## COALITION NEWS Sandhills/Moore

#### **Garden Revitalization**

On Saturday, May, 13, members of the Pinehurst Garden Club, Tin Whistles and Silver Foils planted vegetables for the Coalition to distribute to residents in need and Southern Landscaping repaired the irrigation system. Time to Grow!





**Summer 2023** 

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### **Expanding our reach to Northern Moore County**

Volunteers load up food boxes at Hancock's Country store. The Coalition delivers 220 boxes every month to help those struggling with food insecurity in northern Moore County.



### 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

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

For the first half of 2023, more than 1,850 individuals came to the Coalition for assistance.

Food was distributed to more than 2,820 people. Clothing was provided to more than 1,570 people.

#### Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who filled and sorted the pantry!





First Baptist Church collected and donated 2,900 pounds of food for our pantry and our wonderful volunteers sorted, reorganized and stocked items to make it more accessible. Thank you!

#### **Get to know the Coalition Staff**

#### Gary Melchin, Resale Associate

Having previously lived in Colorado for years, I eventually made my way to North Carolina, for the purpose of fulfilling my call to pastor a church. I currently live in Carthage, and since the work of the Coalition went along with my desire to help others, I became part of the Coalition team 15 years ago. I work alongside the other employees and volunteers, doing all things necessary to keep the resale shops operating, and to keep new donations



coming in. I pick up scheduled donations from homes and other locations in the Moore County area. I also deliver food boxes to senior citizens in need in all areas, including our newest delivery site in Robbins.

I enjoy working with the volunteers and other staff members to bring help to our Moore County communities. I am encouraged to see how much the community contributes to the Coalition, so together we can continue to reach out to help those that are in need. I am grateful for all the relationships that have been established with many that are a part of our community.

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

First let me say - Thank You to everyone who helps to support the Coalition. We could not do what we do without you!!

Thus far in 2023 we have seen a 68% increase in food distribution from our food panty and a 47% increase in clothing distribution over last year. The "senior food box" program continues to grow. We have delivered over 2,550 boxes of food this year to the doorsteps of seniors in our county. Each box is enough food to last a week or more.

Our goal to reach out to the Northern part of the county is being fulfilled. We deliver food to San Juan Diego church the third Sunday of each month and are offering client services while we are there. Dental care has been a great need. We are working to find a location in the Robbins area that will permit us to have a permanent client services office to better serve this region of the county.

Thank you again for all you do to support our mission!

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# Empty Bowls

A fundraising event to benefit Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care











#### **UPCOMING:**

#### **Blanket and Linen Drive**

To prepare for fall and winter, we are collecting King, Queen and Full size blankets for those in need. Please bring your donation to the resale shop on Pennsylvania Avenue.

### 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..... January - June 2023

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans in honor of John & Marion Gaida Pinehurst Garden Club – Magnolia Branch in honor of Ms. Sara Copeland

#### In Memory Of...... January - June 2023

Joseph Gaskill in memory of Alma Gaskill
William Bower in memory of Bette Bower
Diane Fleming in memory of Norma Turner
Caroline Eddy in memory of Cathie Nichols
Heather Bauer in memory of Vernon Crumpler
Delos Hanna in memory of Vernon Crumpler
Peggy & Kelly Miller in memory of Vernon Crumpler
The W. Harry & Edith Fullenwider Memorial Fund in memory of Janet F Cunningham



Everyday volunteers give their time to make a difference to Moore County families in need. We would love to have you join our team!

Go to www.sandhillscoalition/volunteer or use the QR code to learn more!

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