



Food Assistance Organizations and Programs in Camden County, Georgia



Purpose

To share profiles of nonprofit organizations who provide food assistance to the food insecure in Camden County, Georgia. Also, to publish a consolidated list of Government sponsored food assistance programs. The content and distribution of this document are intended to improve awareness, facilitate communications, and stimulate networking. Together, to increase and cultivate productive relationships that help remedy food insecurity in Camden County Georgia.

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Notes: (1) Some listed organizations provide other social and human services that are beyond the scope of this document. (2) Performance information, when listed, reflects data provided by the respective organization's POC. (3) No recommendation or evaluation is implied in this document. (4) At a minimum, this document will be updated and published each January. (5) You are encouraged to share this document; available at <http://helpingneighbors.weebly.com/>.

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this document is share food relief information applicable to Camden County Georgia. Specifically,

- To help the food insecure¹ (individuals and families) locate an organization, service and/or program that can help meet their immediate need for food to maintain health and wellbeing.
- To help people in Camden County understand the depth and scope of food relief available in our community – and the needs of these food relief organizations.
- To stimulate communications, coordination, and cooperation among individuals and food assistance organizations in Camden County Georgia.

You are encouraged to share this document with your friends and neighbors.

This document is available at the food assistance organizations listed in this document, other local nonprofit organizations' websites, and local government websites. In addition, you can obtain an e-copy of this document at <http://helpingneighbors.weebly.com/>; which also offers you the opportunity to provide questions and comments specific to this document.

With widest dissemination and your feedback, we can continue to improve the content and value of this document – designed to improve community awareness, participation, and utilization of services and programs that reduce food insecurity in Camden County Georgia.

¹ The USDA defines *food insecurity* as meaning “consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.” Food security means access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life. Although related, food insecurity and poverty are not the same. Unemployment rather than poverty is a stronger predictor of food insecurity.

Abundant Life Harvest Center

Service: Food Pantry + ² **Under Construction** (Call to determine status.)

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Indigent, homeless and individuals experiencing short term crisis situations.

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry is **Under Construction** (Call to determine status.)

Location: 121 Industrial Drive St. Marys, GA. 31558

Mailing Address: Same as "location"

Telephone: 912-882-9383

Fax: 912-510-9388

Email: jcrump.executiveasst@alhc.org

Website: <http://www.alhc.org/home.html>

Primary Contact: To Be Announced

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); EIN: 58-2525323

Tax Exempt Umbrella Organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes and offerings. Secondary Source – Food donations.

Primary Need: Offerings and nonperishable food donations.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Picture ID; Food Assistance Program Form; Once a month.

² Abundant Life Harvest Center (ALHC) supports the local community by providing a variety of social services. For details refer to <http://www.alhc.org/resources.html>. **Email:** dawson@alhc.org

Camden Community Alliance & Resources (CCAR)

Food Service: Mobile Food Pantry (Sponsor) + ³

Mission: To assist organizations in planning and conducting mobile food pantries in Camden County, Georgia.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: N/A - Documented in sponsored organization's profile.

Location: 1000 Pro Three Pkwy, St. Marys, GA 31558

Mailing Address: PO Box 5087, St. Marys, GA 31558

Telephone: Office – 912-882-7295; **Telephone:** Cell – 912-258-2277; **Fax:** 912- 510-5030

Email: edirector@camdenfamilies.org **Email:** CTGreen@camdenfamilies.org

Website: <http://www.camdenfamilies.org/welcome.html>

Primary Contact: Celenda H. Perry **Alternate Contact:** CT Green

Tax Exempt Status: 501 (c) (3); **EIN:** 58-2213460

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Contributions and grants

Primary Need: Contributions and grants

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: N/A – CCAR provides indirect support to food assistance organizations and events.

³ Camden Community Alliance & Resources in St. Marys fosters a community in which people progress in the skills, interests, assets, and health habits needed to live healthy, happy, and productive lives in caring relationships with others. The mission of Camden Community Alliance & Resources is to promote healthy, happy, and productive lives in caring relationships with others.

Camden Community Culinary Co-op. (4C)

Service: In development + ⁴

Mission: Working in concert with Camden County organizations to provide food to those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

Mobile Food Pantry: 500 Families (Dec.'13); Additional events planned but not yet scheduled in 2014.
(Call for details.)

Location: 106 E. Conyers St., St Marys, GA 31558

Mailing Address: Same as "Location"

Fax: None

Email: 4CMission@gmail.com

Telephone: 912-576-8048

Email: greggardell@restorationcamden.com

Telephone: 904-557-3379

Email: srpastor@stmarysumc.org

Telephone: 912-409-5272

Primary Contact: Pastor Greg Gardell

Alternate Contact: Pastor Dale Thornton

Website: <http://foodassistance4cga.weebly.com/> (In development)

Tax Exempt Status: 501 (c) (3) Application in process; **EIN:** To be assigned

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Grants and donations. Secondary Source – Food donations.

Primary Need: Organization is in development.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food Insecure - **Organization is in development.**

⁴ "4C Mission" is established to efficiently and effectively remedy food insecurity in Camden County, Georgia; to be managed in coordination and cooperation with other food-assistance programs and organizations. In addition to improving access to food, the 4C "remedy" includes counsel and education to help adults and families reduce risks and navigate lifecycle challenges.

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Camden County Board of Education

AKA: Camden County Schools

Service: Free Breakfast (for enrolled school children), Lunch Assistance (for qualified enrolled school children), and Backpacks (for qualified enrolled school children). +⁵

Mission: To provide nutritious meals and essential foods for those enrolled students in need.

Beneficiaries: Enrolled students that are food insecure.

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) Breakfast – free for all enrolled school students
- 2) Lunch – Free and Reduced Price meals based on family income and subsidized by USDA
- 3) After school snacks – Available for students enrolled in *Extended Day Program* (Elementary Schools)
- 4) Backpacks (After-school diet enrichment) – Provided by community partners and distributed at participating schools. **POC:**
 - a) Crooked River Elementary, 673-6995, Melissa Walsh, mwalsh@camden.k12.ga.us
 - b) David L. Rainer Elementary, 729-9071, Katherine Dixon, kdixon@camden.k12.ga.us
 - c) Kingsland Elementary, 729-5246, Liz Wilder, lwilder@camden.k12.ga.us
 - d) Mamie Lou Gross Elementary, 576-4800, Renee Spencer, rspencer@camden.k12.ga.us
 - e) Mary Lee Clark Elementary, 882-4373, Demaris Cullen, dcullen@camden.k12.ga.us
 - f) Matilda Harris Elementary, 729-294 (POC TBD) (Principle: hheron@camden.k12.ga.us)
 - g) St. Marys Elementary, 882-4839, Walter Spencer, wspencer@camden.k12.ga.us
 - h) Sugarmill Elementary, 882-8191, Laura Brendle, lbrendle@camden.k12.ga.us
 - i) Woodbine Elementary, 576-5245, Daydra Roberts, droberts@camden.k12.ga.us

Location: (Administration) 311 South East Street Kingsland, GA 31548. (Refer to listed website for individual locations of nine Elementary Schools, two Middle Schools, one 9th Grade Academy, and one High School in Camden County, Georgia. **Mailing Address:** Same as “Location”

- Also, go to “Schools Tab” at <http://www.camden.k12.ga.us/Home/tabid/15962/Default.aspx>

Primary Contact: Michelle Wright

Alternate Contact: Listed above.

