

Feature Story



Karhuna's CORNER



"I had no idea!" It is a phrase we often hear after someone walks through our facility. What do you think of when you think of the I-58 Mission? Some think we are a warehouse from which we methodologically pass out boxes of food, but once you walk through the doors you know there's so much more to it. This is where relationships are built, needs are met, hearts are changed, and Jesus is King. We strive to know our people's names and stories. We look to meet physical needs and share the love of Christ. Isaiah 58 doesn't only command us to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless" it also directs us to "set the oppressed free." One way we do that is by offering a weekly devotional time. Local pastors are on a rotation; they bring the Word each Thursday. Through that time together, we see lives changed. As Anthony Novak says, "Food is just the donkey that Jesus rides in on." Giving our community more of Jesus is our number one goal!

YTD Distribution Through December 2023

182,746 lbs of Food
23,867 Clothing Items
6,931 Home Goods
4,044 Baby Items
64 beds



Pantry Stats Through December 2023

Each client shops for
specific household
needs
Avg cost per household
\$118 weekly;
Totals \$447,928 of food
per year

Our **FINANCIALS**

2023

The I-58 Mission was able to operate within an expanded budget during 2023. This is due to the gracious giving from all of our individuals, churches, businesses, and in-kind partnerships and supporters. I-58 now owns our property and facilities and can put the full focus of funding toward serving our clients and communities. The new Leadership is looking forward to a bright future.

2024

This year our key goal is to fulfill more of our clients needs. We will expand the offerings in the Food Pantry to include meat and dairy. We will increase beds and bedding for those with specific needs.

We feel God will enable us to fulfill this plan with increased support from all of our present and future partners. The needs are many in the four counties we serve.

Come along this journey with the I-58 Mission and see how powerful donations and volunteering can be.

GOD STORY

God is our provider! That may sound so cliché, but at I-58 it is a rock-solid truth that we stand on. I remember when we were just getting started in 2015; we had very few volunteers who came other than Thursdays. I was in this building alone for days on end. Here we are in 2024; our weekly average of volunteers is 51. Jesus has always given us exactly what we need when we need it! Our volunteers are family and they bring such joy to everyone who enters.



Looking **FORWARD**

Did you hear the news??? Southside Church paid off our mortgage to Senoia First Baptist Church! What an incredible blessing! As we use every square inch of this building, we find ourselves dreaming of what is to come. Please pray with us for provision as we look to expand and partner with other local agencies to offer more services to our community. We can't wait to see what the Lord does!

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