

# February 2025 Newsletter



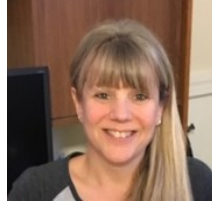
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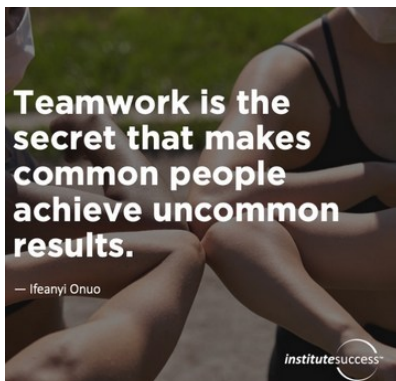


We are living in unsettled times; so many changes have happened in the last month that I find myself feeling so much all at once. Executive orders, plane crashes, return of winter snow, cold and flu season, etc. This makes me feel fearful of the unknown, great compassion for my neighbors, fatigue that comes from not knowing when our numbers will stop growing, pride and love in knowing that CPO is as strong as ever.

There are so many things that I do not know. What I do know is that I need to focus on what is in my sphere of control; I will continue to put my energies into nourishing our neighbors. I hope that all of you will choose to continue to do the same. We need everyone in our community for support more than ever.

I know that being a “Hunger Fighter” is my mission in life, my vocation! I have found a family and a home at CPO and I want to thank each and every one of you for that blessing. Please remember that there is always a reason to be hopeful and you are mine at this uncertain time!

***Teamwork truly does make the Dream work!***



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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)

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St Luke the Evangelist Catholic



Women That Care



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During trying times, teamwork is especially so important as we together can help those in need so much more than any one of us alone. Teamwork makes us all stronger. Below is an excerpt from a Thank You letter that proves this! Thank you Myra for coordinating this!

Dear Ms. Myra , CPO & those who played a role in adopting my family for the holidays:

Thank you so much for the generous gifts you gave us for Christmas. We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness! The toys, clothes, GCs you gave to my children... have been an absolute blessing... As I write this letter I am in tears ... CPO has been a blessing to us throughout the years .... but to think enough of our family to assist us for Christmas ... Your kindness means so much to us, and we are lucky to have you in our lives. This was indeed a Christmas miracle for me and my 4 children.

With Love, Kendra Woodard, Amaya, A'Ziah, A'layah. Atom II



Take a break to enjoy good food, friendly company, and learn how CPO provides help and creates hope for our neighbors in need!

**LIVE MUSIC - BAKE SALE  
RAFFLE - INDOOR SEATING**

**\$12 PRE-ORDER  
\$15 PLATE ON SITE  
BEEF HOT DOGS TOO!**



### OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor you will receive meal tickets (# dependent on sponsorship level) for the event, and have the opportunity to highlight your business or honor someone special to you! All sponsors will be listed on the website and at the event!



### CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you are a baker, have a favorite bakery item/ dessert recipe, and are interested in contributing to our bake sale, please contact Darcy Hull at [cpovol.coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:cpovol.coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org) — We would love to have your contribution!

We ask that items be boxed and delivered to CPO no later than Friday, April 25th, before 2:00 pm.

Questions? Please contact Kelly Rappl at 919-873-0245 x2300 Or E-mail: [kelly.rappl@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:kelly.rappl@ccharitiesdor.org)

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*Congratulations! On behalf of the Delta Dental Foundation (DDF), I am pleased to inform you that your Smiles for Kids request from Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry has been approved. In lieu of providing funding, we would like to offer your organization an in-kind donation of 1,500 youth dental kits.*

*We commend your dedication to the improvement of oral health and are very proud to support your efforts through our Smiles for Kids grant program. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

**Thank you Susan  
for coordinating  
our 2nd annual  
Smiles for Kids  
award**

Warm regards,

**Megan Schreier**  
(she/her/hers)

Program Officer  
Delta Dental Foundation

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*January's numbers are especially surprising since we were closed two extra days due to inclement weather of snow and ice as well as a holiday.*

*At this point we do not know how high is high and we are even more grateful for all those who support us in feeding the community. We need you more than ever!*

	Jan-24	Jan-25	% Inc
Families	2390	2,866	20%
People	9405	11,451	22%



## **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will once again be providing help with taxes:**



### Appointment Schedule

Saturdays

February 1, 2025 – April 12, 2025

Appointments available 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: 2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh NC 27604



### Scheduling an Appointment

1. Call Center is open M-F 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. / 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
2. Call: (919) 286 – 1822 or Visit the Online Website
3. Request the Raleigh Location

[Online Appointment Scheduler](#)

Visit [www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/cpo-programs/](http://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/cpo-programs/) then chose the "VITA Tax Assistance" tab for details

For questions, please email: [HispanicFamilyCenterVITA@gmail.com](mailto:HispanicFamilyCenterVITA@gmail.com)