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## A Better Way - 25 Years Later

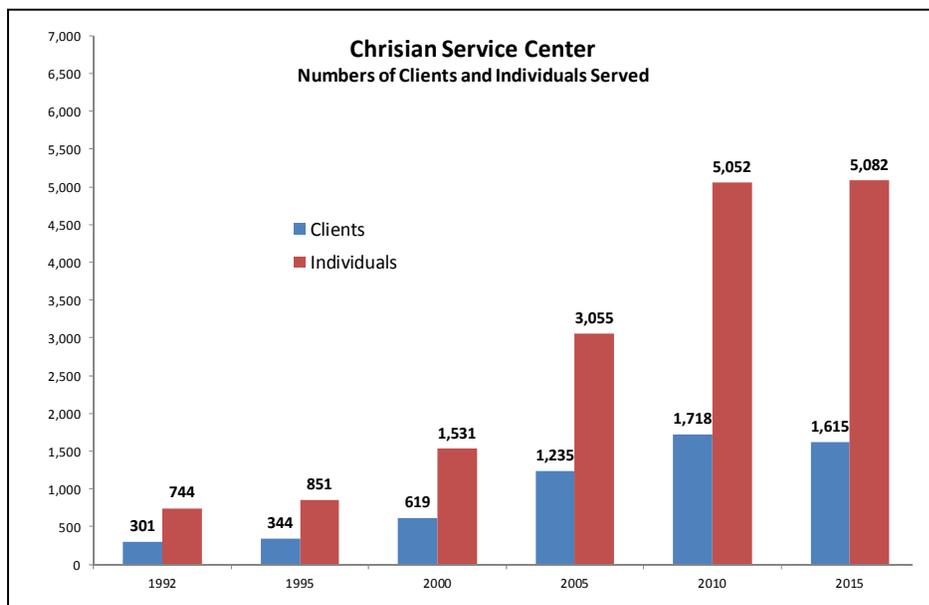
Oh, the growth we've seen! Yes, we've grown, both in need and support, to meet those needs. From a casual conversation among three ministers at lunch twenty-five years ago concerning challenges their congregations faced helping to provide basic support for individuals and families in their time of need to the tremendous community outreach program that is now the Christian Service Center, the results have been amazing.

One of those original ministers still active in the organization, Pastor Deral Rollings of St. Jude's by the Sea Lutheran Church, was on hand to help install new officers to begin the Center's 26<sup>th</sup> year. The installation, led by Father Jeff Garner of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, also involved Rev. Steven Kurtz of Gulf Shores 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Rev. Larry Wood of St. Andrew by the Sea Community Church, Amelia Fletcher of Gulf Shores United Methodist Church (GSUMC) and Pastor Hope Knoble of Grace Lutheran Church. Rev. Glenn Butler, of GSUMC, was also present as well as many of the volunteers serving in various leadership and support capacities.

An organization that had its beginnings in a small storefront in



(Pictured l-r) – President Linda Chappelle; Vice President Janice Moss; Secretary Kathy Vaughn; Treasurer Hope Becklund; Office Coordinator Jennifer Jackson; PIMA President Larry Wood; Officiant Rev. Jeff Garner; Rev. Steven Kurtz; Rev. Deral Rollings; Amelia Fletcher; and Rev. Hope Knoble.



*Hurricane Ivan was in 2004; Hurricane Katrina in 2005; Economic downturn began in 2008 and the oil spill was 2010.*

the current Winn-Dixie Shopping Center is now housed in a three building complex and has over 200 volunteers with no paid staff.

The chart above provides a clear indication of how the service

has evolved over the two and one-half decades. This work could not continue without the faithful support of the Island's churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals.


**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

By Jennifer Jackson



**Linda Chappelle  
President**

Feeding the Coast (formerly Bay Area Food Bank), asked Food Pantry Chairman, Stan Moss, if the Center would be interested in a walk-in freezer. Stan, never turning down an offer he sees as an asset to the community, said "Yes". Almost a year later, to our amazement, we received a call that the freezer was ready for delivery.