Telephone: 912- 729-5687 / -8340

Fax: 912- 729-1489 / -4699

Email: mwright@camden.k12.ga.us

Website: <http://www.camden.k12.ga.us/>

Tax Exempt Status: Government Sponsored

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Government funded

Primary Need: N/A

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Enrolled students in need.

⁵ Grades Pre-K -12 education classes and programs

Camden County PSA Leisure Services

Service: Congregant Meals; Mobile Food Pantry (Facilitator) + ⁶

Mission:

- 1) To prepare and provide nutritious hot meals for seniors at Camden County Senior Center.
- 2) Upon request, to help food-assistance organizations in planning and conducting a mobile food pantry event in Camden County, Georgia.

Beneficiaries: Senior Center members and Food Insecure in Camden County, Georgia

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) PSA is partnered with **Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging** to provide a hot lunch and, if needed, transportation to the **Camden County Senior Center**.
 - **Location:** Ralph Bunch Complex, Georgia Avenue, Woodbine, Georgia 31569
 - **Mailing Address:** Same as "Location"
 - **Telephone:** 912-729-1945 **Fax:** 912-673-6957
 - **Email:** seniorcenterpsa@tds.net
 - **Primary Contact:** Darlene Bell **Alternate Contact:** None
 - **Website:** <http://www.camdencountypsa.info/seniors.php>
- 2) When requested, PSA works with **America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia** to hold mobile food pantries at its location.
 - **Location:** 1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, Georgia 31548
 - **Mailing Address:** Same as "Location"
 - **Telephone:** 912-729-5600 **Fax:** 912-729-2300
 - **Email:** psaleisureservices@tds.net (Attention: Ms. Shawnie Sahadeo)
 - **Primary Contact:** Shawnie Sahadeo **Alternate Contact:** None
 - **Website:** <http://www.camdencountypsa.info/>

Tax Exempt Status: Government Organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Government funded

Primary Need: N/A

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Congregant Meals – Senior Center Member; Mobile Food Pantry – Determined by sponsored organization.

⁶ Provides and manages recreation programs and community support activities in Camden County Georgia. For details, refer to <http://www.camdencountypsa.info/index.php>

Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority Inc.

Service: Provide nutritious formula or meals in conjunction with Early Childhood Education. + ⁷

Mission: To provide quality child care assistance; to improve the quality of life for children and families.

Beneficiaries: Families must be enrolled based on eligibility requirements. (For details, call programs' contacts listed below.)

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Via Early Childhood Education programs –

Contact: Giovanni Everett; **Telephone:** 912-576-5923; **Email:** geverett@coastalgaaa.org

Contact: Nina Bryant-Hunter; **Telephone:** 912-264-3281; ext.108; **Email:** nhunter@coastalgaaa.org

- 1) **Head Start** – Child care services provided to three, four and five year olds at *National Association for the Education of Young Children* accredited, licensed facilities – includes nutritious meals.
Program Office Location: Camden County Head Start; 1501 Georgia Ave., Woodbine, GA 31569,
- 2) **Pre-K** – Provides developmentally appropriate activities for four year old children – includes nutritious meals.
Program Office Location: Camden County Pre-K; 1501 Georgia Ave., Woodbine, GA 31569,
- 3) **Early Head Start** – Promotes early developmental learning for infants and toddlers. Children also receive nutritious formula or meals.
Program Office Location: Camden Early Head Start; 1501 Georgia Ave., P.O. Box 418, Woodbine, GA 31569

Organization Website: <http://www.coastalgaaa.org/>

Organization Primary Contact: Tres Hamilton

Telephone: 912-264-3281; ext.105

Email: thamilton@coastalgaaa.org

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-0973468

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Government funded

Primary Need: N/A

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Refer to “Our Programs” Tab at <http://www.coastalgaaa.org/index.html>

⁷ Through a variety of targeted programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start, Weatherization, financial education, energy assistance, food vouchers, youth leadership, mortgage, rental assistance and other services we help residents in improving their quality of life. Emergency Services programs assist low-income individuals and families with pressing immediate needs. <http://www.coastalgaaa.org/>

Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) of Georgia

Department: Coastal Area Agency on Aging

Service: Contracts with Camden County organizations that prepare and deliver *Meals-on-Wheels* and congregate meals + ⁸

Mission: To provide coastal area older adults and those with disabilities and their caregivers with information and access to meals and needed food assistance services.

Beneficiaries: Older adults (60+) and those with disabilities

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

1) **Meals-on-Wheels**

- a) (Direct Sponsor) Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging, 1181 Coastal Drive SW, Darien GA 31305; 800-580-6860 (Provided via contracted agency; one meal/day – M-F)
- b) (Referral Service only) Evergreen Baptist Church, Kingsland GA 31548; 912-729-3122
- c) (Referral Service only) Helping Hands Ministries - Share A Meal, St. Marys GA 31558; 912-882-5505
- d) (Referral Service only) Woodbine United Methodist Church, Woodbine GA 31569; 912-576-5457

2) **Congregate Meals**

- a) (Direct Sponsor) Camden County Senior Center, Woodbine GA 31569; 912-729-1945
- b) (Referral Service only) St. Marys Senior Citizen Center, St. Marys GA 31558; 912-673-6075

Location: 1181 Coastal Drive, SW, Darien, GA 31305

Website: <http://www.crc.ga.gov/default.aspx>

Primary Telephone: 800-580-6860 (For program information, screening, and access.)

Primary Management Contact: Dionne Lovett

Email: dlovett@crc.ga.gov

Alternate Management Contact: Loreatha Jenkins

Email: ljenkins@crc.ga.gov

Telephone: 912-437-0840

Fax: 912-437-0856

Tax Exempt Status: Government organization

Funding Source: Government funded

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: All eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers residing in Coastal Georgia will have access to information and services that promote physical health, mental well-being and options for living that ensure personal dignity and individual choice.

⁸ The CRC provides local and regional comprehensive planning services as well as specialized planning services in transportation, water resources, and historic preservation. The CRC also provides Geographic Information Services and Information Technology Services to our local governments. The CRC manages transportation services such as Coastal Regional Coaches. We also serve as the Economic Development District for Coastal Georgia.

