



SHARINGS

President's Corner

Linda Chappelle



We were extremely busy in 2023 at CSC as inflation and unstable employment continued to challenge low income families. We had 3,045 client visits providing food and emergency aid for 9,013 people (stats include repeat visits). We provided food to 2,699 families, feeding 8,102 people 3 meals a day for 7 days — that's food provided for 170,142 meals!

We could not do this without the incredibly generous support of the community. It continues to amaze me that we can do all of this with an all volunteer staff. I cannot thank everyone enough for their support, dedication, and hard work.

We look forward to 2024 as we continue to provide food and emergency financial assistance to families in need.

We are thankful and blessed!

*Beautiful
table setting
at Gala!*



The Wildflowers/Perdido Beach Resort Charity Gala surpassed its previous record success!

This year's event on November 11 resulted in a stunning grand total of \$232,000 for the Christian Service Center. (Additional donations came in after the event photo.)

The Board and Center volunteers are so appreciative of everyone who worked so hard to plan and present this fabulous event. Thank you to each and every supporter who sponsored a table, took part in the live or silent auction, purchased a ticket, or made a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and the funds will bless those less fortunate in our community. Every dollar raised by the event will be used to assist families in need. We strive to be good stewards of funds entrusted to us while serving as the hands and feet of Christ.



**CHECK OUT THE ENCLOSURE FOR INFORMATION ON
THE SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 19th**

Answering the phone - making files - pulling files - copying - completing the client log - answering multiple questions - greeting clients.... all in a tiny space with people in and out and all about!

Administrative Assistants at CSC operate in a bevy of activity, and they truly must be able to multitask. AA's are on the front line as the first contact for all our clients. It is important they are pleasant and compassionate. At the same time they must smoothly pass the client on to a Caseworker so that as AA they can continue their many tasks. They are also the last person to finish their duties each day as they must record all the daily transactions. In their position they are the one person who has contact with every single client as well as anyone else who calls or comes to the Center. Administrative Assistants must help numerous people with multiple requests so that we all stay on track and moving forward. Thank you AA volunteers for your time, energy, and service to the Center.

Pictured L to R: Ruth Sheffield; Katy Elliot; Laura Pfizenmayer; Marinda Barbaree; Doris Piland



The Cotton Creek Ladies Golf Association

recently donated a wealth of supplies for CSC's Birthday club. Included were 99 birthday bags, 120 cake mixes and

icings, and 64 cupcake liners, as well as plates, napkins, candles, and tissue paper.



A MUCH NEEDED MAKEOVER!

A team from Perdido Beach Resort and Wildflowers Boutique gave the CSC landscaping a much needed makeover. They did some long overdue line painting in the parking lot as well. They also installed a new sign for the Center **donated by Printing Pros**. What a blessing from this hardworking group. We are thankful for their time, energy, and expertise.



Joe and Mary Ann Cromeans Charitable Foundation



CSC is now managing the Orange Beach Meals on Wheels program.

The Center has run the Gulf Shores program for 20 years and OB is a wonderful addition to our missions. The program coordinator is caseworker, Kay Herrin, who may be contacted to sign up for meal delivery. The program serves those who are unable to prepare meals themselves or who are unable to get food brought in for them. There is a nominal charge for meals unless the individual is unable to pay. Contact the Christian Service Center at 251-968-5256, M-F, 9-12PM



Gray Cromeans presented a surprise \$45,000 donation to the Christian Service Center during the Wildflowers/PBR Charity Gala event November 11. The gift was from the Joe and Mary Ann Cromeans Charitable Foundation. We greatly appreciate such beyond generous support for the Center's mission to provide food and emergency aid to those less fortunate in our community. We are grateful for the Foundation's continuing partnership.

