



# 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 and July. (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 to share food relief information applicable to Camden County Georgia. Specifically,

- To help the food insecure<sup>1</sup> (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 support and volunteer needs of listed food relief organizations.
- To stimulate communications, coordination, and cooperation among individuals and food assistance organizations in Camden County Georgia.

These food assistance programs and activities are managed by government, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations - often with interdependent rules and regulations.

In this document's *Table of Contents*, nonprofit and faith-based organizations are presented in alphabetical order. Government and public organizations and programs are listed at the end of the *Table of Contents* table.

You are encouraged to share this document in part or in whole.

An e-copy of this document is available to read and print at <http://helpingneighbors.weebly.com/>. This website also offers you the opportunity to send questions and comments specific to this document.

With widest dissemination and feedback, the content and value of this composite document will continue to be improved: designed to improve community awareness, participation, and utilization of services and programs that reduce food insecurity in Camden County Georgia.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.



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## **4C Mission (Caring & Connecting Community 4 Camden)**

**Service:** Via our cooperative, we provide food assistance directly to the food insecure using food pantries, mobile food pantries, and meal deliveries. + <sup>2</sup>

**Mission:** Working in concert with Camden County organizations to provide food to those in need. (Organization's primary support/focus is in the north end of Camden County.)

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure Families and Individuals

### **Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

1. Member pantries\* serve throughout Camden County on a scheduled and emergency basis.
2. Food related activities to build relationships with the food insecure population.
3. Collaborate with other community organizations and help coordinate and staff the Camden Hunger Hotline (912-409-6920).

**Location:** See Community Locations below

**Mailing Address:** 108 Nutgall Dr. St. Marys, GA 31558 **Website:** <http://www.4cmision.org/>

**Email:** [4CMission@gmail.com](mailto:4CMission@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 912-227-5256

**Primary Contact:** Ellen Holler

**Email:** [eholler@comcast.net](mailto:eholler@comcast.net)

**Telephone:** 912-576-3532

**Alternate Contact:** Deb Duncan

**Email:** [zigabra56@gmail.com](mailto:zigabra56@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 912-227-5256 (c)

**Tax Exempt Status:** 4C Mission - 501(c) (3) # 31391; **EIN:** 46-2773177

**Funding Source:** Grants, money donations and food donations

**Primary Need:** Volunteers, Money and Food donations

**Beneficiary Eligibility:** Food Insecure

**\* Community Location and Partners** – For more information, refer to profile sheets in this document:

- 4C White Oak Pantry @ Browns Chapel A.M.E Church (White Oak)
- Helping Hands – St. Marys United Methodist Church (St. Marys)
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Food Bank – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Kingsland)
- Camden Family Connection's Food Focus Group (St. Marys)
- Christ Episcopal Church (St. Marys)
- Volunteers (Camden County)

<sup>2</sup> "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.

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## **4C White Oak Food Pantry**

@ Browns Chapel A.M.E Church

**Service:** Food Pantry, Grocery Home Delivery + <sup>3</sup>

**Mission:** To provide food assistance to rural areas of the north end of Camden County, Georgia.

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure.

### **Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

1. Food Pantry on the third Friday of each month from 9am-11am
2. Delivered Groceries on the Third Friday of each month 9am-11am (elderly and disabled only)
3. Must pre-register each month by the second Friday- call 912-576-3122 to get the necessary form

**Location:** 344 New Post Road, White Oak 31568

**Mailing Address:** c/o 108 Nutgall Drive St. Marys GA 31558

**Website:** none

**Fax:** None

**Primary Contact:** Ellen Holler

**Email:** [eholler@comcast.net](mailto:eholler@comcast.net)

**Phone:** 912-576-3532 (H)

**Alternate Contact:** Patricia Washington **Phone:** 912-576-3122

**Tax Exempt umbrella organization:** 4C Mission; 106 E. Conyers St., St Marys, GA 31558

**Tax Exempt Status:** 501(c) (3) # 31391; **EIN:** 46-2773177

**Funding Source:** 4C Mission

**Primary Need:** Local Volunteers, Financial Support/Donations, and Food Donations

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<sup>3</sup> In association with 4C Mission.

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## Camden Connection (CC)

Also known as Camden Community Alliance & Resources (CCAR)

**Food Service:** Event Facilitator + <sup>4</sup>

**Mission:** Our mission at Camden Connection is to promote healthy, happy and productive lives in caring relationships with others.

