



SHARINGS

President's Corner



The first half of 2026 has witnessed the typical pattern of reduced employment and shorter work hours during the winter months, with prospects and incomes improving as spring and summer temperatures rise. However, the impact of inflation is undeniable among the population we serve. Rising rents, food costs, and gas prices have severely strained their ability to meet financial obligations. While we observe a decrease in the number of individuals seeking financial assistance for rent at the moment, we are deeply concerned about the significant number of clients who continue to visit us regularly for food. These individuals express their struggles to make ends meet, some of whom are now working two jobs.

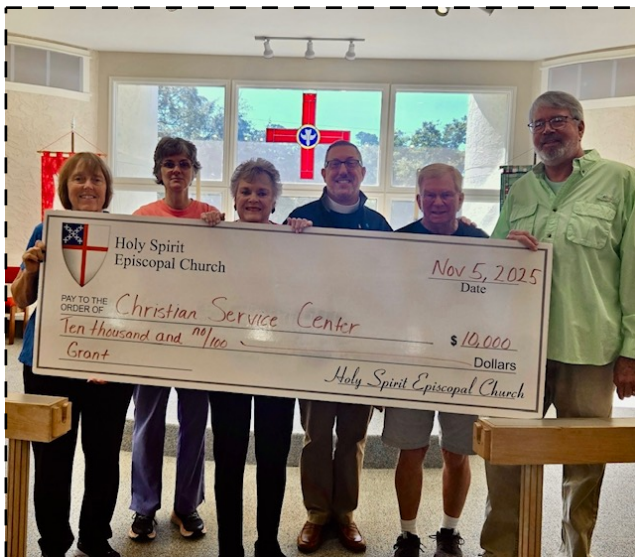
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our generous community supporters who make the missions of CSC possible. While we are blessed to be on the front lines, offering a helping hand, it is your unwavering support that enables us to do so. Thank you for joining us in serving as the hands and feet of Christ.



2026 SPAGHETTI DINNER IS A RECORD BREAKING SUCCESS

The 2026 Spaghetti Dinner held February 23, at the Gulf Shores Methodist Church auditorium raised a record \$61,000. There were 964 tickets purchased; 439 inside dinners and 337 take-out dinners served. The proceeds 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.

THANK YOU to our sponsors, raffle donors, in-kind donors, and attendees! A special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and Thrift Shop. Thank you as well to Gulf Shores Methodist Church for providing our venue. To our 102 volunteers that day — thank you for being a blessing!



Holy Spirit Episcopal Church made the first of two generous \$10,000 donations to support low income families in need of food or financial assistance. The Church and Thrift Shop were the Presenting Sponsor for the 2026 Spaghetti Dinner. We are grateful for your generous grants and ongoing support.

Pictured: Beverly Liebenow, Carolyn Towery,, Linda Chappelle, Father Will Lowry, Dave Liebenow, Dan Ratliff



We are blessed and grateful to be the recipient of \$8,000 raised by the Merry Memories Tinsel Trail presented by the Garner C. Tampary Memorial Foundation.

Pictured: Mark Tampary, Stan Moss, Linda Chappelle



The Fraternal Order of Eagles made a \$2,000 donation to CSC for the Meals on Wheels program in Gulf Shores.

We are appreciative of this special gift for a vital program. Pictured left to right: Dolly Crewes, MOW Gulf Shores Director; John Jackson, Fraternal Order of Eagles Parliamentarian; Linda Chappelle, CSC Director; Tess Ware, Fraternal Order of Eagles President.

GSES 4th Grade/MOW



JOY! ❤️. Thank you to Gulf Shores Elementary Fourth Graders for providing fabulous Easter Baskets for our Meals on Wheels clients in Gulf Shores. The baskets included all sorts of toiletries and useful supplies, as well as puzzle books. Personal artwork greetings were also included. Thank you 4th grade parents and teachers too!



Scott Korth presented a \$3,000 donation from Bama Beach Pickleball Club to support the Center's mission to serve families in need of food or emergency financial aid.

Summer Food Backpacks



Angela Peters and Becky Watson packing summer food backpacks for children of families needing help with meals during the summer when school is out. Bags contain breakfast and lunch items, two snacks a day, and fruit for five days. The program has grown rapidly, and this summer 112 families have signed up a total of 320 children to receive backpacks each week

Over 1000 backpacks given this summer



cereal, corn, beans,
ramen noodles,
single serve
packets of grits
& oatmeal,
canned soups,
toiletries,
diapers (especially size 5)

Calendar

July

**3rd Friday, office closed for
Independence Day
13th Board Meeting 12:30 pm**

August

No Board Meeting

September

**No Board Meeting
7th Monday, Office Closed for
Labor Day**

October

**12th Board Meeting Monday
12:30 pm**

November

**No Board Meeting
25th, 26th and 27th
Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday, Office
Closed for Thanksgiving**

December

**No Board Meeting
Office closed 21st Dec
through
1st January for Christmas and
New Year's
Office reopens Monday
January 4th, 2027**

A Volunteer Speaks.....

In November of 2025, my daughter and I arrived at CSC in search of a family to adopt for Christmas. Earlier that morning, a mother had been in to request Christmas for her seven children. The volunteer told me my timing was great since all the angels had gone out. I knew God's timing was perfect!

The volunteer introduced me to Linda and Janice. They gave me a volunteer form in case I wanted to serve in other ways. I kept procrastinating filling it out. In early spring, our pastor preached on serving. As I left church that morning, I kept thinking about my lack of service since we had moved to Orange Beach. I prayed asking God where and how he wanted me to serve. Monday morning came with an answer. I filled out a volunteer form. My husband did as well. Since that time Mark and I have served at CSC.

Each day I work at CSC is such a blessing. I know my God put me here to serve. I believe we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Jesus came to serve not be served. I feel his presence each time someone comes in the office with needs that only servants can meet.

Rosalyn Pressnell



Orange Beach Church prepared beautiful, fun and sweet Easter baskets for recipients of Meals on Wheels in Orange Beach. Thanks for a blessing that brought smiles to all.

BY THE NUMBERS JANUARY - JUNE 2026

2,122 client visits (including repeats)
6,479 individuals served
1,903 families received food
5,929 individuals received food
3 meals/day x 7 days = food for 124,509 meals
348 families received rent assistance
144 families received utilities help



THE 2026 CSC Children's Christmas Cheer Program Crew is beginning to plan our annual program to provide toys, gifts, and holiday support to local families in need. Thanks to the generosity of our Angel gift donors, volunteers, and community business partners, the 2025 program successfully supported 258 families, totaling 758 children. We are now looking for volunteers for the upcoming season. At the Center, in-person intake registration runs from October 12 through December 4. Toy distribution will take place on December 14, 15, and 16, at Toyland (The Island Church). If you would like to volunteer your time to assist with client registration or help at Toyland, please contact the Center.



ReSale Heaven (Gulf Shores Methodist Church) presented a \$25,000 donation to support the missions of CSC. **THANK YOU!** ❤️

Pictured left to right: *Rosanne, Nancy, Verna, Karen, Josie, Linda (CSC), Sue, Lashea and Gail.*

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 csccenter1991@gmail.com, or visit www.cscgs.com Please check out our Facebook page!

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Church at the Shores

Church at the Shores in Gulf Shores brought a large donation of food and necessities to the Pantry. We are grateful for the blessings! Thank you for choosing to partner with CSC in so many ways.

Pictured: *Mike Mueller, Lou Vick, Patty Bellis, Tina Cahn*

BICYCLES

**We need used, adult bikes in good, ready to ride condition!!
Used for transportation to work!**