



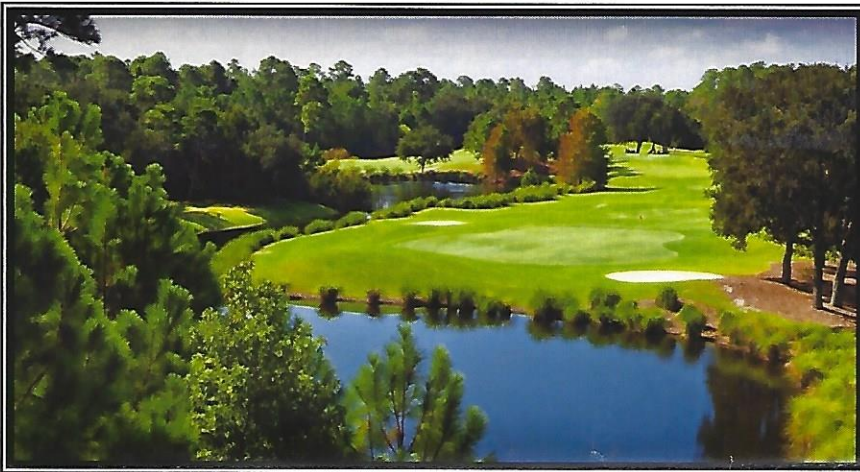
# SHARINGS

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## CSC CHOSEN BENEFICIARY FOR INAUGURAL HONOURS GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC



Honours Golf, a Division of Troon Golf, has chosen to host its Inaugural Charity Golf Classic to benefit the Christian Service Center. Honours Golf is the management company for local golf clubs like Craft Farms Golf Resort, Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club, Emerald Greens, and several other golf clubs throughout the Southeast. This year's tournament will be held on November 2, at Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club.

When making the announcement, Area Manager for Honours Golf, Chad Leonard said, "After learning what the Christian Service Center does for our Gulf Coast community, the decision to choose it as the beneficiary for the inaugural tournament was an easy one to make."

By donating the income from this tournament, we hope to provide additional funding to continue their mission of helping people throughout Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Fort Morgan. We are excited about partnering with the Center and look forward to presenting a large check to them on November 2."

The format for the Tournament is a four-person scramble. Prizes will be given for the top three places in both gross and net divisions. Additional prizes include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt. Currently, committees are at work securing golfers, sponsors, and raffle prizes. The Tournament can accommodate 120 golfers at \$125 each. Tournament fees include lunch, drinks on the course, prizes and a tee gift. The Title Sponsor for this year's tournament is Lulu's. Other sponsorships are available as follows: Beverage Cart - \$1,500; Lunch - \$1,500; Hole-in-One - \$500; Driving Range - \$500; Hole - \$150. Additional information is available through the CSC or from Anthony Vaughn with Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club at 251-968-8009.

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*From a grateful client...*

To whom it may concern,  
I am a single mother of a 3 yr old. We live and work in Orange Beach.

Almost 2 weeks ago I had some unexpected car trouble. My first thought was that I needed to take it to the closest auto shop, of which I did. Unfortunately, my vehicle was requiring more work than I had expected and thus costing me more than I could afford.

After stressing about how I would handle the financial obligation,

I was led by a kind coworker to the Christian Service Center.

Not only did your organization cover the cost, they also gave me further information for future needs.

I am so grateful and cannot thank you enough for these services provided!

Thank you so much!

5-15-17



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



**Linda Chappelle,  
President**

Here is some information our Statistician, David Saunders, recently shared with our Board of Directors.

### Gee Whiz!

*By David Saunders*

Since I started recording statistics eleven years ago in January 2005, here is what CSC has done.

Beginning with Case 1 on January 3, 2005 through December 16, 2016, Case 176, the Center saw 19,671 clients, representing 47,922 family members, 19,776 of whom were children and 1,594 were 60+ years old.

Here's a breakdown of what has been done through financial assistance:

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Rent                       | \$ 1,281,858        |
| Utilities                  | 762,650             |
| Medical Assistance         | 53,750              |
| Auto/Transportation        | 67,705              |
| Other Financial Assistance | 50,669              |
|                            | <u>\$ 2,216,632</u> |

In addition, over this eleven year period, CSC provided 85,423 food units (food for one person for one week. ie: 21 meals per unit) for a total of 1,793,833 meals. That's enough food to feed everyone in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Foley, Loxley, Robertsedale, Bay Minette, and Fairhope for a week with 19,423 food units left over.\* Put another way, that's enough food to feed every man, woman and child in Baldwin County (town and rural area population) 19 meals, with food left over.

