

Bread of Life Ministry



Who we are:

Bread of Life is a food redistribution ministry operated by The Ship Outreach and Community Center, a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization located at 924 S. Blount Street in Raleigh. The Bread of Life Ministry partners with local churches to distribute food to needy families through monthly community outreaches. We currently provide food for two outreaches a month, serving about 1,200 people with canned food, frozen meat, bread and pastries.

Our philosophy:

Our desire is that none go hungry, and we work on the Biblical teachings of Jesus and what He said in Matt. 25:35-46: *“For when I was hungry you gave me something to eat...I needed clothes and you clothed me.”* We believe that the first order of helping people is to meet their physical needs where they are, as Jesus also taught: *“Whatever you did for the least of these my brethren, you did for me.”* Our desire is that more churches get involved in their communities to help those who are in need of food, clothes, a hot meal and fellowship.

What we do:

We operate a box truck six days a week to pick up bulk food from the Capital Area Food Bank and other sources. We unload the food at our storage facility located at Family Worship Assembly, 4219 Lake Ridge Drive, where volunteers repackage it into boxes suitable for distribution to individuals and families. We then store the assembled boxes until the morning of the next outreach, when we combine them with frozen meats and other perishable items and deliver the boxes to the church hosting the outreach.

How can you help:

You can help in any of four ways:

1. **Drive:** We need volunteers six days a week to drive our box truck to pick up food from donor organizations and bring it back to our storage facility until needed for the outreaches.
2. **Pack:** We need volunteers to pack boxes with various types of canned foods and dry goods such as **cereals, noodles, oatmeal, cake mixes, crackers, etc.** for distribution at the next outreach.
3. **Donate:** Our ministry incurs operating costs of around \$2,500 per month for food, gas, electricity and storage, and we receive only around \$800 per month in income. To address this shortfall and to enable us to support additional outreaches, we are looking for 250 people to commit to a monthly \$10 contribution to become “box sponsors.” For about the cost of a lunch out, you can help a family that may have little or no food at home eat for a month. (Partial sponsorships are available for \$5 per month.) You can donate securely on the *Meet the Needs* website at www.raleighmeettheneeds.org.
4. **Food Drives:** We need volunteers to set up collection sites in their churches for recurring donations of boxed dry goods (cereal, pasta, rice, oatmeal, crackers, etc.) to help reduce our costs in buying these items, our #1 expense. We also need volunteers to organize food drives in their communities to get food and/or financial donations, on a one-time or ongoing monthly basis. This flyer can serve as a means to get a neighborhood drive started just be approaching your neighbors and explaining what we are doing and how they can help.

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