



Newsletter - Summer 2005

A Newsletter for Friends of Friendship Trays

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From The Desk Of The President

A "devotee" is a person who is devoted to, or enthusiastic over something. In carrying out the daily work of preparing and delivering food to hundreds of Mecklenburg residents, our staff and volunteers give meaning to that term. Throughout this unusually warm summer, we have not experienced any flagging of that mission of serving those in need of basic survival tools. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

The Friendship Trays Staff has undergone several changes. Frances Query, who has worked with us in a number of capacities over the years, most recently with our donors, has resigned, although she will still be expressing her devotion by volunteering in the kitchen as well as driving a route. Steve Johnston will now be responsible for Donor Relations. Terry Taylor-Allen is a new staff member who has joined Jane Lea as a Volunteer Coordinator. We hope you will welcome them both!

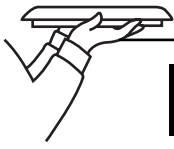
Three members of the Friendship Trays Board have experienced some health problems in the last several months. We are pleased to report that all three seem to be on the mend.

As Charlotte grows and expands, with your continued help, so will the Friendship Trays organization, and its devotees.

Jennie Holt

MISSION STATEMENT

To deliver daily, in a caring and friendly manner, balanced meals to individuals in this community who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain or prepare their own meals.



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Lucy's Message *Where has the summer gone??*

We continue to work diligently getting the meals delivered each day and processing the over abundance of referrals of new clients we are receiving so that they can be added to the program. The Senior Nutrition Program of Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, the other "meals on wheels" program in our community, is not expanding their service for the delivery of hot meals. In fact, they have experienced some tremendous funding cuts and have had to make some very difficult choices. We are receiving calls from everyone in our area in need of hot, home delivered meals! The good news is the word has spread and the name of Friendship Trays is "well-branded", as the contemporary jargon goes. The not-so-good news is our waiting list is skyrocketing. We need additional funding and we need **MORE** volunteers to create **MORE** new routes to address the need for **MORE** meals. Why do we need additional funding? **MORE** of those who are calling us for service live in poverty and are unable to pay for the meals.

How can you help us?

Tell your friends, neighbors, business associates, relatives, fellow church members, even strangers in the grocery line, that delivering Friendship Trays is a very meaningful way to spend a lunch hour. We welcome inquiries and new volunteers!

Did you know...

We have printed cards for drivers to use to hang on the door of a recipient who is not at home to receive their meal? Stop by the office to pick up a supply to use when necessary.

*The weather is **TOO HOT** to ever leave a meal **UNLESS** a well-insulated container is available in which to leave it.*

Lucy Bush Carter, Executive Director

FRIENDSHIP TRAYS RECEIVES LEADERSHIP CHARLOTTE AWARD

Friendship Trays has been selected to receive one of the five Leadership Charlotte Awards for 2005 – in the category for Community Service. We are extremely honored to have been recognized for our mission and to have been chosen as a recipient for such a prestigious award.

Leadership Charlotte is an independent, not-for-profit organization with the goal "to develop and enhance volunteer community leadership by providing a diverse group of emerging & existing leaders with the opportunity to increase their community knowledge, civic networks, & service to the community".

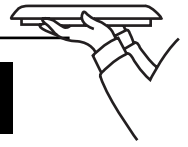
This year's awards presentation, on Thursday evening, September 22, at Johnson & Wales/Gateway Village, will coincide with the Charlotte Shout Culinary Arts Experience. We hope you will join us that evening and share in the festivities. For more information, either about the awards presentation or about Leadership Charlotte itself, go to www.leadershipcharlotte.org.

In The News...