Along with this news was the requirements that had to be met for the installation. The installation and city requirements seemed to place the freezer out of our financial reach. But, as usual, the Lord provided. United Way of Baldwin County had a one-time capital improvement grant available. We applied and were awarded the grant.

Like the loaves and the fishes, the Lord took this grant and allowed us to not only install the freezer, but we were also able to purchase two commercial refrigerators, add shelving, and install additional lighting in our food pantry.

We sincerely thank those in our community who aided in this project: the City of Gulf Shores, Chris McDonough, T&J Electrical, D&E Construction, and our wonderful volunteers who worked around all the construction.

# Thank You

## Spaghetti Supper



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## CHURCH



### Oyster Bay Baptist Church

Oyster Bay Baptist Church has been a visible, vital, and vibrant part of life in the Gulf Shores area for over 160 years. Located on Plash Island and nestled somewhat off the 'beaten path', the Church has been and continues to be active in areas of ministry throughout its church community and the entire Gulf Shores area.

With members serving through the Christian Service Center as well as contributing monetarily, helping in service with various goods, Oyster Bay is one of the many faith supporters of the CSC's vital ministry. The months of June and November are the church's focus months for the Center, but awareness continues year-round as Bob Owens is the faithful liaison serving on the Center's Board of Directors.

Jerry Peebles, Pastor since 2002, was a supporter of the Center at its beginning in the early 90's while on staff at Gulf Shores First Baptist Church. He continues to encourage the family of faith at Oyster Bay to be the hands and feet of Jesus to this special and unique area. "The needs are great and many times unknown. We not only refer many to the services of the CSC but support their efforts on our behalf to minister to those who are most needy. We count it all joy to serve with the many tireless servants of the CSC," the Pastor shared. Oyster Bay Baptist Church is grateful to be a part of this ministry in South Baldwin County.

## PARTNER



### LuLu's By Janice Moss

Food Pantry Chair Stan Moss is riding down Canal Road heading home when the call comes from Dylan Feenker, Lulu's Executive Corporate Chef – "Lulu's has product for the CSC's Food Pantry". Time to turn around and head back as we are being blessed once again!

The folks at Lulu's are faithful to think of the Center and those we serve when they have anything they can share whether frozen, boxed, or canned. But that isn't the only way we experience their generosity. The employees at Lulu's also conduct food drives for the Center during the year. Another special project they undertake is their amazing toy collection for the Christmas Cheer program. These folks are Angels to many, many children.

General Manager, Gerald Tipton, says "We all feel grateful for what the Center does for the community and we are proud to help and be a part of that work."

We, at the CSC, count Lulu's as a highly valued partner in helping families in need in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Ft. Morgan.



## VOLUNTEER



### Janice Moss by Marinda Barbaree

When people describe Janice Moss, the words you hear most often are "kind," "caring," "generous," "empathetic," and "patient." These admirable qualities are what have made her a dedicated elementary school teacher for 35 years, a devoted wife to Stan Moss for 47 years, a loving mother to sons Stan and Michael, and an adoring grandmother to grandchildren Tristan, William, Ben, and Halle. For ten years, Janice's kindness, compassion, generosity, and patience have also been essential assets as a valuable volunteer at the Christian Service Center.

Janice first came to the CSC in April of 2006, and she quickly found her niche as a Case Worker. In April of 2010, she became Vice President of CSC, and she has served in that position since. Janice works tirelessly to insure that every client seen at the Center has received all that could be provided. She is known to come in early and leave late for clients. She extends her heart to everyone she meets. This makes for the perfect Case Worker. Janice also has worked as volunteer coordinator for the Spaghetti Dinner, as the coordinator of the churches and businesses for Christmas Cheer, and as a manager of the summer back pack program.

