



Help & Hope for the Hungry, the Homeless & the Hurting

Welcome Back!

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Over the years, Loaves & Fishes has been blessed to have a top-notch staff comprised of talented, experienced, dedicated, and caring individuals to carry on its mission of providing help for the hungry, the homeless, and the hurting in the communities we serve.

But like many non-profit organizations, Loaves & Fishes has a limited budget for staffing, and we

must rely on volunteers to help us perform much of the work that we do. Fortunately, we



have also been blessed with top-notch volunteers!

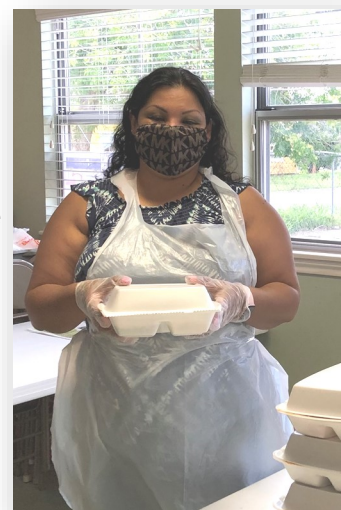
Volunteers are vital to the success of Loaves & Fishes. They bring us a wealth of knowledge and experience, and they provide invaluable help with administrative tasks, kitchen support, and basic inventory stocking.

Although, we were forced to limit volunteering opportunities

this past year due to the pandemic, we are happy to once again welcome volunteers.

Anyone interested in volunteering at Loaves & Fishes can call 423-1014 and ask for Yvonne.

"Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help" – Heather French Henry.



Our Mission

The Loaves and Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley Corporation shall be a cooperative corporation of those congregations and local denominational bodies (e.g. District, Association, Diocese, Region, Presbytery, Conference, Convention, etc.) which choose to participate. Loaves and Fishes' primary mission is to function as the "mission arm" of the member congregations in the Upper Cameron and Willacy County areas.

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Acts of Kindness & Generosity



Thank you Qualfon and TSA of Harlingen for putting together food drives to help provide much-needed food for struggling families in our community and those seeking shelter at Loaves and Fishes.



We would also like to thank Abraham Barrientes, owner of Las Jacarandas, an adult day care center in Brownsville, for his donation of towels for the men and women residing in our shelters.



HOMELESS PREVENTION

Low to moderate income renters in Upper Cameron or Willacy County may be eligible for rental or utility assistance through Loaves & Fishes' Homeless Prevention Program. Assistance may last for three months for eligible applicants facing eviction and utility cut off. COVID-19 Rental Assistance available. Call (956) 423-1014 for more information.



Community Support

First United Methodist-Lyford, Community Baptist Church-Port Mansfield, Bethel Lutheran Church, Progress Texas Institute, Troubadour International, Infinity Vending Service, City of Raymondville, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Calvary Baptist Church, 8th & Harrison Church of Christ, Palm Gardens Church, First Christian Church of Harlingen St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Rangerville Baptist Church



Call 423-1014 to remember the Endowment Fund in your will or life insurance policy.

Friends of Loaves & Fishes

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Loaves & Fishes
The Bread of Life
Dining Hall**

**The Open Arms
Homeless Shelter
The New Hope Job
Shop**

**Family Emergency
Assistance**

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*Thanks to the Angry Tias and
Abuelas of the RGV for your
generous donations.*

Dear Readers,

Loaves and Fishes is pleased to announce plans to create our very own garden! This much anticipated garden will allow our clients not only the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labor, but also to give back to others in our community. Gardening provides nutritious fresh foods and herbs, and promotes wellness for the body and soul. Loaves and

Fishes is asking for the community's assistance in achieving a sustainable garden built of love and efforts. Please consider donating garden materials or purchasing a raised bed dedicated in your name or that of your business. For more information or questions, please contact Recreation Coordinator, Kristen Farias at 423-1014.



And more great news — as of June 30th, Loaves and Fishes now recycles!

We have begun a new recycling program throughout the organization because we strongly believe that this will help us divert waste and do our part to reduce our impact in our community!

Thank you, readers, for being part of our journey as we continue to serve our community, our home for well over 30 years!

*From
Victor*

