



# SHARINGS

## President's Corner



In recent years the number of clients seen has skyrocketed due to inflation, which continues to be a problem. CSC has had more than 2,000 client visits a year since 2020.

January through June of this year the Center has had 1,868 client visits, providing food for 5,357 individuals. That is 3 meals a day for 7 days for each person, a total of 112,497 meals. A total of 458 clients have received emergency financial aid through rent and electric assistance.

We are scheduling two case workers each day in order to better serve our clients. When we are extremely busy, we try to have two administrative assistants at the front desk. We are looking for new volunteers to train for both positions. We are also looking for volunteers to do special projects.

*Thank you to all our volunteers who have stepped up to take extra days and keep the center well staffed!*



## THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the entire community and our winter visitors for supporting our 2025

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. The proceeds of \$33,000 will be used to support the Center's mission to provide food and emergency aid to families in need in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Ft. Morgan. A special thanks to all our sponsors and donors. Your incredible support makes this event a success year after year. Thank you to the more than 100 volunteers who worked throughout the day to make the dinner happen.



*Pictured - Spaghetti Dinner Planning Committee Members: Betty Oliver, Sherri Davis, Linda Chappelle, Susan Coyne*

## CSC Executive Board Officers 2025-2027

Linda Chappelle, President & Director;  
Janice Moss, Vice President; Doris Piland, Treasurer; Lisa Keenum, Treasurer;  
Jan Marie Denney, Assistant Treasurer;  
Jennifer Jackson, Office Coordinator.



# SAVE THE DATE

Wildflowers/Perdido Beach Resort "Blossoms of Hope" Charity Gala.

*Saturday, November 15th*

## The Event of the Year!

Contact Terri Long for Sponsorship Opportunities, Wildflowers Boutique 251-981-9453



### THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Children attending Vacation Bible School at Gulf Shores Methodist Church gathered food and filled about 50 bags with breakfast, lunch, and snack items for children in the **Summer Backpack Program** offered by CSC. A generous cash donation was also given by the church in support of this mission to ensure that children have food while school is out in the summer.



## THANK YOU, RESALE HEAVEN!

THANK YOU to ReSale Heaven Thrift Store (GSMC) for their recent donation of \$20,000. This is such a huge blessing to the Center. The funds will be used to support our mission to provide food and emergency financial aid to families in need.

*Pictured: Josie Gipson; Linda Chappelle; Gael Hatcher; Nancy Weber; Verna Duchesneau; Karen Means.*



**Gulf Shores Elementary School 4th graders made beautiful Easter Baskets for our GS Meals on Wheels clients.** The baskets were filled with toiletries and other useful items, along with sweet notes and drawings. They also made cards for the drivers and the workers at Kitty's Kafe who prepare the meals. The children chose this as their way to participate in the Gulf Shores Gives Back Project.

*Left photo: 4th graders load the van with baskets for MOW clients.*

*Right photo: MOW Chairperson Dolly Crewes (second from right), with 4th grade teachers and Janice Moss.*

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**



## Gifts to the Christian Service Center

### IN MEMORY OF

**Hope Becklund** by J.E. & Susan Sutherland

**Theresa Marie Ellis** by Lois Ann Holder

**Thomas F. Jorden** by Glenn P. Jorden

**Bill Martin** by Ed & Diane Malner

**Sherrie Sims** by Roger & Janet Brooke; Elaine Durmer; Beverly D. Merrilees

**Garner Tampary** by Garner Tampary Memorial Foundation

### IN HONOR OF

**Linda Chappelle** by Eula H. Myers

## A Volunteer Speaks...

My commitment to being a CSC volunteer was cemented the first day I volunteered 17 years ago by witnessing one particular client and caseworker interaction. That morning a domestic violence victim had been hiding on the CSC property since 5 a.m. waiting for our doors to open at 9:00. She was beyond terrified and dirty as she presented herself; the clothes on her back were her only possessions. I've never seen anyone shake as hard and uncontrollably as she did. Only she knew what she had been through AND what would happen to her if she was caught.

The caseworkers were so kind and caring, and they took extraordinary precautions to quickly get her to a temporary safe-house. From there she was transported to a home in another state. Our hearts and prayers went out to her as she headed to a new home armed with a new backpack filled with food, toiletries, and snacks. I pray she is thriving today.

The last words from the caseworker to her: Remember, whatever you do, don't go back."

*And that day, a voice from above told me,  
I belonged here.*



**Thank you Holy Spirit Episcopal Church** for your generous grants and continued support of the missions of CSC. We are thankful for the blessings!

*Pictured: Rev. Will Lowry, Bev Liebenow, Linda Chappelle, Dave*

**Your generosity is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**



## CSC INSERVICE MEETING

Volunteers enjoyed gathering for an Inservice meeting starting with a covered dish breakfast. The meetings that followed were designed to update everyone on programs and procedures. Small groups gathered to share information and experiences with the expectation of improving client services.



## Calendar

### July

4 - Independence Day - Office Closed

14 - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

### August

No Board Meeting

### September

No Board Meeting

1 - Labor Day - Office Closed

### October

13 - Board Meeting 12:30 PM

### November

No Board Meeting

26, 27, 28 - Wednesday-Friday - Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### December

No Board meeting

Office Closed - December 22-January 2 for Christmas & New Years

Office reopens Tuesday, January 5, 2026

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](mailto:cscenter1991@gmail.com), or visit [www.cscgs.com](http://www.cscgs.com). Please check out our Facebook page!

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### THANK YOU, BOB SHALLOW!

We appreciate your continuous support of CSC in so many ways! We are so thankful for the quality food donations! We love seeing you at the Center.

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packets of grits &  
oatmeal,  
canned soups,  
toiletries,  
size 5 diapers



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