Friendship Trays Chosen as a Partner by Prudential Carolinas Realty

As part of its commitment to local communities, Prudential Carolinas Realty has introduced a new program to benefit six charities in the greater Charlotte area. Prudential Carolinas Realty sales agents will contribute \$10 from every home closing until year's end to a designated not-for-profit group. Friendship Trays has been chosen as that designated charity by the South Park office, located at 4529 Sharon Road. "A few dollars from every home closing may not sound like a lot of money, but when we pool our resources together over the course of the year, we will make a substantial difference for the six local non-profits," Prudential Chief Executive Officer Robert Helms said. In addition to, but separate from, the financial support, the South Park office has been generously providing volunteers almost every day of the week to drive meal routes - covering routes on a regular as well as on a substitute basis. Thanks so much, guys!!

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Friendship Trays - June 2005 “Friend of Earth Fare” Charity

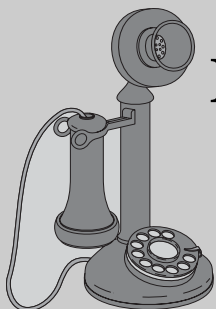
Friendship Trays was chosen to be the “Friend of Earth Fare” charity for the month of June. This is a program that has evolved over the years providing the organic supermarket with the opportunity to partner with their customers to promote recycling and, at the same time, benefit local not-for-profit organizations.

Here’s how the program worked: During that month, every time a customer used a recycled or canvas shopping bag instead of a new one, ten cents was donated to us by Earth Fare. Additionally, members of the Friendship Trays staff were at the North Community House Road store on Saturday, June 25, helping out as baggers and selling desserts from the dessert contest, which, at a dollar a slice, was also added to our contribution total - \$241.00!! Not bad for a month of recycling grocery bags!! Thanks so much to everyone for their good stewardship of our natural resources and thanks so much to Earth Fare for their generous community support!



Friendship Trays Benefits From Sprint Employees’ Food Drive

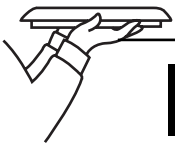
Think for a moment about how much 10,000 pounds weighs...now, think about how that would translate if it were 10,000 pounds of food...now further, think about how that was the amount of food collected for Friendship Trays by the employees at Sprint during their recent Let’s Tackle Hunger food drive! There was a lot of friendly competition to see which department could bring in the most food and best the bar set by the 658 pounds collected by the “Management Team.” It’s easy to see that the winner was the “Training Team” with over a tenth of the grand total – 1,000 pounds! Rice, flour, sugar, oatmeal, canned vegetables, big and small, - a really nice assortment of non-perishable food that will soon find its way into the nutritious meals that are so important for our recipients’ health and independence. Thanks again to all of the generous employees at Sprint!!.



Make Our Phone Ring...
Just Say
“Yes, I’ll Volunteer”

704-333-9229

In Memoriam
Bickett Hawkins
Volunteer Extraordinaire
Since 1986
November 10, 1917
August 10, 2005



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YOUNG PEOPLE HELPING OUT THIS SUMMER AT FRIENDSHIP TRAYS

A number of wonderful young people took the time out of their summer to come and work with us here at Friendship Trays. Here is a look at some of them:

Kevin Breheny, a rising senior at The North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics, spent most of the month of June here at Friendship Trays, working in the kitchen and driving as substitute driver. One of the graduation requirements for NCSSM is for students to complete 60 hours of community service work between their junior and senior years, and Kevin chose to donate ALL of his community service hours to helping out here at Friendship Trays. We trust he gained as much from the experience as we did from his good natured support!

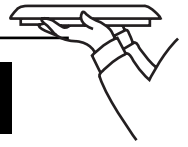


Emily Smith was our summer intern through the Stapleton/Davidson Internship Program. She divided her internship time between Friendship Trays and Loaves and Fishes and in addition to helping us with our waiting list, driving as a substitute driver, and answering the phones, she developed a collaborative hunger study questionnaire that was sent to 550 area churches to help us better understand food issues in our community. She has also written about her time with us this summer, which we know you will enjoy reading.

Others who were part of the team this summer were Presbyterian CROSS groups from Tennessee and North & South Carolina, middle-schoolers from MJ Dawson Catholic Heart Work Camp, 5th grade Vacation Bible Schoolers from Carmel Presbyterian, and youngsters from Charlotte Country Day camp. The caring and compassion shown by these young people should be a real inspiration to all of us!



