

For the past 25 years Loaves and Fishes of Union County has been a very significant and needed arm of the county's social service organization network and has served thousands of people who have come with a valid referral from our partner agencies; UC (Union County) DSS, UC Health Dept., UC Veterans and Vocational Rehabilitation Services, H.E.L.P. Crisis Pregnancy Center, Crisis Assistance Ministries, American Red Cross, Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter, local hospitals and related home medical services, Council on Aging, The ARC of Union County, United Family Services, Union House Mental Health Association, Union County Community Action Inc., Union Baptist Association, area churches and the United Way of the Central Carolinas.

These fine organizations count on Loaves and Fishes of Union County to fill its necessary role and we have always been there when needed and stand proudly among them.

Loaves and Fishes of Union County



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

25th Anniversary Year News and Accomplishments

- applied for and received 3 new grants totaling \$32,000.00
- applied to be a *Feed America* pantry agency and gain access to low priced provisions from the *Second Harvest* food bank.
- received first of several to come Campbell's Soup donations (1000 lbs. of pasta and cheese) from Presbytery of Charlotte
- strengthened our local partner relationships and were invited by the village council to have a booth at Wesley Chapel's 10th anniversary celebration.
- gained support of several new entities, some of which may become future satellite sites and more than doubled our
- generated **food and cash donations** total from 60, 339.27 in the 2007-2008 fiscal year to **131,288.53** for FY 5/2008-4/2009.
- purchased a new refrigerator, a shredder, a website in progress and a computer, printer/copier and necessary software to further mechanize our record keeping.
- The Board adopted a consistent, concise *official* Mission Statement & defined their responsibilities, drafted a disclaimer and made revisions to the 25 year old bylaws and recommending that the membership vote them in tonight.
- and we moved from the church's kitchen to our old storeroom. And, after much initial very painful adjustment and hard work, have it set it up so that it runs better than ever.

Board of Directors

Al Diehl, *President*



Ron Cutler, *Vice President*

Nicole Dunn, *Secretary*

Jane Beamer, *Treasurer*

Bill Colt

Jackie Forbes

Herb Joyner

Doug Lengquist

Don Locklear

Diana Lovette

Henry Morris

History

Loaves and Fishes of Union County Inc. was incorporated in 1984 as a completely volunteer, stand-alone, charitable, non-profit entity, not funded by any agency of Federal, State or Local government.

Initial funding was provided by a seed grant from the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina to Monroe's *St. Paul's Episcopal Church* in response to a growing hunger problem in 1983. *St. Paul's* has continued to provide the pantry & storage space for operations for which the organization is very grateful and without which we could not have kept administrative expenses consistently under 1% allowing 99% to be spent on food for the purposes of the organization.



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Mission

Loaves and Fishes of Union County Inc. is a volunteer food bank and 501 (c)(3) corporation that exists for the betterment of the quality of life of the citizens in our community by sharing our donated resources and providing needed groceries and support to local people in crisis.

Core Values

Treat all individuals with dignity, respect and courtesy. Respect cultural diversity, promote education and act as a civic group dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis in our community.

Structure

The Board of Directors is the governing body of Loaves and Fishes of Union County Inc. It controls the operation of the organization by setting policies and goals. The authority of the Board is collective and derived from its group action. No individual Board member has authority over the organization, its expenditures or any other aspects of its business affairs. The Board shall make an annual report on the overall operation of the corporation to the members at the annual meeting. The board shall not permit compensation of directors for their services.

Board Responsibilities

The Board is expected to raise and responsibly administer funds, contract with other agencies and individuals and develop such policies and procedures as are necessary to accomplish its business.

It appoints committees, defines their responsibilities and monitors their progress. It also supervises, advises and supports the staff of volunteers. Emphasis is placed on seating a diverse Board, which includes people of color, business, civic groups and geographic representation. Each board member is expected to:

- Commit to the mission of *Loaves and Fishes of Union County Inc.*, serve as an advocate to the community and promote awareness of its service and activities.
- Attend and participate in the annual membership meeting and carry out the duties of his/her individual and/or committee assignments to keep the organization sound and viable in the current environment.
- Uphold and adhere to the by-laws of the organization and conduct themselves in accordance with the mission and core values of the organization.



Loaves and Fishes of Union County volunteers handled

1367 **referrals** (families)
serving 4531 people
x 21 = 95,151 meals disbursed

Donations for this 5/08 - 4/09 fiscal year total

food 58,705.81

and cash 72,582.72 *including new grants*

Combined **131,288.53**

Buyers maintained the stock and closed
the fiscal year with an \$5,790.00 **inventory**

\$77,340.86 in cash **expenses**
and the estimated \$58,705.81 worth of donated food
was also given out

Attachments and other information

- Referral Summary copy
Five copies of Bylaw revisions available for review.
One list of donations, one packer team roster, one buyers schedule and one list of *all 100 plus* volunteers will be posted.