**Beneficiaries:** Civic, government, and nonprofit agencies.

### **Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

- Funds the Camden County Hunger Hotline telephone service, staffed through volunteer leadership. Hunger Hotline: (912) 409-6920
- As Camden County's official agency for improving the lives of families and children, we serve as a liaison between government agencies, health organizations, faith communities, businesses and civic groups.

**Location:** 531 North Lee Street, Kingsland GA 31548

**Mailing Address:** 531 North Lee Street, Kingsland GA 31548

**Website:** <http://www.camdenconnection.org/>

**Contact:** Michelle Yarbrough    **Email:** [michelle@camdenconnection.org](mailto:michelle@camdenconnection.org)    **Phone:** 912-882-7295

**Contact:** Steven Sainz    **Email:** [steven@camdenconnection.org](mailto:steven@camdenconnection.org)

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

**Funding Source:** Contributions and grants

**Primary Need:** N/A

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** CC provides opportunities and support for other organizations to facilitate resource development and implementation.

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<sup>4</sup> Camden Connection supports, develops, and implements, collaborative approaches to improve the lives of Camden's children and families. CC provides opportunities and support for other organizations to facilitate resource development and implementation.



## Camden Missions

### A Missions-for-Camden Collaborative – Clearing house for emergency needs

#### Food Service:

1. Community meal every Sunday from 3 to 4 pm at The King's Village located at 451 South Lee Street Kingsland, GA 31458.
2. Meals provided every other Tuesday for veterans and seniors from 11 a.m. until noon.
  - A reservation is required.
  - Call (912) 673-8663 or email Camden Missions at [Camdenmissions@gmail.com](mailto:Camdenmissions@gmail.com) to RSVP.
3. We only provide pantry/package food when no other avenue is available. Our criteria must be met before any services are provided.

**Mission:** Assist those in need in Camden County, Georgia.

**Beneficiaries:** Those in need in Camden County Georgia.

**Location:** King's Village located at 451 South Lee Street Kingsland, GA 31458.

**Mailing Address:** Same

**Website:** None

**Contact:** Reverend James Ham **Email:** [camdenmissions@gmail.com](mailto:camdenmissions@gmail.com) **Phone:** (912) 673-8663

**Contact:** Office Administrator Christianne Martin **Email:** [christianne@endtimekingsvillage.com](mailto:christianne@endtimekingsvillage.com)

**Tax Exempt Status:** Unknown

**Funding Source:** Donations

**Primary Need:** Donations

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** Those in need.

### Church of Christ Food Pantry

**Service:** Monthly Food Distribution

1. Last Monday of each month: Noon – 2 p.m. (Prior Friday when Monday is a holiday.)
2. Up to ten (10) families helped each month – as food is available
3. Call in an emergency. For Food Mon-Fri call and leave message 10AM-4PM; Church building (912) 882-5800 or Pantry (909) 208-5942 (Ms. Dollie)

**Mission:** Assist those in need in Camden County, Georgia.

**Beneficiaries:** Those in need in Camden County Georgia.

**Location:** 1912 Osborne Road, St. Marys, GA 31558. (Across from The Salvation Army facility.)

**Mailing Address:** Same

**Website:** <https://churchofchriststm.org/>

**Contact:** Dollie Spivey    **Email:** [dollgas@gmail.com](mailto:dollgas@gmail.com)    **Phone:** (909)208-5942

**Tax Exempt Status:** Unknown

**Funding Source:** Donations

**Primary Need:** Donations

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** Those in need. No residency or income requirements. Short Intake Form to complete.

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## Eagles' Wings Judah Worship Center - Church of God

Bishop Patrick Ford, Pastor

**Service:** Monthly Food Distribution

**Mission:** To provide food assistance for those in need.

**Beneficiaries:** Food insecure

### **Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

- 1) Food distributed fourth Tuesday of each month 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 2) No food deliveries
- 3) Complete Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Eligibility form
- 4) 75 to 100 families assisted each month

**Location:** 300 N. Julia Street; St. Marys, GA 31558

**Website:** N/A

**Fax:** N/A

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/eagleswingsjudahworshipcentersmg>

**Primary Contact:** Lisa Mullins **Email:** [lmullins@tds.net](mailto:lmullins@tds.net) **Phone:** (912) 674-5627

**Tax Exempt Status:** Not Listed

**Tax Exempt Umbrella Organization:** Not Listed

**Funding Source:** Primary – Cash Donations for Purchase of food from Food Bank

**Primary Need:** Cash donations

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## First Baptist Church (Woodbine)

**Food Service:** Occasional<sup>5</sup> Drive-thru Food Distribution (Based on availability of food.)

**Mission Statement:** Distribution of food to needy individuals and families.

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure: Camden County residents in need of food assistance are encouraged to come to the distribution point. (Call or check web-site calendar to confirm schedule.)

