



Karhuna's CORNER



"The I-58 Mission was honored, in August, to be featured as the cover story in the "We Will Pray: Faith in the Marketplace" magazine. The August issue focused on community helpers. Debra Harris, the Editor-in-Chief of "We Will Pray," visited I-58 on several occasions. She spent time getting to know our ministry and felt it should be highlighted as an example of disciples and witnesses for Christ helping others. Debra included our I-58 Fact Sheet with our article which allows any reader the opportunity to see, specifically, what we offer our clients. The cover photo highlighted musical worship provided by volunteers from Trilith. The article focused on what we offer our clients with an emphasis on how we have expanded our services to offer a kit of supplies for those battling housing insecurity, a shower for anyone who needs it, fresh vegetables raised on site, and meat, milk, cheese, butter, and eggs added to our food offerings.

YTD Distribution Through June 2024

115,090 lbs of Food
10,600 Clothing Items
4,474 Home Goods
2,093 Baby Items
28 beds



Pantry Stats Through June 2024

Each client shops for
specific household
needs
Avg cost per household
\$120 weekly

Our **FINANCIALS**

We continue to execute our 2024 plan of providing additional assistance through our Food Pantry to the four counties we serve of Coweta, Fayette, Meriwether and Spalding. With inflation continuing and poverty on the increase, God has guided us to fulfill these needs for as long as we can. We are stretched financially each month as we serve an increased client base each week. The past four weeks we have provided for 5-15 new families each week. Each family averages 3.75 members.

Poverty averaged together for the four counties we serve is 14.12% (2020 census). As grocery and energy costs remain high, these 2020 numbers are probably low. The I-58 Food Pantry has distributed 36.9 % more in food in 2024. Year-to-date in 2024 this has increased costs \$85,690.

Please consider coming along and supporting us on this journey to serve those who are food sensitive in our community. You can donate to The I-58 Mission on our website by credit card, debit card or PayPal. You can also donate with a check payable to The I-58 Mission or through your investment firm's Donor Advisory Fund. Please check out our weekly food needs on our Facebook page. We welcome all food donations from individuals, families and food drives from all organizations. Thank you for your support of I-58.

GOD STORY

God is our provider and His work is supported by local churches in our area. On August 26 we held a Pastor Appreciation Breakfast for 20+ pastors whose congregations provide money and food to fund our mission. Kathy Humphrey, of Turin Methodist Church, said "all of us together accomplish more." Jim and Sherri McRae of Overcome Church said, "We are honored to be in mission together." All the pastors and their mission leads prayed for what can be done together going forward.



Looking **FORWARD**

Thanks to our partners, the I-58 warehouse is complete and functioning well. We are now able to have storage space for non-perishable foods, clothes closet, home goods, baby room and special event items. The warehouse is functioning well with new industrial shelving that allows us to take advantage of bulk packaged donations, storage for our large community event items and our bed ministry.

This has freed up space in our main building to enable us to operate more efficiently in all areas of the Ministry. The main building has new improvements of shelving in the food pantry. We also now have a room in the lower level that enables us to provide some personal services and counseling to our clients in private.

Thank you to all the donors, contractors, volunteers and others who made all of this possible for I-58. The needs are great but you, the givers, are amazing.

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