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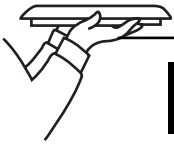
During my summer at Friendship Trays, I've spent time answering phone calls, bagging drinks, and driving routes. Through this whole experience, the most invaluable part has been the conversations I've had. Through talking to people on the phone and while delivering food, I have learned the value of listening to each individual's voice. I have learned that all people share not only a basic need for food, but also for fellowship.

Friendship Trays puts me out in the real world, face to face with the people who receive these meals. Some routes lead me completely out of my comfort zone to true poverty and run-down neighborhoods. Sometimes the routes carry me to wealthier areas, where money isn't a problem but where hunger needs are still great. My time at Friendship Trays has taught me that hunger does not look the same across the board, but that it affects people of all ages, races, and income levels. Through its purpose of caring for each individual, Friendship Trays has torn down barriers in my mind that had separated the rich from the poor and the hungry from the well-fed. Through the simple act of listening, the people at Friendship Trays have taught me how to value each person and what he or she has to say. Recipients might call to express their gratitude for the meals, they might call to request that beets are never delivered to them again, or they might invite you to come in and chat when delivering the food. Whatever these people have to say, I am thankful that working here has given me a chance to listen.

When I came to work here in June, I had no idea that each day would hold a new adventure. Whether that adventure involved getting lost on a route, hearing funny stories from coworkers, or answering phone calls about strange diet requests, no two days here were the same. Every day I've encountered someone who needs his or her voice to be heard. Besides learning that I'm not very good with directions, I've also learned that there is a great need in the world to listen to people. From the people in the office to the recipients on the routes, all people have unique voices and stories of their own. I am grateful to have been a part of this organization that not only satisfies hunger needs, but that also cherishes each individual's voice.

Emily K. Smith





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STATUS OF SENIORS INITIATIVE

Fostering a Senior-Friendly Community in Mecklenburg County

An expanding body of evidence exists, both anecdotally and empirical in nature, which suggests that older persons would benefit from being able to continue to live in their own residences as they age. And it should come as no surprise that, if given a choice, being able to do so is also the typical preference for most older adults – continuing in familiar routines and relationships, maintaining a sense of independence and control. And yet, while “aging in place” may indeed be the more desirable alternative, and arguably for society is the most cost-effective living arrangement, an aging adult may face many challenges in his or her pursuit of home-based autonomy.

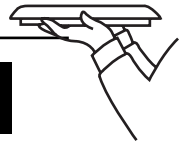
The Status of Seniors Initiative is an ongoing community strategic planning process that regularly reviews the quality of life for all seniors in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Its vision is to foster a senior-friendly community that values dignity and independence for all older adults. One of its guiding principles is that the community should allow seniors the opportunity to “Age in Place” whenever it is reasonably possible.

This “aging in place” philosophy is one that aligns exactly with our mission here at Friendship Trays: “To deliver daily, in a caring and friendly manner, balanced meals to individuals in this community who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain or prepare their own meals.” It should be self-evident the role that proper nutrition and meal preparation play in a population who physiologically are more susceptible to malnutrition. Food is basic. For the past 29 years, our Friendship Trays volunteers, whether by working in the kitchen or by delivering meals, have been on the front lines in the effort to help our senior neighbors “age in place”, remaining independently in their homes, not in institutional care.

However, demographic data show that, for the most part, our community is not adequately prepared for the enormous impact the cohort of Baby Boomers will begin to have on our community as they begin to age and need more services. Some important statistics from the Initiative: Here in Mecklenburg County, in 2000, there were 80,440 older adults; just a decade before, in 1990, there were 66,617. When the eldest Baby Boomers reach age 65 in 2011, just a short six years from now, the 60+ population is projected to be 12.8% of the total population and it will grow to 18.5% by 2030.