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## PARTNERS IN ACTION



*(l to r) Volunteers Diane Urban, Dee Maize, Mary Claire Dover and Roy Maize prepare backpacks for pick-up by registered participants.*

### Summer Backpack Program

When school gets out for the summer, most children think about endless days of sun and beach. Unfortunately, some of our Pleasure Island children worry about where they are going to get breakfast and lunch. To eliminate that worry from young minds and their parents, the CSC has a Summer Backpack Program for children at Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Elementary schools. The program provides breakfast and lunch along with two snacks each day, five days a week. Students who qualify for subsidized breakfast and lunch at school are eligible and may apply at the Center to participate.



*The Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Rotary Club hosted its annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Friday, May 4, at the Wharf Event Center. Congressman Bradley Byrne was guest speaker for the event. In this photo, he is joined by Gulf Shores Mayor, Robert Craft (l) and Orange Beach Mayor, Tony Kennon (r). Proceeds from the event were given to the Christian Service Center.*



*After calling CSC for a food pick up, LuLu's Purchasing Manager, Lou Germany helps load the truck with children's vitamin drinks. A nice addition to the Summer Back Packs.*



### Art Ambassador Addresses Volunteers

What a treat it was for CSC volunteers to hear Ibiyinka Aiao speak at their annual In-Service training program. Aiao, a renowned artist and speaker, is the Nigerian Art Ambassador to the United Nations. He has traveled the world presenting lectures, speaking to community groups and conducting performing art workshops. His presentations always convey messages of compassion, communication, peace and love among all people.



### Aluminum Can Recycling Pays

Over \$6000 has been raised to date from the CSC aluminum can recycling program! Conducted by Mary and Tom LaHaye (the collectors) and Stan Lieser (the recycler), the team utilizes aluminum cans obtained from the Craft Farms Golf Club, the Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club, their respective community residents and various CSC contributors. Jean and Bill Adcock of Craft Farms do a great job of backing up the LaHayes when they're out of town.

Through the good graces of Reverend Stephen Kurtz, the cans are delivered and stored at a special holding site at the First Presbyterian Church.

A special thanks goes to the golf cart attendants who separate out the cans, the supporting management teams at Craft Farms and Peninsula Golf Clubs, Luis at Craft Farms Maintenance who collects cans from the course receptacles, and individual club members and CSC personnel who contribute cans to the storage area.

## MEALS ON WHEELS PROVIDES FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

By Judy Fraser

Meals on Wheels volunteers, in conjunction with the well know local restaurant, Hazel's Nook in Gulf Shores, provides 600 – 700 meals each month to the sick and elderly in Gulf Shores who are confined to their homes and unable to shop or cook for themselves.

A service of the Christian Service Center, these Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver a hot lunch to qualified clients each day Monday through Friday, including holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. The meals include a meat, two vegetables and a biscuit. In addition to their usual generous servings, Hazel's provides a double serving of meat each day. Combined with a loaf of bread and desserts provided by the Christian Service Center, this extra serving allows clients to prepare a sandwich and dessert for their evening meal during the week.

Meals on Wheels clients are referred and screened by social workers, hospice organizations, and the Department of Human Resources. Generally, they are elderly, physically impaired or ill and unable to get to the grocery store or cook. Some are returning home after surgery or physical rehabilitation and will only require assistance for a few months. All receive a home evaluation by Coordinator Dolly Crewes to establish the need for the service and the ability to pay. If there are no groceries in the home or relatives/neighbors to help with shopping at the time of the evaluation, Dolly delivers a box of staple goods from the CSC to stock their pantry.

Over 40 full or part time volunteers deliver meals on three different routes in the City of Gulf Shores each weekday. The volunteers show up at 10:30 AM at Hazel's Nook to pick up and deliver the meals in their own vehicles, paying for their own gas. Hazel's Nook provides the meals for a nominal food cost of \$3.75 each. Clients who have the ability pay only \$3.50 for the meals. The cost for those unable to pay is covered by grants and donations from the Christian Service Center.

When volunteers pick up meals for their route at Hazel's Nook, they are given a route map, showing the location of clients to receive meals on that day. MOW volunteer Wayne Villadsen coordinates the route lists, assigning each client to the proper area for meal delivery. Evaluation of clients, administrative, and financial duties for Meals on Wheels are handled by the Meals on Wheel Coordinator Dolly Crewes and Treasurer Russ Berver. Both have served in these volunteer positions for over eight years.