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Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)

Service: Food Assistance Programs (Federal) **Mission:** To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Low income persons, elderly (60+), pregnant women and children up to age 6

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides low income persons with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. Under TEFAP commodity foods are made available by the USDA United States Department of Agriculture to local agencies: i.e. Food Banks, Soup Kitchen, and Food Pantries. (For details, refer to Profiles provided in this document.)
- 2) The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) helps supplement diets by providing eligible applicants with nutritious commodities at no cost; served by The America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Food Bank at 912-236-6750
- 3) The Georgia Food Stamp program provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several unrelated individuals living together who routinely purchase and prepare meals together.
- 4) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), commonly known as welfare, is the monthly cash assistance program for poor families with children under age 18.

Location: Camden County DFCS, 721 Charles Gilman Jr. Avenue, Kingsland, Georgia 31548-0068

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 68 **Telephone:** 912-729-4583 **Fax:** 912- 729-7969

Email: N/A

Website: <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/>

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:

- 1) TEFAP: To be eligible for distributions through Community Action Agencies or food bank member agencies, households must meet established income requirements. ("Income" means gross income before any deductions and includes, but is not limited to: wages, salaries, Social Security, public assistance, or welfare payments, unemployment compensation, pensions, etc.).
- 2) CSFP: To be income eligible, elderly, sixty years of age and older, must be at 130% of the Federal Poverty Level or under. All other groups must be at 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or under. An applicant who receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps (FS) or Medicaid is deemed income eligible for CSFP. Individuals cannot participate in both the WIC Program and the CSFP.
- 3) Food Stamps: Georgians are able to apply for food stamps online with Georgia COMPASS at www.compass.ga.gov. After the application is filed, you or a member of your household must be interviewed by a staff person from DFCS. The person who is interviewed must know about your household situation.
- 4) TANF: Cooperation with Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Services is a requirement of receiving TANF benefits. TANF Eligibility Requirements are defined at <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/tanf-eligibility-requirements>.

Emmanuel Empowerment Temple

AKA: Seeds from Love and encouragement

Service: Food Pantry +⁹

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need

Beneficiaries: Food insecure single mothers, low income families, and elderly

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry

- 1) First Thursday of each month; Noon to 2 p.m.
- 2) Emergency/Immediate requirements serviced as needed
- 3) 140 families/month

Location: 102 South Grove Boulevard, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: Same as "Location"

Telephone: 912-289-7740

Telephone: 904-624-0076

Telephone: 904-468-0312

Email: seedsofloveministry40@yahoo.com

Email: emmanuelempowermenttemple@yahoo.com

Website: <http://www.emmanuelempowermenttemple.com/>

Fax: None

Primary Contacts: Nancy Gbolo and Evelyn Christopher

Alternate Contact: Chris Moore, Pastor

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 26-2501061

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes and Cash Donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food insecure; local form to record name, address, and family members

⁹ Emmanuel Empowerment Temple also provides emergency assistance for clothing, utilities, etc.

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church (EMBC)

Service: Meals-on-Wheels (Share-a-Meal) + ¹⁰

Mission: To prepare and provide nutritious meals and essential foods for shut-ins.

Beneficiaries: Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) Prepared Meals: Wednesday (Late afternoon delivery); 100 (+/-) individuals/wk.
- 2) Meals prepared at EMBC kitchen and delivered by volunteers.

Location: 1365 Kinlaw Rd, Kingsland, GA 31569

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2035, Kingsland, GA 31569

Telephone: 912-729-3122

Fax: 912-729-6065

Email: evergreenmbc2@tds.net

Website: <http://www.embcministries.org>

Primary Contact: DR. LEON WASHINGTON, PASTOR

Alternate Contact: Kordel Moore

Tax Exempt Status: Not Listed

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes and offerings. Secondary Source – Food donations.

Primary Need: Offerings and nonperishable food donations.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Elderly and infirm (Shut-ins)

¹⁰ EMBC MINISTRIES listed at <http://www.embcministries.org>

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Faith in Action

Service: Prepared Meals (Last Sunday of Each Month) + ¹¹

Mission: To provide nutritious meals for those in need. "...to serve our Camden neighbors by having Sunday meals together, offering encouragement, God's love, mercy and grace to others."

Beneficiaries: Anyone: Homeless, displaced & migrant persons, elderly, children and adults.

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) *Faith in Action* serves meals prepared and donated by individuals: Last Sunday of Each Month 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.; 50-60 meals each Sunday, picnic style.
- 2) MAY 25, JUNE 29, JULY 27; AUG 31; SEPT 28; OCT 26; NOV 30, DEC 28.

Meal Location: Pavilion on William Street in Kingsland GA

Church Loc: 201 Kings Bay Road, Kingsland GA 31548 **Website:** <http://christchurchcamden.com>

Mailing Address: Christ's Church Camden, 201 Kings Bay Road, Kingsland GA 31548

Telephone: 912-729-6161

Fax: None

Primary Contact: Ms. Christy Raby

Email: craby1974@gmail.com

Alternate Contact: None

Email: None

Tax Exempt Status: 501 (c) (3): **EIN:** 20-8655848

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Christ's Church Camden POC: Sabrina Miles (Director of Administration)

Email: admin@christchurchcamden.com

Email: pastorscott@christchurchcamden.com

Funding Source: Meals are prepared and donated by local individuals and families

Primary Need: Meals prepared and donated by individuals; Volunteers

- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Provide and prepare food for the meals, help setting-up, help with the food serving line, help taking down after serving meals.
- **Faith in Action TEAM LEADERS** help make volunteering easy! Volunteers are expected to arrive for setup at 3:00 pm. The food servers are expected to arrive 3:00 - 3:15pm. Prayer circle time is at 3:20 pm and the meal begins at 3:30pm. The meal is usually finished and cleaned up by 4:30pm.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Anyone – No limits

¹¹ For information regarding other Christ's Church Camden activities, refer to <http://www.christchurchcamden.com/>