What does all this mean to you? It means that each and every one of us will soon be touched in some way, if we have not already, with the responsibility of caring for an older adult. This responsibility may be a direct one – a friend, family member, perhaps even oneself. It might be indirectly, as an employer or, at the very least, as a member of the community at large. Regardless, the need for meals will continue, as will our need for your support.

To read more about Charlotte-Mecklenburg’s Status of Senior Initiative, we encourage you to visit <http://statusofseniors.charmeck.org>.



LEAVE A LEGACY OF CARING

If someone said you had the “will” to save lives, touch the heart and souls of people, and feed the hungry of Charlotte forever, would you believe it? You Can!

When you remember Friendship Trays as part of your estate plan, your contributions help to ensure the continuation of Friendship Trays’ mission to nurture. The good news is that you don’t have to be elderly or wealthy to need a will. You do have to make arrangements on how you want the bequest made, but that can be done when you are preparing your will or making your estate plans.

Here are the top ten things you can do today to “**LEAVE A LEGACY OF CARING**”:

- 1. Prepare a will.**
- 2. Leave a gift in your will for the nonprofit and charitable organizations that make a difference in your life.**
- 3. Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your will to a nonprofit of your choice.**
- 4. Consider using assets for your charitable gift.**
- 5. Name a nonprofit of your choice as the beneficiary of your pension plan or IRA.**
- 6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming your favorite nonprofit as the beneficiary.**
- 7. Name your favorite nonprofit as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.**
- 8. Remember loved ones with a memorial gift.**
- 9. Encourage friends and family to leave gifts to nonprofits in their wills.**
- 10. Ask your financial advisor to include charitable giving as part of counsel to clients.**

For a Friendship Trays’ Planned Giving Brochure or other information on planned giving, contact Ken Saunders at 704-333-9229 or ksaunders@friendshiptrays.org

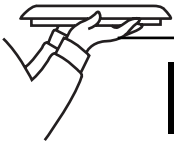


Moving? Let Us Know

If you give us a change of address, we can save **.70** per piece of returned mail.

Also, if you do not wish to receive our newsletter, please contact us.

Call 704-333-9229



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CONSIDER HAVING FUN WITH AN “EMPLOYER WORK DAY” HERE AT FRIENDSHIP TRAYS

It is a wonderful thing here in Charlotte, that a number of employers are interested in creating a work environment which fosters a sense of stewardship for their employees, encouraging them to feel connected to the greater community, being a part of helping make a difference in people’s lives. Friendship Trays is fortunate to be a direct beneficiary of this philanthropic mindset with what we call “Employer Work Days”. So far this year, groups from Wachovia, Duke Energy, Abbott Labs, TIAA-CREF, Vanguard, and Lending Tree have come in to be a part of the Friendship Trays mission. Doing so can take a couple of different forms, depending on the time allowable – some groups come in to work on the kitchen line helping to prepare the meal trays for the day, other groups come in to help deliver the meals by driving routes as substitute drivers, and other groups are able to do both, working in the kitchen, then driving routes, allowing for the opportunity to fully experience the magic here at Friendship Trays! That’s one of the groups from Duke Energy who were here earlier in this summer in June, pictured with Bob Williams, one of our dedicated daily volunteers.

Keep in mind that according to the March 2005 Deloitte Volunteer IMPACT Survey, 81% of those surveyed believe that volunteering in the community enhances an individual’s professional reputation and 86% feel that volunteering has a positive effect on an individual’s career.

Anyone who is interested in setting up a morning for their group to come in and volunteer, should call Jane Lea or Terry Taylor-Allen, our Volunteer Coordinators, at 704.333.9229. ext. 204.



FRIENDSHIP TRAYS “WISH LIST”

We are so fortunate as well as thankful for the on-going support of our donors and volunteers, many of whom so generously give of both their time and their dollars. It takes a SUBSTANTIAL amount of each, each day, to fulfill our mission of “delivering daily, in a caring and friendly manner, 700 balanced meals to individuals in this community who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain or prepare their own meals”. This number represents a 40% increase in meal production from just two years ago and, as Lucy’s message and the Status of Seniors Initiative report suggest, the need for additional meals will continue to grow and grow in the years to come.

