# **COALITION NEWS**



Dan Daniels asks for donations

#### Pack the Pick Up Nov 21 Recap

Generous shoppers donated more than 350 bags of food during the Pack the Pick Up event on November 6 at the Southern Pines and Pinehurst Lowe's Foods locations. These donations assisted the Coalition to distribute food to 160 Moore County families during November and December. Thank you

to Lowe's Foods, Cooper Ford, and everyone who donated!

Food donations are accepted at the Resale Shops during regular donation hours and at the Client Services building between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mon-Fri. Top current needs are



Doug Leidy packs the pick up





Winter 2022

#### 2021 By the Numbers

How much of an impact does supporting the Coalition have in your community?

In 2021, more than 1400 individuals came to the Coalition for assistance. That's an average of about 5 people per weekday.

Food was distributed to more than 1900 people. Clothing was provided to more than 1500 people. More than \$233,000 was distributed in financial assistance.

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### New Volunteer/Veteran Refresh Training at Resale

The Coalition Resale Shops will be hosting Sorter/Shops Volunteer training days at noon on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> & Monday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Both days will be in the main sorting room at the Resale shops. We encourage all volunteers to attend one session. Please let Eli know which day you will be attending so we can plan for space & refreshments.



Sunday, March 6, 2022 12:00-2:00 PM Country Club of Whispering Pines 2 Clubhouse Blvd, Whispering Pines, NC

Enjoy a sampling of soups and desserts from area chefs

- \$50/person with choice of pottery soup bowl to keep
  - \$30/person admission for returning attendees. Limited number available.
  - \$10/child admission for children 10-15 years old
    - Free admission for children 9 & under

Purchase tickets online at **www.sandhillscoalition.org** or call (910) 693-1600 Option 5

New this year: A dine in and a carry out option will be available.

Sponsorship opportunities available!

#### TeamWorkz & The Coalition Feed the Homeless

On November 24, 2021, the Coalition teamed up with TeamWorkz for an event where 53 homeless people living in Moore County came to the Client Services building to eat a meal and get other items such as clothing and tents. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the event a success!

#### **Senior Food Program Grows**

The program launched in summer 2021 together with the Sandhills Food Bank to distribute food each month to low-income seniors is well under way. So far, 86 people have signed up for the program, and our goal is to reach more than 500 seniors.

Interested seniors can contact the Coalition Client Services office at info@sandhillscoalition.org to enroll in the program or just give us a call at 910-693-1600 opt. 5.

#### Get to know the Coalition Staff



Melissa Watford – Director of Development and Client Services

Joined the Coalition: July 2021

What do you enjoy about working at the Coalition?

"I am taking classes online and teaching online, so I enjoy being at the Coalition and interacting with the clients, volunteers and staff members. I also strongly believe in the importance of the work the Coalition does to improve the lives of our neighbors in Moore County."

How can community members best support the Coalition in their mission to "alleviate hunger and financial strains of struggling households in Moore County"?

"There are so many ways community members can get involved to support the Coalition. Donating clothes and household items to the Resale Shops, volunteering, or making a monetary donation. Supporting our Empty Bowls fundraiser in March is a great way to learn more about the Coalition and enjoy a bowl of soup from one of our great local restaurants."

#### **Client Services Changes to By-Appointment System**

In September, Client Services started a new system to screen clients over the phone and make appointments for in-person services. While every new system requires an adjustment period, feedback from the clients has been overwhelmingly positive. Reasons include shorter wait times, fewer requirements of documentation, and the option to complete the paperwork required to receive financial aid by email. As transportation is an issue for many clients, not always needing to drive to our building and being able to make an appointment in advance to decrease wait times are some of the positive feedback clients have mentioned to the staff.

While no one is turned away at the door, clients are encouraged to call 910-693-1600 and choose option 5 to schedule an appointment before coming in.

#### **Director's Note**

In 2022, the Coalition is looking forward to continuing to expand our current programs, especially the Senior Food Box delivery program. As we move into the Spring we are anticipating a growing need for volunteers to return to the Client Services building.

Other goals for 2022 include looking into installing a walk-in refrigerator and freezer so that we can increase the amount of fresh produce that we distribute from Sandhills Farm to Table and others.

Thank you for your support of the Coalition. We could not do it without you!

# Honorariums & Memorials

Thank you to those who choose to honor a friend, loved one or special event with a donation to Sandhills/ Moore Coalition! Your support helps provide important services to Moore County families in need.