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- 1) **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, commonly known as welfare, is the monthly cash assistance program for poor families with children under age 18 – in Georgia for up to 48 months.
 - a) **Website:** <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/temporary-assistance-needy-families>
 - b) **Location & Contact Info:** Camden County DFCS; 721 Charles Gilman Jr. Avenue; P. O. Box 68; Kingsland, Georgia 31548-0068; (912) 729-4583; FAX (912) 729-7969
- 2) The Georgia **Food Stamp program** provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several unrelated individuals living together who routinely purchase and prepare meals together.
 - a) **Website:** <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/food-stamps>
 - b) **Website:** <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/>
 - c) **Location & Contact Info:** Camden County DFCS; 721 Charles Gilman Jr. Avenue; P. O. Box 68; Kingsland, Georgia 31548-0068; (912) 729-4583; FAX (912) 729-7969
- 3) The **Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low income persons in Georgia, including the elderly, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost.
 - a) **Website:** <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/emergency-food-assistance-program-overview>
 - b) **Program Info:** Under TEFAP commodity foods are made available to the states by the USDA United States Department of Agriculture. The states provide the food to local agencies they have selected for distribution to the needy. These agencies are Food Banks, Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries.
 - i) Food Banks subcontract with other organizations throughout the state, like food pantries and soup kitchens. Some food banks distribute food through brown bag programs to the elderly. Click here for more information.
 - ii) Soup Kitchens provide meals to the needy and the homeless on a regular basis. Soup kitchens receive foods from the local food bank in their area for a small handling fee.
 - iii) Food Pantries are any organization that distributes food to low income and unemployed households for home consumption. Food pantries receive commodity foods from the local food bank in their area for a small handling charge.
 - c) For more information on availability in your area, contact one of the food banks. For questions or concerns about TEFAP, please contact the state office at (404) 463-8042.
- 4) The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low income elderly, sixty years of age or older, pregnant women and children up to age 6 in Georgia by providing them with nutritious commodities and nutrition education at no cost.
 - a) Due to limited funding, **Camden County is not serviced by this program.** (American's Second Harvest; Ms. Allison Mahoney; 912-721-1794; 912-236-6750 ext.2041; amahoney@helpendhunger.org)
 - b) **Website:** <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/commodity-supplemental-food-program-overview-0>

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- c) Location & Contact Info: Camden County DFCS; 721 Charles Gilman Jr. Avenue; P. O. Box 68; Kingsland, Georgia 31548-0068; (912) 729-4583; FAX (912) 729-7969
- 5) Woman, Infants, & Children (**WIC**) is a federal program that serves women, infants, and children in families with income at or below 185 percent of the federally poverty level or enrolled in Medicaid; and who are at risk for nutritional deficiencies. Participant categories consist of pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women; infants and children up to their fifth birthday.
 - a) **Website:** <http://wic.ga.gov/>
 - b) **Website:** http://wic.ga.gov/pdfs/wic/WEBGWICEnglishAFL_2011_2.pdf
 - c) **Location & Contact Info:** 905 Dilworth Street, St Marys, GA 31558; Health Department; (912) 882-8515
 - d) **Location & Contact Info:** 1501 Georgia Avenue, Woodbine, GA 31569; Health Department; (912) 576-3040

Hidden Treasures Assemblies of God

Service: Food Pantry + ¹²

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry: 10 a.m. – Noon; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday;
30-35 Families/month

Location: 433 West King Avenue, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: Same as “Location”

Telephone: 912-729-2551(O):

Telephone: 912-322-2521 (C)

Fax: None

Primary Contact: Ricardo Arreola, Pastor

Alternate Contact: Lou Dyal

Email: pastorrick@myhtag.org

Email: loudyal@tds.net

Website: <http://www.hiddentreasuresag.org/>

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** Refer to Umbrella Organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: General Council of the Assemblies of God;

- 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 44-0577787 **GEN:** 1678
- **Information:** [http://rmdc.org/files/Resources/501\(c\)\(3\)%20Overview.pdf](http://rmdc.org/files/Resources/501(c)(3)%20Overview.pdf)
- **Location:** 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 65802
- **Telephone:** 417-862-2781 **Website:** <http://ag.org/top/index.cfm>

Funding Source: Primary Source – Direct food donations; Secondary Source – None.

Primary Need: Food donations

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Picture ID; Local form; once each 60 days.

¹² For other services and functions refer to <http://hiddentreasuresag.org/>

His Glory Soup Kitchen Inc.

Service: Prepared Meals, Delivered Meals, Food Pantry

Mission: To prepare and provide nutritious meals and essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Homeless, Displaced & Migrant persons, Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins, Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) Prepared Meals: Tuesday & Thursday 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: 30 eat-in meals/day; 30 take-out meals/day; 230 Home-delivery meals/ day (Shut-ins & Infirm) (Kingsland and Woodbine areas)
- 2) Food Box: 25 Families/month (limited to last Tuesday & Thursday of each month)

Location: 301A Kings Ave, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2506, Kingsland, GA 31548

Telephone: 912-576-1944

Telephone: 912-207-3978

Fax: None

Email: lindaworship4life@gmail.com

Website: <http://hisglorysoupkitcheninc.webs.com/>

Primary Contact: Ms. Linda Johnson

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 46-0834240

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Cash Donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need:

- **Food:** Meat, all canned goods, frozen goods, dry goods, sugar, tea, rice, garlic powder, onions, pepper, seasoned salt.
- **Supplies:** Three compartment to-go trays, paper plates, paper cups, plastic forks, spoons, serving utensils
- **Monetary Donations:** Please make checks or money orders payable to Linda Johnson and put The Soup Kitchen Inc. in the memo so it goes toward that specific ministry.

Also, monetary donations can also be sent to the America's Second Harvest account in Brunswick, GA. (134 Indigo Drive, Brunswick, GA 31525. 912- 261-7979.) The account number is 10148 and the account holder name is Linda Johnson.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food Insecure.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

AKA: Lutheran Food Bank of Camden County

Service: Food Pantry

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry: Wednesday 9a.m. - Noon and Friday 3p.m.-6p.m.; servicing 12-15 families /week

Location: 165 Camden Woods Parkway, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: Same as "Location"

Telephone: 912-729-6085

Cell: 912-467-1993

Fax: None

Email (Food Bank administrator): lutheranfoodbankofcamdencounty@gmail.com

Email: holytrinity@tds.net

Website: <http://holytrinitylcms.ctsmemberconnect.net/home-ctrl.do>

Primary Contact: Debra Duncan

Alternate Contact: Reverend Dr. Joel P. Meyer

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-1560670

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Grants, monetary gifts and food donations from our congregation, and food drives.

Primary Need: Monetary gifts and food donations

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: The food bank provides a 3-day emergency food supply and can be used once a month for each household. The Food Bank is available to all residents of Camden County. No proof of income necessary; just identification, and names and birth dates of family members.

Jehovah Jireh's Kitchen – Kingsland Georgia

(AKA: New Life Body of Christ Christian Church Inc.)

Service: Food Pantry + ¹³ (Refer to website for details.)

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- Food pantry service hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. – Noon and Wednesday 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Call to make arrangements for other days and times.
 - On average, five families served each month.
- For children that attend *Chosen Generation Youth Center* and during our *Community Outreach Ministry*, meals are provided.
- Three outreach activities conducted each year. (June, September, December – Call for details.)