It is critically important that we carefully manage the expense side of our budget to make sure that nothing is wasted and that we think in creative ways to best utilize our resources. We believe we have a responsibility to our donors, our volunteers, and our recipients to do so. To that end, we rely on our partners in the Nutrition Coalition – the Charlotte Community Culinary School and Community Food Rescue – to help us defray food costs with rescued food and cooking/kitchen support. It may seem just a small thing, but we reuse copy paper – re-copying on the other side and/or using it for scrap paper when taking messages. We even reuse the backs of the route sheets to take messages or write notes on!

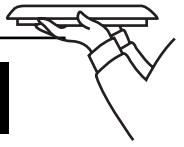
You, too, can help out in this regard by donating items that we use so that monies will not have to be spent to purchase them and can be used instead directly for meal production. Suggestions for such “wish list” donations that can be put to good use include:

Styrofoam coolers for recipient use, paper products – copy paper, paper towels, napkins, even toilet paper, Sharpie pens, dry-erase board pens, glue sticks, first class postage stamps.

Just the other day, young Elijah Packer donated non-perishable food and dollars that his friends gave him in lieu of birthday presents – very creative, very thoughtful, and very much appreciated!!

Lastly, you can help us manage our expenses by remembering to bring your cooler bag with you and/or **remembering to bring back the cooler bags you borrow!**

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Golf Tournament

Our Spring 2005 *Driving Away Hunger* golf tournament was held on Thursday, May 19th, at Birkdale Golf Club and was a great success! Thanks to all who participated either as a player or as a donor – or both! We were able to raise more than twice as much money as last year, which will go a long way in our being able to continue to serve those in need of a healthy meal!

Although the weather initially looked like it might not cooperate, the storms stayed away and we had an exciting time. There were 123 players who teed off at noon for the shot-gun start, Captain's choice format. Congratulations to all of our winners! The team of Jim Haun, Jim McKee, Rusty Charlton, & Alec Polites were the Champion 1st Gross winners with a score of 58 – Wow! Coming in for the 2nd Gross spot were the folks on the Anthony & Robinson CPA team – Charlie Saunders, Jack Anthony, Jason Robinson, & Adam Robinson. Net scoring winners were the Wachovia team of Palmer Wilson, John Berger, Matt Johnson, & Randy Wells as the 1st Net winners, Bill Seymour, Billy Flippin, Billy Worsley, & Holly Worsley who won the 2nd net spot in a “play-off”, and the First Baptist West team of George Bingham, Charles Mackey, Alvin Roland, & Timothy Singletary as the 3rd Net winners. Way to go guys!

Prizes were also awarded to “Closest to the Pin” winner, Anne Newcomb, and for “Longest Drive”, won by Jim McKee. It was certainly a good day for Jim!

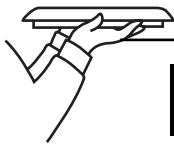
We want to especially thank our sponsors and donors, listed below, for their invaluable support to the tournament.

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Mr. Donald Toney

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to volunteer such as: drivers, kitchen helpers, distributors, cold meal baggers, office volunteers, fundraising and special events volunteers. Training will be provided as needed. If you have the desire and the time to volunteer, please let us know at 704-333-9229. We appreciate your help.



Donors 1/1/05 – 6/30/05

A Special Thanks To:

Fire Control Systems for donating inspection services of our sprinkler systems, range hoods and fire extinguishers.

Killo Pest Control for donating monthly pest services.

All of our dedicated and diligent volunteers –

Our auditors have estimated that 40,000 volunteer hours were “donated” to Friendship Trays last year. The Points of Light Foundation currently estimates the value of a volunteer hour at \$17.55, which translates into \$702,000 to Friendship Trays! WOW!!

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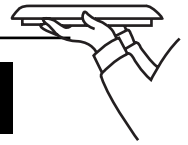
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