### In Honor Of..... second half of the year

John Gaida by Margaret Owen

Marion Gaida by Gary & Kathy Evans

Jean & George Neil Margaret Rose Owen

Barrett Walker by Nancy O'Connell

Mary & Tom Cestone by Mary Bulger

All those who have received the covid shots by Jack & Sue Diffily

George Neil by Gary & Kathy Evans

Our volunteers by Artie & Linda Messbauer

Chris Nelson & Family by Mark & Gail Nelson

All volunteers by Tee Noggle

Curtis Braswell by Linda Braswell

Donald Mansfield by Bob & P.J. Van Laningham

Mr. & Mrs. Peter McLeod by Bob & P.J. Van Laningham

The Sandhills/Moore Coalition Volunteers by Chip & Margaret Dillon

Diane & Bill Minton Family by Kathy & Gary Evans

Glenn & Patty Camp by Dorleen Bakke Lynn & John Neal by Sandra & Kent Smith

Suzanne & Charles Bennett by Sandra & Kent Smith

Missy & Frank Quis by Sandra & Kent Smith

Dr. & Mrs. PJ Van Laningham by Janice & Peter McLeod

Dr. Steve & Martha Edgerton by Ann & Art Edgerton

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cooper by Joe and Vivian Harrington

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pate by Joe and Vivian Harrington

Molly & David Wilson by Winifred Crumrine & Jack Neiger

## In Memory Of..... second half of the year

Virginia McDannald by Vicky Jefferis

Shawn, Christa, and Rooney Kirk

Craig Lewis Melanie Rymer

Alberta Sattezo by Philip & Bonnie Colwell

Nancy Lee Lloyd

MarJeanne Harling by Emily Givans

Paul & Betty Jane Dunn

Jack & Sue Diffily

Nancy Davis

Ken SparkesbyJack & Sue Diffily"Chub" NintzelDorothy NintzelBick LongTed & Susan RayJon CraneCharlene

Jill Crane

Gary & Dickie Carter

Michele Smith by Jeanne Paine

### In Memory Of.....

Richard Reed by Jim & Glenda Hilderbrand

Pauline Dunham by Al Dunham

<u>Philip & Bertie Martignetti</u> by Tim & Nancy Howle <u>Charles "Mac" Long</u> by Tim & Nancy Howle

Priscilla Loomis by

Ray Lambert by

Charly Malone by

Stuart A. Kilpatrick by

Sally White by

Robert L. Welter by

Major Coxhill by

Frank Loomis

Barbara Lambert

Ted & Susan Ray

Norma Kilpatrick

James White Jr.

Gayl Welter

Rose Coxhill

<u>Hunter Hess</u> by David & Patricia Billingham

<u>Dr. & Mrs. Harrell Johnson</u> by Julie Johnson <u>Janis Brehm</u> by Trudy Koeze

Gail Tucker
Bette Rycroft

Richard Rycroft by Bette Rycroft

Joanne Stockhausen by William Stockhausen

Ricardo C. Gomez byBarbara GomezPeter Richards byMary RichardsEdward R. Burrell byNona M. Burrell

<u>JoAnn Pisacane</u> by Anthony & Irene Pisacane

<u>Tom Sheller</u> by Pat Sheller, Connie, Paul & Kristy

Hannah Marie BradshawbyJoe & Geri WalkerJohnny BurnsbyVance & Gloria CraneThelma HopplebyBonnie & Ray Dingman

Ray & Betty Graham Martin by Pam Martin

Ronald Tysinger by Sandra & Kent Smith

Lou D. Clay by
Marcia Becker by
Mark Becker
Susan Q. Kouns by
Dee & Bill Hanna
Terry Guttrich by
Bonnie Guttrich
John Roe by
Hugh & Enid Menzies

Janis Brehm by

Robert "Bob" Murphy by

Ken & Maureen Deceuster
Thomasina W. Murphy

Bruce Robson by

Bob Saenz by
Clarke Conlon by
Rosemary Hurt by
Ann Robson
Dale Saenz
Sally Conlon
Carol Graeter



Everyday volunteers from all walks of life give their time to make a difference to Moore County families in need. Volunteering has proven to decrease stress and anxiety while providing a sense of purpose and increased self confidence. We would love to have you join our team!

# Call or email us to schedule a tour and learn more!

#### **Contact Us**

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