Location: 440 South Lee Street, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5428, St. Marys, GA 31558

Telephone: 912-510-0387

Fax: None

Website: <http://www.nlbccc.com/>

Email: pastorpettus@gmail.com

Primary Contact: Pastor Matthew Pettus Jr.

Alternate Contact: First Lady Pettus

Alternate Contact: Elder Margaret Pettus

Alternate Contact: Elder Daniels

Alternate Contact: Deacon Rivers

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: New Life Body of Christ Christian Church Inc.

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); EIN: 38-3661103

Status: Public Charity (PC)

Funding Source – Primary Source: Tithes and offerings. **Secondary Source:** Food donations.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food Insecure. Sign-in Sheet for service.

¹³ To feed, clothe, and house people in our community. For details refer to: <http://www.nlbccc.com/>

Kingsland First United Methodist Church

Service: Food Pantry + ¹⁴

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry: Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; plus Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. – Noon; 130+ Families/month

Location: 120 East Williams Street, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: Same as “Location”

Telephone: 912-729-5445

Fax: 912-729-7360

Email: office@kingslandmethodist.com

Website: <http://www.kingslandmethodist.com/>

Primary Contact: Ms. Patrice Bengé

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: Not Listed

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes, grants and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Picture ID; once a month

¹⁴ Youth, music, and outreach programs: Refer to <http://www.kingslandmethodist.com/434889>

Lighthouse Church of God

Service: Food Pantry

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

Food Pantry: Monday & Wednesday; 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Please call prior to pick up); 20 families per month.)

Location: 3451 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway, St. Marys, Georgia 31558

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5176, St. Marys, Georgia 31558

Telephone: 912-882-5621

Fax: 912-882-7984

Email: cog.lighthouse@yahoo.com

Website:

<http://www.netministries.org/frames.asp?ch=ch07730&st=GA&name=Lighthouse%20Church%20of%20God&city=St.%20Marys>

Primary Contact: Tami Barnes, Secretary

Alternate Contact: Bobby Woods, Senior Pastor

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 37-1619621

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks;
Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Picture ID; local address; local record form; once every six months

Missions for Camden

(AKA: Camden Missions – Georgia)

Service: Food Pantry + ¹⁵

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Community Food Pantry: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 3-4 families/week. (Call for additional information. Program changes are in progress.)

Location: 455 South Lee Street, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1863, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Telephone: 912-673-8663

Fax: 912-882-7449

Website: www.Camdengamissions.org

Email: praisingthelord1@yahoo.com

Email: wtaylor@camden.k12.ga.us

Primary Contact: Rev. James L. Ham

Alternate Contact: Walter Taylor

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 51-0553468

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Donations from individuals and organizations in the community (churches, clubs, school groups, etc.); Secondary source – Donations of funds for purchase of food from local merchants

Primary Need: Cash and food

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food Insecure. Clients:

- Must fill out an application including presentation of a picture I.D., SS cards for all household members, proof of income or proof of registration with DOL, list of all expenses (rent, utilities, etc.)
- Must attend a budget class before receiving further assistance
- May only receive food every 90 days (intended as emergency help, not on-going)

¹⁵ For more than 20 years, Camden Missions has devoted its energy to passionately advocating for the hungry, needy and politically under-represented members of our global family.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society – Kings Bay

Service: We provide funds to help with a wide range of financial needs, including the purchase of food.
+¹⁶

Mission: To provide financial assistance and education, and other assistance programs and services.

Beneficiaries: Active duty and retired Navy Sailors and Marines, their eligible family members, and reservists on active duty for 30 days or more.

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) Financial assistance for the purchase of food
- 2) Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; by appointment.

Location: Naval Submarine Base Kings Base, Kings Bay, Ga., Building 1032

Mailing Address: 926 USS James Madison Rd., Bldg. 1032, Kings Bay, GA 31547-2532

Telephone: 912-573-3928

Fax: 912-573-3787

Email: kingsbay@nmcrs.org

Website (Global): www.nmcrs.org/

Primary Contact: Charon Whiteman

Alternate Contact: Beverly Cooper

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** Refer to umbrella organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 53-0204618

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society; 875 N. Randolph St., Suite 225 ♦Arlington, VA 22203

Funding Source: Fund Drives and Individual Donations

Primary Need: Volunteers – they make it possible for donated funds to directly assist Sailors, Marines, and their families.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Active duty and retired Sailors and Marines, eligible family members with military ID card, surviving spouses, and reservists on active duty for 30 days or more.

¹⁶ We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Services — active, retired, and their eligible family members — to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

Our Daily Bread Inc.

Service: Summer Food Service

Mission Statement: To prepare and provide meals to school-age children in Camden County.

Beneficiaries: School-age Children

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Meals provided from June through August (outside of school year).

2013 Schedule (**2014 Schedule To Be Announced – call for update**):

1. Greater Trinity United Methodist Church; 900 Osborne, St. Marys; Noon to 12:30 p.m. and 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.
2. Mission Forest; 999 Mission Forest, St. Marys; 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.
3. Royal Point, 301 N. Grove, Kingsland, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
4. Regency dba Colerain Oaks, 306 Ryan Drive in St. Marys, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.
5. Reserve, 1115 Colerain Road, St. Marys, 11 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 1 p.m.
6. Ashton Cove, 230 N. Grove Road, Kingsland, noon to 1 p.m. and 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.
7. Hilltop Terrace, 4059 Martin Luther Drive, Kingsland, 11:15 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 1 p.m.
8. Summer Bend Apartments, 935 S. Grove Ave., Kingsland, 11:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 1 p.m.
9. Satilla Villas, 1100 McDonald Ave., Woodbine, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
10. Camden Point Community, 955 Grove Ave., Kingsland, 12:15 to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m.
11. Pines Apartments, 119 Douglas Drive, St. Marys, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.
12. Paks — Camden, 851 N. Highway 17, Kingsland, 8:15 to 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
13. First African Baptist VBS, 945 N. Lee St., Kingsland, 8 to 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
14. Old Jefferson, 109 Pinehurst Drive, St. Marys, noon to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m.
15. Palmetto Pines, Scrubby Bluff, Kingsland, 11:15 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 1 p.m.
16. Mobile — Stump Mitchell, Intersection Stump Mitchell/Georgia Avenue, 12:15 to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m.
17. Cumberland Oaks, 100 Mary Powell, St. Marys, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.
18. Kingsland Lions Park movie, Grove Boulevard, Kingsland, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
19. St. Marys waterfront movie, waterfront park, St. Marys, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
20. Harrietts Bluff park movie, Harrietts Bluff Road, Woodbine, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
21. Howard Peebles Park movie, Gross Road, Kingsland, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
22. Dover Bluff/Spring Bluff Park movie, Intersection Dover Bluff and Spring Bluff Road, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
23. PSA movie, 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingsland, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
24. Woodbine city park, 110 Highway, Woodbine, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
25. Kings Grant, 201 Caney Heights, Kingsland, 11 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Our Daily Bread Inc. – (continued)

