



A NOTE FROM LOAVES & FISHES / FRIENDSHIP TRAYS

This Christmas you can help nourish our neighbors with food and compassion with your support of Loaves & Fishes / Friendship Trays. We provide groceries, meals and hope through a network of emergency food pantries and as the primary Meals on Wheels program in Mecklenburg Co.

It has been another busy year at Loaves & Fishes / Friendship Trays. Rising grocery prices and increased housing costs compiled with stagnating wages are the perfect storm for far too many in our community.

By the end of October, we had provided groceries for nearly 86,000 neighbors in our community. That's enough to fill up Spectrum Center four times over! That number also represents an 11% increase over the 77,000 (77,140) we served through all of 2021! Most sobering of all is that of those 86,000, half are children and seniors.

Together, with your generous support, we can be a community that accepts no excuses for our neighbors going hungry.

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