*\*Latest population figures from Google*

**It should be noted that every client who receives assistance from the Center is carefully screened to insure that the Center's mission of a HAND UP rather than a HAND OUT is being met.**

## THANK YOU! Spaghetti Dinner Sponsors



### PRESENTING

Holy Spirit Thrift Shop

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

The statement, “**A Hand Up**” rather than “A Hand Out” is a wonderful thought but what does it really mean to actually give a “**Hand Up**” at the Christian Service Center? Think of a hand for a moment - fingers, skin, bones, tendons, blood, tissue, nerves, etc; Part of it we see - part of it we don't. The fingers, for example – they are flexible. Together they can write, type, wave, point, grasp, and bend.

Now, think about the Food Pantry, our best known service. A cart of food is being wheeled out to load into a client's car. But before that can happen, the client must make an appointment for an interview through an Administrative Assistant. The interview is with a Case Worker who must gather needed information without making the client feel embarrassed or harassed. Information must be verified, paperwork filed, and records kept in order to achieve the end result of providing enough food to feed the family for two weeks.

Before that cart loaded with food can be rolled out to the car though, somebody had to load the cart; somebody had to organize and fill the shelves, refrigerators and freezers. Bread and other food had to be picked up or ordered in a timely manner from contributing stores or restaurants. And, when the Feeding the Gulf Coast truck rolls in on a scheduled basis, somebody had to be on hand to unload and store the items.

The Food Pantry is just one example – one finger, let's say. There's also a Medical Equipment Loan program, Grant Applications to be written and filed in a timely way, communications with other agencies through Wise Hope in order to avoid duplication of services, facilities maintenance, volunteer coordination, Ozanam medical assistance, special programs to coordinate like summer camp, the backpack program, birthday club, Meals on Wheels, accounting, record keeping, statistical data organized, filing – many, many things in the background that we don't see – just like the hand.

How can all this happen? It all works together - just like the hand. In the center of the hand is the palm. In the case of the CSC, the “palm” holding all the many services and programs together is an all-volunteer staff dedicated to carry out the Center's mission of “**A Hand Up**”.

### Summer Backpack Program

*By Robbie Kopic*



When school is over for the year, most think about endless days of sun and beach. Unfortunately, though, some Pleasure Island children and parents/guardians have to worry about where they are going to get breakfast and lunch during the week. To eliminate that worry, the Christian Service Center has a Summer Backpack Program for children attending Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Elementary Schools. The Program provides breakfast and lunch as well as two snacks for each day, five days a week.



*Left to right: Don Harms, John and Kathi Henderson, Bill and Sharron McGarry*



*Grace Lutheran Church Pastor, Hope Knobler (l) and Earl Janssen (r) present \$3,484.50 check to Linda Chappelle. The check represents proceeds from the Church's third annual Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale.*

### Camp Happy Sands

Camp Happy Sands is everything the name implies. And, thanks to the financial support of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church for the past ten years, children ages 6-11 identified by CSC Case Workers, get to attend this fun filled week-long day camp at Johnson's Beach. Located just across the Florida State Line, the camp experience includes activities that contribute to good character development, core values and group dynamics. Along with swimming, games, crafts and nature activities, the sun and sand provide a great get-away for the children sure to be remembered as a highlight for many of them.

Founded in the early 1960's by Ida Roose, Camp Happy Sands' mission is “to provide a cost-free, week-long day camp experience for children of lower income families in the area, conducted in a faith-based environment among a natural setting of God's Creation”. Mrs. Roose's son, Charlie is the current Executive Director and is assisted by Allison Sanchez, Camp Operations Director.



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### 2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|           |            |                                    |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| July      | 3,4        | Office Closed:<br>Independence Day |
| August    | 14         | Board Meeting                      |
| September | 4          | Office Closed:<br>Labor Day        |
|           | 11         | Board Meeting                      |
| October   | 9          | Board Meeting                      |
| November  | 2          | Honours Golf<br>Charity Classic    |
|           | 13         | Board Meeting                      |
|           | 22, 23, 24 | Thanksgiving<br>Office Closed      |
| December  |            | No Board Meeting                   |

December 18-January 1, 2018:  
Office Closed

|          |    |                  |
|----------|----|------------------|
| January  | 2  | Office re-opens  |
|          | 22 | Inservice        |
| February | 20 | Spaghetti Dinner |

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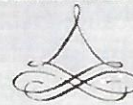
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### HONOR GIFTS



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PAUL & NANCY HIETANEN  
Laurie Stewart

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