

Sandalwood Community Food Pantry

"BECAUSE HUNGER HURTS!"

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Dear WAHHI,

Your generosity has touched me deeply. As we entered 2026, our lines continue to grow as our new Pantry Families struggle with the rising price of groceries and the challenge for affordable food becoming a full-time job. We have also been feeling the pains of the increase in cost with the large variety of foods and basic needs we provide. During the Holidays 52 new families, who always managed to make ends meet, found themselves in need of help and are so grateful they found us. Thank you for your caring and kindness with your Grant of \$5,000.00 for Personal Hygiene, in these difficult times! On February 17th we will celebrate 17 years of serving our neighbors in need and I'm reminded of the chilly morning when I opened the doors for the Hungry at Sandalwood Terrace Apartments and fed the first 5 families. In 2025 we served 4,077 families and 13,031 hungry folks. Your support serving weekly, along with continued financial support, allows us to get dirty with dignity as we serve the least of our neighbors by simply lifting their hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits, as they move forward one day at a time with the hope for a better tomorrow.

We purchase local farm produce from our Gullah Neighbors that we distribute with our purchased fish, dairy, eggs and a variety of proteins & vegetarian meals from Pigly Wigly. Our USDA arrives from Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston, where we have been a quality agency since 2009, and is delivered with our salvaged foods by our partners at Second Helpings. We provide personal care items, laundry detergent, paper products & diapers. Our boutique offers brand new and gently used clothing, small appliances & housewares that make a difference. Stuffed animals, bi-lingual books & Birthday Bags along with Book Bags, filled with supplies for back-to-school success, are given to every child. At Christmas we just spoil them all & our clients are grateful to save hundreds of dollars for food & basic needs so they can pay rent & purchase necessary medications.

On March 18th we secured a 50 - year land lease with the Town of Hilton Head and

have begun the work of making our dream of building a Resilient Pantry a reality with a beautiful Conceptual Plan completed as we move forward with Permits! We look forward to the day we complete this build and finally have a safe place to call Home for we have learned from experience that, hurricanes, storms, and pandemics will come and go but Hunger is Never-ending! This Resilient Pantry will be able to safely serve many more Islanders healthy food and provide basic needs and life-changing services, for we know that people, much more than things, must be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed, but never thrown away because, we have always known, there are no throwaways. Your kindness allows us to keep our doors open and bring hope to so many who stopped believing hope was possible.

Peace, Love & Grace, Nannette

Rev. Dr. Pierson - Founder & Joyful Servant

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