

Chatham OutReach Alliance 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING A COMMUNITY WITHOUT HUNGER

CORA is a member agency of Chatham County United Way. 

Executive Director's Message



I am so pleased to introduce myself to the CORA family as your new Executive Director! As I start my second week on the job, I can truthfully say that I already feel at home. I have worked in the nonprofit sector for 25 years, focusing on health and education related issues locally, nationally, and internationally. I am delighted to have this opportunity to apply the lessons I have learned within a nonprofit that provides essential benefits to the people of Chatham County.

As you might imagine, I've got a lot to learn but feel fortunate to have input from wonderful staff, board members, and volunteers. Many of you have graciously taken time to stop by to say "hello" and wish me well. Please feel free to drop by any time. I welcome the chance to get to know each of you better.

Sincerely,



Melissa Driver Beard



SNACK! Ensures Children across Chatham County go to Bed with Full Bellies.

SNACK! (Summer Nutritional Assistance for Chatham Kids) served more than 1,100 children in Chatham County in 2017. This important program helps meet the needs of low-income children and their families in Chatham County who face hunger in the summer by providing them with nutritious meals and snacks when school is not in session.

CORA distributed more than **300,000 pounds of food** for 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and healthy snacks biweekly, from mid-June to mid-August. As the need continues to grow, we expect to serve more than **1,400 children in 2018! Did you know that a gift of \$150 provides food for one child for the entire summer?** Visit www.corafoodpantry.org/snack-angel/ to find out more.



New
E-Newsletter
**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

With our inaugural issue nearly complete and subsequent monthly issues already in the works, we are pleased to announce the launch of CORA's email newsletter. This will give the CORA community a great way to keep up to date on our work and will include articles featuring the people, programs, and projects that help us accomplish our mission. Please visit www.corafoodpantry.org or call Rebecca Hankins 919-491-5896 to sign up.

2017-2018 Impact

Chatham OutReach Alliance (CORA) is a place where the community comes together to help ensure that none of its neighbors go hungry. Thanks to the vision, generosity, and hard work of hundreds of individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations CORA is a thriving organization.

For CORA clients, visiting the Pantry can be a humbling experience. Many are facing the need for food assistance for the very first time in their lives. Having access to a greater variety of food and allowing people to choose which foods they want from our pantry shelves based on family size, dietary restrictions, and personal preference empowers people to make their own decisions and restores integrity to the process. From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 we had a big impact on the community. Check out what we accomplished!



CORA provided Chatham County residents 503,500 meals in 2018.

In 2018 CORA distributed 607,628 pounds of food.



CORA served 23,620 people in 2018.

In 2018, more than 2,400 Chatham County households received assistance.



Did You Know?

50% of Chatham County public school children receive free or low cost meals.

1 in 4 Chatham County children struggle with hunger.

10th North Carolina's rank in the nation for food insecurity.

14% of Chatham County fall within the poverty range.

The Gift of Time

In 2018, CORA Food Pantry engaged 316 volunteers who gave 9,292 hours of service. This is a value of \$229,419!





- Briar Chapel
- Bynum
- Carolina Preserve
- Chatham Forest
- Farrington Village
- Governors Club
- Highland Forest
- Mile Branch
- Potterstone Village
- Powell Place
- The Preserve at Jordan Lake
- Redbud
- River Forest
- The Preserve at Jordan Lake
- Westfall
- Bingham Ridge

CORA works together with many communities in Chatham County to meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. PORCH is an all-volunteer effort to collect food and cash donations through monthly neighborhood food drives for CORA. **We are so thankful for the following neighborhoods who donated more than 78,100 pounds of food to CORA over the past year!**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This spring, one group of neighbors really came together and had a huge impact on CORA and the families it serves. Carolina Meadows hosted its annual fundraising drive and raised more than \$27,000 in support CORA Food Pantry. CORA worked with representatives from Carolina Meadows and provided in-depth information on how CORA serves those in need in Chatham County through a presentation, our newsletter, and even a tour of the Pantry.



In addition to individual gifts, Carolina Meadows residents were also able to make donations from their monthly meal accounts. “Conscious of the needs of so many men, women and children in Chatham County, Carolina Meadows residents conducts a drive for CORA each year. We believe that we are all one family and that when some members experience need, the others should come to their aid,” said Bill Powers, one of Carolina Meadows volunteer organizers. In fact, throughout the entire year, Carolina Meadows residents have donated more than \$41,000 to CORA.

CORA’s ultimate goal is to end hunger in the community by soliciting, collecting, and purchasing food for distribution through their food pantry and a network of alliances, programs, and special events. “We are so blown away with the support we received from the Carolina Meadows community,” stated Rebecca Hankins, CORA’s Development Director, “they are a wonderful example how a group of people can come together and make a real difference.”

Upcoming Events



Monday, October 15, 2018

Governors Club, Chapel Hill, NC

\$150 per Golfer

The day will include golf, live auction, raffle, and an awards dinner.



9th Annual Chatham Empty Bowls

Sunday, February 24, 2019

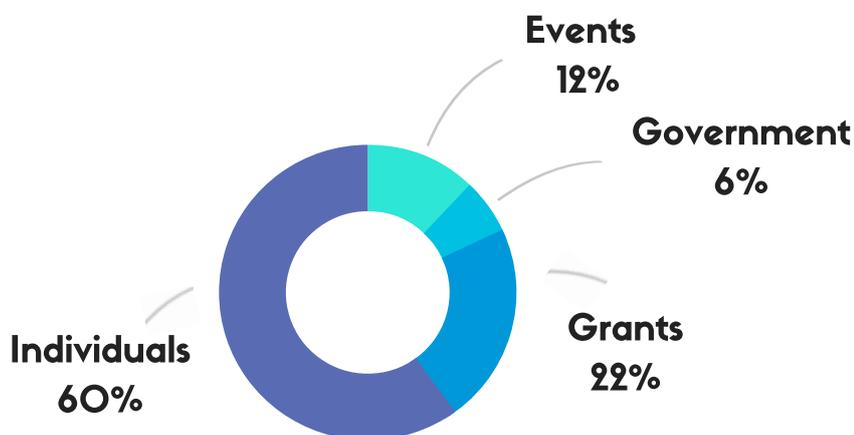
Galloway Ridge at Farrington Pittsboro, NC

This year's event will feature light hors d'oeuvres, delicious soups from local restaurants, fresh baked breads, desserts, and beverages.

Please visit www.corafoodpantry.org to purchase tickets. For information on how to become a sponsor or how to donate raffle items, please email Rebecca Hankins at Rebecca@corafoodpantry.org.

Financial Report July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Chatham OutReach Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide food to individuals and families within our community who are in need during difficult personal economic periods.



\$628,216 secured funds by source.

Become a Sustainer



Ensure that you make a lasting impact on those struggling with hunger in our community by becoming a Sustainer! The Sustainer monthly giving program allows you to easily help CORA year-round with regular monthly donations through your credit card or debit card. Please visit www.corafoodpantry.org/donate or call Rebecca Hankins at 919-491-5896 to get started.

Share the work of CORA with your friends and family!

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