IN MEMORY OF**CHRIS HERRIN**

by

*Marinda Barbaree, Linda & Rod Chappelle, Stan & Janice Moss***THOMAS F. JORDEN**

by

*Glen P. Jorden***SHIRLEY RUTH COOK**

by

*Stan and Janice Moss***ROSEMARY STEELE**

by

*Linda Steele***IN HONOR OF****STAN AND JANICE MOSS**

by

*Anonymous***DALE AND BOB ORCHARD**

by

*Michael & Brenda Culverhouse***BRIAN AND JODI HARSANY**

by

*Karen Evans***MRS. FRANCES E. ARNOLD**

by

*Ann Forbis***SHARON MEREK**

by

*Lucy & Terry Markel, Greg***JONATHAN & JESSICA WALKER****CHAD & JAMIE BROADUS****PEGGY PARKER****RHONDA PAYNE CAULEY****KENNETH PAYNE FAMILY****JOE & SANDY MCCLINTOCK****SUZIE CHINN**

by

*Lucy & Terry Markel***Christmas Cheer****for families in the
Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, & Ft. Morgan area****Christmas Food Boxes****295 families served****1,203 individuals****Children's Christmas
Cheer****275 families served,****Including 773 children****Christmas Spirit****51 gifts given to shut-ins****The Maidens in Pink Stilettos Mardi Gras
Krewe donated \$6,000**

from the proceeds of their 2023 golf tournament to CSC. What a wonderful blessing to families in need in our communities! We are so grateful for your kindness.

**Thank
You!****The H. G. Clay Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to
the Christian Service Center.**

The purpose of the Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the marginalized of the world. The Foundation provides grants and scholarships in partnership with organizations that share its missions. The Christian Service Center operates in step with the Foundation by seeking to serve "the least of these." (Matthew 25:40). This generous grant will bless our community as the funds will be used to provide food and emergency financial assistance to low income families.

Pictured: Daniel Thompson, Executive Director of H. G. Clay Foundation; Janice Moss, CSC Board VP; Linda Chappelle, CSC Director and Board President.

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

I just want to say thank you for your help with my rent and food. You have no idea how hard it has been, and it was so hard to ask for help. I didn't know how I was going to make the whole rent. I pray my situation will be resolved soon. I was overwhelmed then y'all took off so much stress. The kindness you have shown me has me so blessed.

Calendar

January

2 - Tuesday - Office Reopens

8 - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

15 - Inservice

February

No Board Meeting

13 - Closed for Mardi Gras

19 - Spaghetti Dinner

March

No Board Meeting

29 - Good Friday-Office Closed

April

8 - Monday - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

May

No Board Meeting

27 - Memorial Day - Office closed

June

No Board meeting

July

4 - Tuesday - Independence Day - Office closed

5 - Friday - Office Closed

8 - Monday - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

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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Members of the **Parrot Heads in Paradise** presented a \$3,000 check to CSC at the annual Meeting of the Minds held in Gulf Shores for the first time this year. They also gave shoes for children.

Thank you for your support!

**WHAT A BLESSING YOU
ARE TO THE CSC!**

**City of Orange Beach, First
Presbyterian Church GS,
Island Church, Sunny 105**

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



The CSC is blessed & grateful to be the recipient of the **\$10,000** raised by the Merry Memories Tinsel Trail presented by **The Garner C. Tampary Memorial Foundation**.

Thank you for choosing to partner with us to help those less fortunate in our community!



Christian Service Center

Presenting Sponsor: Holy Spirit Episcopal Church & Thrift Shop

Spaghetti DINNER

Monday, February 19TH 2024

Serving 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Gulf Shores 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





2024 Spaghetti Dinner Sponsor Reservation

Monday, February 19, 2024, Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, Building B – Auditorium

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

YES! Count me in! I want to help continue the work of the Christian Service Center in our community by becoming a 2020 Spaghetti Dinner Sponsor at the following level:

PLATINUM (\$1,500+) _____ GOLD (\$500-\$1,499) _____ SILVER (\$250-\$499) _____
BRONZE (\$100 to \$249) _____

Program credit(s) to read _____

Contact: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Location address _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Alternate Contact/Phone _____

NOTE: (New Sponsors) Please attach a business card, letterhead, or other corporate document that has a graphic or logo suitable for use in recognizing your participation. Please return this form with your check to:

Christian Service Center; P. O. Box 882; Gulf Shores, AL 36547

The Christian Service Center is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under Sec 501 (C) (3). All donations are tax deductible.

