May 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The auditors had no significant findings and found the pantry books to be correct. For a copy of the audit report, please contact the pantry Treasurer at Treasurer@dsfp.org.

Looking Ahead

While we live in a relatively wealthy county, its wealth is not evenly distributed. There are families in Dulles South who need help with food, clothing, utilities and shelter. Something unexpected, like an illness, death, job loss, disability or divorce can quickly put a family in distress. Most of our clients are on some form of Federal assistance.

In 2015, the pantry hopes to continue to expand upon the success of our initial year. We hope to expand services for our guests by providing healthy fresh produce, partnering with local agencies to provide services to our guests to help them to become more self-sufficient, and to continue to work with the Dulles South Community in a positive and constructive fashion.

We need your help to keep the food pantry stocked and to ensure adequate cash reserves. Volunteers operate the pantry bi-weekly. DSFP needs cash reserves so we have the ability to purchase food and cover on-going expenses and future expansions. Additionally, we also can use support through donations of food and through organization's hosting food drives and on-going in-house collections of food. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the pantry at info@dsfp.org.



**Pantry Shelves
Fully Stocked**

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