- 26. Wheeler Street Church of God VBS, 900 Wheeler St., St. Marys, 6 to 8 p.m., June 10 to June 14
- 27. Ebenezer Church, 100 E. Eighth St., Woodbine, 6 to 8 p.m., June 3 to June 7
- 28. Georgia Avenue Church of God, 740 N. Georgia St., Kingsland, 10 to 12 p.m., June 24 to June 28

Administration Location: 5524 Hwy 17 North, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: PO Box 659 St. Marys, Ga 31558

Telephone: 912-673-6418

Fax: 912-673-6418

Email: dawneggleston@hotmail.com

Website: None

Primary Contact: Dawn Eggleston

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-1911281

Sponsored by: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Funding Source: Primary Source – Government Funded, Grants, and Cash Donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Grants and Cash Donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants

Primary Need: Assistance with Transportation (Transporting Meals), Volunteers during the program and more participation from churches and groups to be sites for feeding children.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: School-age children

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Service: Food Pantry + ¹⁷

Mission: Detailed information withheld at organization's request.

Beneficiaries: Contact Church Office

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Contact Church Office

Location: 106 East Dillingham Street, Saint Marys, Georgia 31558

Mailing Address: Same as location

Telephone: (912) 882-4718

Fax: (912) 882-5845

Email: (Available via website)

Website: <http://www.ourladystaronline.org/>

Primary Contact:

Alternate Contact:

Tax Exempt Status: ; **EIN:**

Tax Exempt umbrella organization:

Funding Source:

Primary Need:

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:

¹⁷ Website: <http://www.ourladystaronline.org/>

Food Assistance Organizations and Programs in Camden County, Georgia

2014

Ravens of Elijah Food Ministries, Inc.

(Southeast Community Church Partner)

Food Service: Mobile Food Pantry; produce and subsistence-food delivery

Mission Statement: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Homeless, displaced and migrant persons, Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins, Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

1. Mobile Food Pantry (Produce & Bread): Friday 3-6 p.m.; 125 Families/week; 2,000-5,000 Lbs. /week at Southeast Community Church, 79 May Creek Drive, Kingsland, Georgia (behind Cracker Barrel).
2. Produce-Package Home Delivery: Friday afternoon; 35 Shut-ins in Kingsland and Woodbine.
3. Mobile Food Pantry (nonperishables): Twice a year; 500 Families each event; 25,000 Lbs. each event.
4. Bread and PB&J delivery to 30-35 Homeless every Sunday afternoon.

Location: Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: None

Telephone: 912-552-0621

Fax: None

Email: ravensofelijah@yahoo.com

Website: None

Primary Contact: Mrs. Odie Holland

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: None; **EIN:** Refer to umbrella organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: Southeast Community Church; 501(c) (3); EIN: 58-2643944

- **Primary Contact:** Steve Curtis, Pastor **Alternate Contact:** None
- **Telephone:** 912-729-8480 **Fax:** 912-729-7447
- **Email:** pastor@secchurch.com **Website:** <http://www.mysecc.org/>

Funding Source: Primary Source – Grants and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food Insecure

Restoration Church

Service: Delivered Meals (Brown-bags), Mobile Food Pantry + ¹⁸

Mission Statement: To provide nutritious meals and essential foods for those in need

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure school children, adults, and families

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

- 1) Delivered meals (Brown-bags): Sunday Afternoons; 325 meals to food insecure school children at five locations in St. Marys, Ga.
- 2) Mobile Food Pantry: September – June; location may vary; 240 families/month

Location: 600 Finley St, St. Marys, GA, 31558

Mailing Address: Same as “Location”

Telephone: 904-557-3379

Telephone: 912-674-6697

Fax: None

Email: greggardell@restorationcamden.com

Email: jordansizemore@restorationcamden.com

Website: <http://www.restorationcamden.com/index.html>

Primary Contact: Greg Gardell, Pastor

Alternate Contact: Jordan Sizemore, Pastor

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 45-4767000 (Church of Restoration Ministries Inc.; Kingsland, Ga.)

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes, grants and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Delivered meals to food insecure school children; Mobile Food Pantry – Picture ID – food insecure families satisfying USDA-TEFAP requirements.

¹⁸ Counseling - <http://www.restorationcamden.com/index.html>

Southeast Community Church

Food Service: Back Packs for Kids

Mission Statement: To provide essential foods for school children in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure School Children

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Weekly, serving 140 children each week.

1. Collect and purchase food,
2. Organize into backpacks, and
3. Deliver to Camden County Schools for distribution. Delivered every Thursday for issue by school on Friday for the food-insecure-child to consume over the weekend.

Location: 790 May Creek Drive, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: Same as "Location"

Telephone: (912) 729-8480

Email: officeasst@secchurch.com

Website: <http://www.mysecc.org/>

Primary Contact: Dawn Taylor

Email: cm4life@tds.net

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: Southeast Community Church; 501(c) (3); EIN: 58-2643944

- **Primary Contact:** Steve Curtis, Pastor **Alternate Contact:** None
- **Telephone:** 912-729-8480 **Fax:** 912-729-7447
- **Email:** pastor@secchurch.com **Website:** <http://www.mysecc.org/>

Funding Source: Primary Source – Grants and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash and food donations.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: School Children that are Food Insecure

Additional Food Assistance Service: *Meals Ministry* - For more information, contact: Debbie & Andy Lowe, (912) 729-3035, debbie.lowe@mercychefs.com.

St. Marys Senior Center

Service: Congregate Meals + ¹⁹

Mission: To provide nutritious mid-day meals for senior citizens. (A donation in any amount is suggested but not required.)

Beneficiaries: Senior Citizens (55+)

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Mid-day Meal; M-F (except holidays); 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; 20-30 people/day

Location: 120 Davis Street, Street. , Marys, Georgia 31558

Mailing Address: City of St. Marys, 418 Osborne Street, St. Marys, Georgia 31558

Telephone: 912-673-6075

Fax: 912- 882-6312

Email: Rindy.Howell@stmarysga.gov

Website: http://www.ci.st-marys.ga.us/department/senior_center/index/index.php

Primary Contact: Mrs. Rindy Howell

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: City of St. Marys Government Department

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: City of St. Marys, Georgia

Funding Source: Primary Source – City funded; Secondary Source – Grants and donations

Primary Need: Donations are accepted in any amounts.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Senior Citizen (55+)

¹⁹ Additional services provided through the Senior Center are: Social activities, transportation, Legal Aid, and blood pressure checks. For scheduled events, refer to http://www.stmarysga.gov/department/senior_center/monthly_events.php

St. Marys United Methodist Church – Helping Hands

Food Service: Food Pantry + ²⁰

Mission Statement: To help end hunger in Camden County through the distribution of food to poor and needy families.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure, Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 9 a.m. – Noon; 150 (+/-) Individuals & Families/month (Includes 25 home deliveries)

Location: 313 Ready Street, St. Marys, GA 31558. The entrance is through the back from the parking lot between The *Ray Building* and the Church Office building.