The reward for serving Meals on Wheels, as Carl Schuchardt said with a big smile, as he left Hazel's Nook with his delivery, "The clients are so glad to see us. They become our friends."



Jimmy Schwartz, owner/manager of Hazel's Nook in Gulf Shores pictured with volunteers Carl Schuchardt and Pat Baker as they prepared to deliver the day's Meals on Wheels to clients in Gulf Shores.



### ONE MEN'S CLUB

Bill McQuen, fundraising chair for the Ono Men's Club, is pictured here (at left) presenting a \$4,000 check to Center President, Linda Chappelle. The Club, which began in the late 70's with twelve members, has grown to more than eighty members. In addition to the Christian Service Center, the Club also donates to other charities and to improvement projects on Ono Island.

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grace Lutheran Church held its tenth annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on Saturday, February 6. The breakfast of pancakes and sausage was free and was served by Church members from 7-11 am. However, voluntary cash donations which amounted to \$3,847 were accepted to support the Christian Service Center in its mission to help those in need within its service area.

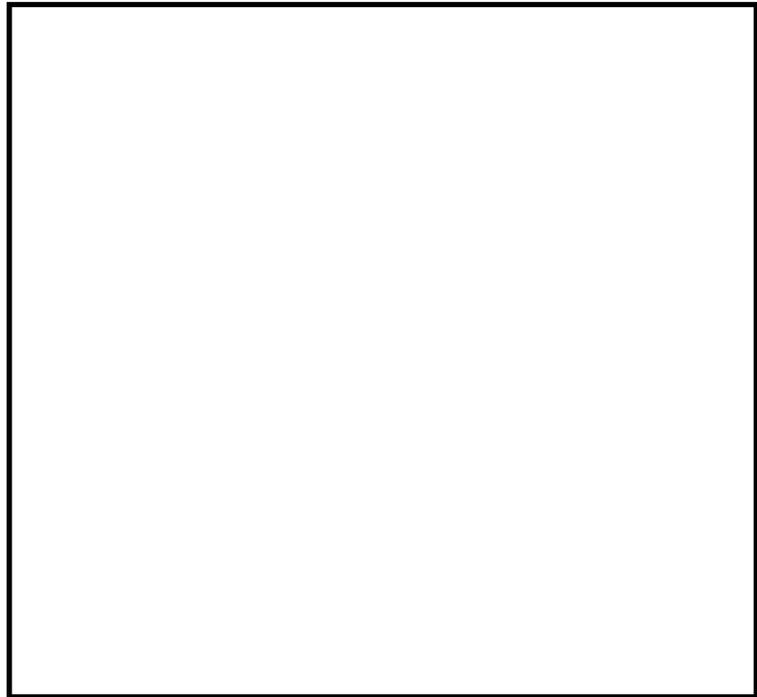
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## HONOR GIFTS



**Linda Chappelle's  
70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
*Eula Myers*

**Richard Fish & Michael Ring**

*Helen P. Bolton*

**Paul Hietanen**

*Dale Hietanen*

## VOLUNTEER

### Janice Moss

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In addition to her work at the Center, Janice is very active in the community. She is a member of, and has served on the Board of, the Gulf Shores Woman's Club and the South Baldwin Newcomers' Club. She is a member of the Orange Beach Fire & Rescue Ladies' Auxiliary, and she and Stan are involved members of Christian Life Church. The Christian Service Center, its clients, and our community are fortunate that Janice and Stan chose to retire here so that we could all benefit from Janice's compassion and generosity.

## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	8	Board Meeting – Noon
September	5	Office Closed – Labor Day
	12	Board Meeting – Noon
October	10	Board Meeting – Noon
November	14	Board Meeting – Noon
	24, 25	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
December		No Board Meeting
	24-January 1, 2016	Office Closed for Christmas and New Year
January	2, 2017	Office Reopens