



President's Corner

Linda Chappelle



We are so appreciative of the Wildflowers/Perdido Beach Resort fundraising event which was beyond successful at \$127,000. We are equally thankful for an anonymous matching grant CSC has received providing \$1.00 for every \$2.00 earned from any other sources, up to \$100,000.

The Spaghetti Dinner is set for Monday, February 6, and we are excited to welcome everyone back after a two year hiatus due to Covid.

Since COVID we have started training a lot of new volunteers. We will have an Inservice for all CSC volunteers on January 16.

Sadly, our clients are struggling to make ends meet due to inflation. Many have been hit with 30-35% rent increases as well as rising food costs. Our food pantry is also affected as the cost of many items that we must purchase has risen as much as 400%. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, CSC continues to serve less fortunate, low income families in our communities.

We are thankful and blessed!

Christian Service Center
Presenting Sponsor: Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and Thrift Shop

Spaghetti DINNER

Monday, February 6th

Serving 4:30 to 7:00 pm

**Gulf Shores United Methodist Church
Building B - Auditorium
1720 Gulf Shores Parkway**

Join in the fun!

Ticket: \$10

Dine in! —or— Drive through!

**Advance tickets are available at the
Christian Service Center.
9am-Noon, Monday-Friday**



Wildflowers Boutique and Perdido Beach Resort 10th Annual Toys for Kids Charity Fundraiser for the Christian Service Center totaled \$127,000 from the event alone. An anonymous matching grant (\$1.00 for every \$2.00 raised) brought the grand total to an amazing \$190,000. Graciously, \$30,000 was added after the photo was taken. **More about this spectacular event on p.2**

Pictured: (front) Penny and Carl Groux, Perdido Beach Resort; Linda Chappelle, CSC Director; Terri Long and Candice Duncan, Wildflowers Boutique; Jennifer McIntire, PBR; (back) Kimmy Tribunella, PBR; Chef Brody Olive, Voyagers at PBR.

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CSC volunteers and Board members are thankful for such an incredible blessing. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this tremendous outpouring of love for the Center and its mission to serve those less fortunate.

The benefit to children will go beyond toys at Christmas and beyond our other children's programs such as birthday club, summer backpack food, and school supplies. When the Center helps a family with food, utilities, or rent assistance, children are blessed with a roof over their head, power on in the house, and food on the table.

We strive to be good stewards of the funds provided to us while serving as the hands and feet of Christ.



The Church of God, A Worldwide Association

met in Orange Beach for the ninth year during the week of Oct. 17.

Each day the group collected food, household goods, paper products, hygiene items, baby supplies, and cash donations.

This year they also collected toys and art supplies which will be used in area pre-K and after school programs as well as CSC's Birthday Club. **Over \$13,000 was donated by charitable attendees.**

This amount will purchase 87,500 pounds of food from Feeding the Gulf Coast food bank — **that's over 43 tons of food!**

JOE & MARYANN CROMEAN'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Gray Cromeans presents a generous \$25,000 donation to Linda Chappelle (CSC Board President) from the Joe and Mary Ann Cromean's Charitable Foundation. We greatly appreciate their continuing support of our mission to serve those less fortunate in the community.

THANK YOU!!

Also pictured are Board VP Janice Moss and Food Pantry Chairman Stan Moss.



PANTRY

Very Successful Mobile Food Distribution

The Christian Service Center held a 5,000 pound mobile food pantry distribution on October 13 at the First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores. The event was sponsored by Orange Beach United Methodist Church, and 20 people from that church worked the event.

What a wonderful day of sharing the bounty of food with families in need.



IN MEMORY OF

DICK BROOKS

By
Jay & Sandy Fisher

LEON & GINGER CHAUDRON

By
Rod & Linda Chappelle

PENNY HARRIS

By
Kay Palmer

TOM JORDEN

By
Glenn P. Jorden

JOHN McCORMICK

By
Thomas Giles

RICK STETSON

By
Ron Bird

BETTY & MIKE WOMACK

By
Becky Roberson

MARY MENNUTO

By
South Baldwin Community
Theater

ALICE OWENS

By
Bob Owens

SHIRLEY PAULUS

By
Oren & Susanna Lax
Kate Poll

CONNIE SPAULDING

By
Mom & Brother

CHAN WEST

By
Catherine Necci

DANNY WILLIAMS

By
Candace McConnell Properties

IN HONOR OF

Linda Chappelle
Stan & Janice MossBy
Faye Cook

Christmas Cheer

for families in the
Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, &
Ft. Morgan area.

Christmas Food Boxes

215 families served

Christmas Spirit

81 gifts given to shut-ins

Children's Christmas Cheer

233 families served, including

654 children served



Chairs: Karen Sabatino, Mary Lee Harms, Betty Oliver

St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church made a large food donation in November. This food will be used to pack Christmas Food Boxes as well as help stock our pantry shelves. Pictured: Linda Chappelle, Tom Poulos, Stan Moss, Zoe and Dennis Saltzman.

Thank
You!

Thank you, **ISLAND CHURCH**, for providing space for our Christmas Toyland — we couldn't do it without you!!!
We appreciate the blessing!

Calendar

January

3 - Tuesday - Office reopens

9 - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

16 - Inservice

February

No Board Meeting

6 - Spaghetti Dinner

21 - Closed for Mardi Gras

March

No Board Meeting

April

7 - Good Friday - Office Closed

10 - Monday - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

May

No Board Meeting

29 - Memorial Day - Office closed

June

No Board meeting

July

4 - Tuesday - Independence Day - Office closed

The Christian Service Center is a "Hand Up" rather than a "Hand Out" agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 501(c)(3) volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more information, please call the CSC at 251-968-5256, email us at cscenter1991@gmail.com, or visit www.cscgs.com. Please check out our Facebook page!

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Thank You!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GULF SHORES supports the Center in so many ways — parking for our volunteers, storage space for the Food Pantry and Christmas, space for our Inservice meeting, use of the parking lot for our Mobile Food Pantry...

You have been the answer to so many problems we face, and we are thankful for your many blessings.



BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2022

CSC had 2,522 client visits representing a total of 7,248 individuals, including 2,560 children.

There were 348 new clients. A total of 6,126 individuals were provided with food for a week; 3 meals a day for 7 days.

Rent assistance was provided to 465 families, while 267 were helped with utilities.



Steve Jones and Ryan Moberly of the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber delivered to CSC a load of school supplies given by their members. It was a marvelous array of all the things kids need to start back to school. What a joy to be able to share with our clients.

THANK YOU!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

SUNNY 105.7 for again helping to provide toys for children through the **Santa's Helper Toy Drive** with local businesses.

Thank you for supporting CSC for the last 16 years!