Mailing Address: Helping Hands, 106 E. Conyers St., St. Marys, GA 31558

Telephone: 912-576-2118

Fax: None

Email: helpinghands@tds.net **Website:** <http://www.stmarysumc.org/HelpingHandsFP1006908>

Primary Contact Tom Headlee **Alternate Contact:** David Franklin

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); Refer to umbrella organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: St. Marys United Methodist Church; 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-2591172

Email: srpastor@stmarysumc.org **Telephone:** 912-882-5505 **Website:** <http://www.stmarysumc.org/>

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes, offerings, grants and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash, food donations, toiletries, and volunteers

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: TEFAP Form 832; once each month

²⁰ St. Marys United Methodist Church actively places food stocks and prepared meals in the hands of those who need food the most. We are a partner of the *Together Coalition* and with *Church World Service*, ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) and MAP (Medical Assistance Programs) International; creating a sustainable agricultural food base in participation with the people of Northern Uganda. We work with a number of agencies which care for children who need protection and nurture (The Methodist Home for Children and Youth), for adults with special needs (Wesley Glen Ministries), and for adults who are post-retirement (Magnolia Manor), all located in Saint Marys.

St. Marys United Methodist Church – Share-a-Meal

Service: Delivered Meals

Mission: To prepare and provide nutritious meals for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure, Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

Share-A-Meal delivery – Tuesday and Wednesday; 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; within City of St. Marys, GA; 60 (+/-) meals per delivery day

Location: East Conyers St., St. Marys, GA 31558. (Not open to the public.)

Mailing Address: Share-a-Meal, 106 E. Conyers St., St. Marys, GA 31558

Telephone: 912-882-5505 ext. 0

Fax: None

Email: hholdensd@tds.net

Website: None

Primary Contact: Hollis Holden

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); Refer to umbrella organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: St. Marys United Methodist Church

501(c) (3); EIN: 58-2591172

Telephone: 912-882-5505

Website: <http://www.stmarysumc.org/>

Email: srpastor@stmarysumc.org

Funding Source: Primary Source – Endowment fund; Secondary Source – Food donations from local merchants

Primary Need: Volunteer Drivers

The Salvation Army – St. Marys Service Center – Camden

Service: Food Pantry; Delivered meals to groups (Occasional) + ²¹

Mission: THE SALVATION ARMY, AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure with emergency need and local child services organizations in Camden County.

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

1. Food Pantry: Monday – Friday, by appointment only, Specified Food Walk-In Days each month, Thanksgiving Food Deliveries each year with approved application.
2. Sharing frozen precooked food with needy organizations made available by local merchants.

Location: 1909 Osborne Road, St. Marys, Georgia 31548

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7470, St. Marys, Georgia, 31558

Telephone: 912-882-6658 (Social Services – Call for appointment – Listen to Recording for Monthly Service Updates)

Telephone: 912-882-2200 (Family Store/Warehouse) **Fax:** 912-882-4393

Email: charlene_sears@uss.salvationarmy.org

Website: <http://www.salvationarmy-georgia.org/SearchDetail.asp?Zip=31558>

Primary Contact: Charlene Sears

Alternate Contact: Felicia Kratzer

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-0660607 **Tax Exempt umbrella organization:** N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Grants, Cash Donations, Georgia Project Share, Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corp and money earned from our Family Store fund purchases of food from local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals, organizations, non-profits and local merchants.

²¹ The Salvation Army throughout Georgia is serving people every day of the year: From helping a family with a bag of groceries to providing a bed for them to sleep. For details, refer to: <http://www.salvationarmy-georgia.org/Display.asp?Page=programsthathelp>

The Salvation Army – St. Marys Service Center – Camden (continued)

Primary Need: Monetary, Food, and toiletries donations for pantry. In-Kind donations of household items, furniture, clothing and books help us meet our family store operation goals to help those who seek assistance.

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:

1. Complete “The Salvation Army” Client Form and Interview regarding emergency need.
 - a. Photo Identification
 - b. Social Security Cards or Birth Certificates for All Members of Household
 - c. One Month’s Income Statements
 - d. Unemployment Benefits Statement
 - e. Social Security, Disability and Food Statement Statements
2. One food box provided in a three month period
3. Lifetime limit: Five Fulfilled Emergency Assistance Requests
4. Exclusion: Everyone will be served in Disaster Situations regardless of past assistance requests.

Westside Baptist Church

Service: Food Pantry + ²²

Mission: To provide essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities: Food Pantry: Monday – Friday; 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 2-3
Individuals/month

Location: 201 South Dandy Street, St. Marys, GA 31558

Mailing Address: Same as “Location”

Telephone: 912-882-4904

Fax: None

Email: westsidebaptistchurch.pastor@yahoo.com

Website: <http://www.westsidebaptistchurch.weebly.com>

Primary Contact: Mark Gentry

Alternate Contact: None

Tax Exempt Status: Not Listed

Tax Exempt umbrella organization: N/A

Funding Source: Primary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants;
Secondary Source – Cash Donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants

Primary Need: Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants

Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Food Insecure, once per month

²² Community outreach – For more information refer to <http://www.westsidebaptistchurch.weebly.com>

Woodbine United Methodist Church

Service: Delivered Meals and Food Pantry + ²³

Mission: To prepare and provide nutritious meals and essential foods for those in need.

Beneficiaries: Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins, Food Insecure

Synopsis of Food Service Activities:

1. Free Lunches for Shut-ins and local residents: Tuesday
(If you need a lunch delivered, please call the church office at 576-5457.)
2. Food Pantry: Tuesday and Thursday; 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: 405 Bedell Ave (Intersection of Hwy 17 and Hwy 110), Woodbine, Georgia 31569

Mailing Address: PO Box 27, Woodbine, Georgia 31569

Telephone: 912-576-5457

Fax: 912-576-5784

Website: <http://www.woodbineumc.com/>

Email: wumc@tds.net

Email: pastor@woodbineumc.com

Primary Contact: Teresa Sawyer

Alternate Contact: Pastor Tom Dent

Tax Exempt Status: 501(c) (3); **EIN:** Refer to Umbrella organization

Tax Exempt umbrella organization:

- United Methodist Communications (UMCom) – 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 31-0839059
- Website: www.Guidestar.org.

Funding Source: Primary Source – Tithes and cash donations for purchase of food from food banks and local merchants; Secondary Source – Direct food donations from individuals and local merchants.

