

# September 2024 Newsletter



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### Note From the Director

Kelly



Traveling down memory lane can be fun and bring back warm feelings. That is the case when Deanna, CPO Assistant Director, shared that she had found the original email from her reaction to her first day of volunteering at CPO (see below). Seven years later, who would have imagined we have seen and experienced all we have: including natural disasters and a pandemic. It felt good to share how much we still loved being part of CPO despite the years and the challenges!

But sometimes though, traveling down memory lane can be very concerning. **We served more than 2,600 families in August of 2024. The last time we had a number this high was in 2019. We also served over 10,000 people — the last time we hit that milestone was in 2015.** Each stat alone is worrying but together it is scary.

As a CPO team (donors, staff, volunteers), we will need to pull together to be prepared for whatever is thrown in our path. We are very grateful for a strong team that helped us through all we have handled so far and here is to making more amazing memories to look back on one day.

Take Care and God Bless!

Kelly



Monday, June 26, 2017

Dear Kathy,

I just wanted to let you know that I had such a great experience today. I would like to be put on a permanent schedule of Mondays and maybe Thurs. or Fri. (whichever you need filled). I worked in produce and it was a good fit, but I am willing to work wherever there is the most need.

Thank you again. It was a great day!

Deanna

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**Hours of Operation:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Friday & Saturday  
9 am—12pm

**We are now open ALL Saturdays  
for CPO food distribution  
CPO is open from 9 am—12pm**

### **Looking to volunteer:**

We are now using **Point** software for people to volunteer at CPO.

To sign up go to: [dash.pointapp.org](https://dash.pointapp.org)

Create username and password

Choose **Catholic Charities Raleigh for the organization**

If you need help in signing up contact our **Volunteer Coordinator Darcy Hull** (call or text) 919-847-1466 or email her at [CPOvol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:CPOvol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org)



# DRINK WATER AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Every dollar donated **up to \$50,000** will be matched by CPO Friends to fight hunger for National Hunger Action Month!

Last year, CPO distributed groceries to over

**100,000 individuals**

We need your help to continue providing this vital service.

## HOW TO DONATE

## HOW IT WORKS

### Online:

[CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/CPO](http://CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/CPO)



Click on the H2O for Hunger Logo on our homepage

### September 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

We encourage you to drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage to commemorate National Hunger Action Month. The money you save for one week will help the CPO Food Pantry feed hungry families. In fact, a donation of \$55 can feed a family of four for one week.

**The H2O for Hunger Challenge proves that one small sacrifice can change lives!**

**Call:** 919-873-0245 X 2300

### Checks:

CPO

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Please reference H2O for Hunger Challenge in the notes section



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**CPO Is a local benefiting agency!**



Details: <https://trianglencrop.org/>

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/trianglenc>

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

### Greater Triangle Area CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 27, 2024

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Most expensive vehicle to operate in 2023-2024



**CPO once again had a big month that was around 30% up from last August. Please pray that things become better for our clients in September!**

	Aug-23	Aug-24	% Inc
Families	2,058	2,634	28%
People	7,909	10,438	32%



### Volunteers Needed for CPO's "CPO Samaritans" Home Delivery

To better serve our neighbors in need, CPO has been piloting a home delivery program for those who are homebound or lack transportation. Due to demand /need, this program is starting to grow, and more volunteers are needed. We are in need of assemblers and drivers. The home deliveries are made on Wednesdays leaving CPO around 10am. Assemblers would be responsible for putting together the orders for the drivers to deliver.

If you, a friend, or family member has a couple of hours a week and are interested in becoming a home delivery volunteer, please contact Susan Hicks at [susan.hicks@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:susan.hicks@ccharitiesdor.org).




**CPO is still in DESPERATE need of toddler (2T-6T) clothing to provide to our clients and we need your help!** Currently, our racks and bins are not full and new families are coming to CPO daily. We need more clothing to help families who are in need with young children.

**Ways you can help source TODDLER (2T-6T) clothing:**

- Share with us the clothes your children and grandchildren have outgrown
- Encourage donations from Schools/ Church groups and Business drives
- Donate from sales — buy 1 for a child / buy 1 for CPO
- Make a request on Neighborhood, Social or Facebook Groups

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*Lisa Perkins, CEO*  
**Catholic Charities**  
**Diocese of Raleigh**



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Lisa Perkins to Receive  
Catholic Charities USA 2024 Management in Excellence Award

Each year, Catholic Charities USA recognizes individuals from across the Catholic Charities network for their role in serving the community. Included in the 2024 selection of award winners is our very own Lisa Perkins. Please see below for the announcement shared by CCUSA. Lisa will receive this award at the 2024 Catholic Charities Annual Gathering in Oklahoma City in September. More information about this award will be shared publicly in the coming week.



*"Catholic Charities USA is pleased to announce the winner of the 2024 Management in Excellence Award to Lisa Perkins, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh. This award celebrates supervisors and managers who work in Management and Administration roles throughout the network and embody the core values and mission of Catholic Charities through their leadership. Lisa's journey with Catholic Charities Diocese of Raleigh, from Regional Director to CEO, embodies her dedication to the agency and her ability to lead in blending an understanding of frontline services with executive leadership skills. We congratulate Lisa on this achievement."*

Dear Team,

I was so impressed by your work on my recent tour. you have a well organized process to assist those in need. I feel the love and respect you use to care for those coming through your doors. Keep up the great work!  
Sincerely,  
Dawn Stark



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