Primary Need: Cash, food donations, and volunteers

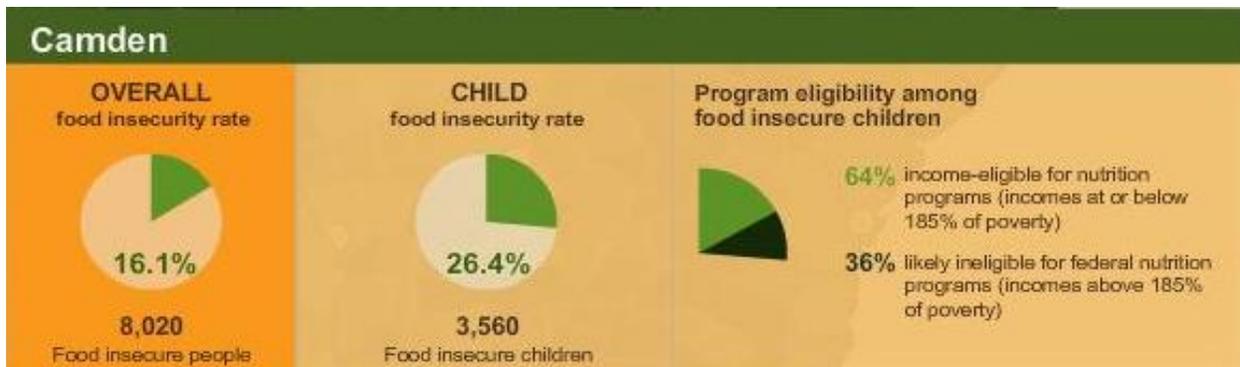
Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits: Elderly, Infirm, Shut-ins, Food Insecure

²³ Clothing Closet, Emergency Financial Assistance, and other social assistance programs: For additional information, refer to <http://www.woodbineumc.com/683271>

The Food Insecurity Challenge in Camden County, Georgia – Quantified²⁴

Food Insecurity: Food security means access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life. Although related, food insecurity and poverty are not the same. Unemployment rather than poverty is a stronger predictor of food insecurity.

The following chart displays best available (2011) public information regarding “Food Insecurity” in Camden County, Georgia. <http://feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/hunger-studies/map-the-meal-gap.aspx#>. The table displays 2012-2013 U.S. Census estimates of Camden County populations – with calculated numbers of people and households whose income is at or below the poverty level.



2012-2013 U.S. Census Data (Estimate) - Camden County Georgia			
Location	Population	% in Poverty	People in Poverty
St. Marys	17,606	14.70%	2,588
Kingsland	16,285	16.80%	2,736
Woodbine	1,412	25.18%	356
Unincorporated Areas	16,099	16.45%	2,648
Camden County	51,402	16.20%	8,327
Location	Households	Persons Per Household	Households in Poverty
St. Marys	5,917	2.81	870
Kingsland	5,720	2.71	961
Woodbine	481	2.55	121
Unincorporated Areas	5,897	2.69	967
Camden County	18,015	2.69	2,918

²⁴ The data presented in this chart and table are estimated numbers of people and households that are at or below the poverty level and/or are food insecure – before subsidies and assistance are provided. Most organizations and programs record numbers of people served. However, the effectiveness of the relief is relegated to anecdotal data.

Should I donate food or donate money? ...for your consideration.

Food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, meal delivery services and other nonprofit food assistance organizations generally have greater buying power than the average consumer. So, sure, cash donations sounds like a great way to help the food insecure. What's better than the multiplier effect?

But wait – not so fast!

Donating food provides something money can't – a donation experience. The time a donor takes to choose their donation, deliver their donation, and share their experience with a friend or family member has tremendous value. For parents and educators, a food donation can be a teachable moment.



But cash doesn't dent, spoil or expire, and cash donations allow the nonprofit food assistance organizations to purchase food in times when private food donations are low.

How much does a food-donation cost the donor? ...Full retail price.



Nonprofits can obtain food for pennies on the dollar.

But, let's be clear: No one is suggesting that canned good drives are bad, or that any community should end canned good drives. Many canned good drives have primary objectives other than ending hunger. They exist as an opportunity for young people to do a good deed for their community, or serve as part of some larger agenda in a church, club or other organization.

So, the answer to your question is...

YES!

Donate food if it moves you to act. Donate money if it inspires you to talk to your friends, co-workers and neighbors to help join in. However you stake your claim on ending hunger in Camden County, Georgia, your gifts will help the food insecure. (Source: Various websites.)

Food Assistance Information and Resources

- Information that you may find helpful to improve and grow your program to end hunger in Camden County, Georgia:
 - <http://www.endhungerinamerica.org/bio.html>
 - <http://www.endhungerinamerica.org/EndHunger.pdf>
 - <http://ncsu.edu/ffci/publications/2013/v18-n2-2013-summer-fall/mcclelland-bird.php>
 - <http://www.feedingamericawestmichigan.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/PantryGuide1stEd.pdf>
 - http://www.azfoodbanks.org/images/uploads/Food_Pantry_Best_Practices_-_Scoring_Guide.pdf
 - <http://www.austinfoodbank.org/partner/downloads/pantry-operations/organizing-and-operating-a-food-pantry.pdf>
 - http://site.foodshare.org/site/DocServer/Food_Pantry_Best_Practices_-_Scoresheet.pdf?docID=742
 - <http://www.foodbankst.org/usr/Agency%20Resources/Pantry%20Best%20PracticesNov42009.pdf>
- Example Food Assistance Organizations and Programs
 - <http://www.endhunger.org/georgia.htm>
 - <http://ga.nokidhungry.org/>
 - <http://www.helpendhunger.org/>
 - <http://georgiafoodbankassociation.org/>
 - <http://feedingamerica.org>
 - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/>
- *America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia*; Member Agency Services Manual: <http://www.helpendhunger.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/2012-Agency-Manual.pdf>
- *501 Commons* - A Resource for Nonprofits. A Partner for Philanthropy: <http://www.501commons.org/>
- *Georgia Center for Nonprofits*, www.gcn.org; erunkle@gcn.org, 912-434-1917 (direct)
- *Nonprofit Innovations, Inc.*: <http://www.npiinc.org/>
- Find a food pantry (1): <http://www.findafoodpantry.org/> (Add your pantry as you see fit.)
- Find a food pantry (2): <http://www.foodpantries.org/> (Add your pantry as you see fit.)



This list of resources is offered as a starting point for your research.

Distribution:

- Distribution: T1 – Camden County Georgia Food Assistance and Emergency Service Contacts and Organizations;
- Distribution: T2 – Camden County Georgia Government, Civic, and Spiritual Leaders;
- Distribution: T3 – Selected information-distribution hubs;
- Distribution: T4 – Individual distribution and sharing.

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