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** *Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia* hosts a food distribution once each month starting at 10:00 a.m. (usually on the second Wednesday of each month).

NOTE: Those coming to the event are asked to enter from Cole Avenue and West 4th St. to minimize traffic congestion and help speed up the process.

**Location:** 300 W 8th Street, Woodbine, GA 31569

**Mailing Address:** Same

**Telephone:** 912-576-5216

**Website:** <https://fbcwoodbine.org/>

**Facebook:** [First Baptist Church Woodbine | Facebook](#)

**Pantry Manager:** none **Email:** N/A **Cell:** N/A

POC: Janelle Parrott; [fbcwoodbine@tds.net](mailto:fbcwoodbine@tds.net)

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<sup>5</sup> Based on availability of food from America's Second Harvest.

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## Helping Hands Food Pantry

A Ministry of [St. Marys United Methodist Church](#) and part of [Faithworks](#)

**Food Service:** Food Pantry + <sup>6</sup>

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

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** Food Pantry: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Location:** 100 Pine Street, (Suite B) St. Marys, GA 31558 (Off of Charlie Smith Sr. Hwy (GA 40 Spur))

**Mailing Address:** Same as “location” + **Alternate:** P.O. Box 2902, Brunswick, GA 31521

**Telephone:** 912-576-8105 **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/FaithWorksSoutheastGeorgia/>

**Website:** <https://faithworksministry.org/> **Primary Email:** [Helpinghands@tds.net](mailto:Helpinghands@tds.net)

**Pantry Manager:** Genia Roddy **Cell:** 912-674-6584

### **Tax Exempt Status:**

- St. Marys United Methodist Church; 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-2591172
- Faithworksministry.org: 501(c) (3); **EIN:**

**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, and toiletries.

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

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<sup>6</sup> The Helping Hands Food Pantry is here because too many of our neighbors are experiencing food insecurity. They simply do not know where their next meal is coming from. We started as an outreach effort as part of the St. Marys United Methodist Church. To help grow our reach into the community, in March 2020 we joined the FaithWorks team to transform this small food pantry into a vibrant Camden Ministry.

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## 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: Fridays 3 to 6 pm as a drive thru only distribution; servicing 20-25 families /week
- More info at <http://holytrinitykingsland.weebly.com/lutheran-food-bank-of-camden-county.html>

**Location:** 165 Camden Woods Parkway, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

**Mailing Address:** Same as "Location"

**Telephone:** 912-729-6085; 912-227-5256

**Email (Food Bank administrator):** [lutheranfoodbankofcamdencounty@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranfoodbankofcamdencounty@gmail.com)

**Email:** [holytrinity@tds.net](mailto:holytrinity@tds.net)

**Website:** <http://holytrinitykingsland.weebly.com>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069085765328>

**Primary Contact:** Debra Duncan      **Alternate Contact:** Patricia Hansen

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

**Tax Exempt umbrella organization:** Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS)

**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.

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## **Kingsland First Methodist Church**

Harvest House food pantry

**Service:** Food Pantry + <sup>7</sup>

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

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** Food Pantry: Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - Noon; 130+ Families/month

**Location:** 120 East Williams Street, Kingsland, Georgia 31548      **Mailing Address:** Same as "Location"

**Primary Contact:** Gina

**Alternate Contact:** Tom Turner

**Telephone:** 912-729-5445

**Fax:** 912-729-7360

**Email:** [office@kingslandfmc.org](mailto:office@kingslandfmc.org)

**Website:** <http://www.kingslandfmc.org/>

**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

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<sup>7</sup> Youth, music, and outreach programs: Refer to <http://kingslandfmc.org/>

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## New Life Body of Christ Christian Church

(AKA: The Community Office – Kingsland Georgia)

**Service:** “Blessing (Food) Box”

New Life Body of Christ Christian Church works and operates at the Community Office. The Community Office is located at 291 N Lee St Suite A, Kingsland Ga. We maintain a Blessing Box containing food and personal items, available to anyone 24 hours a day seven days a week. This box is outside of our office. The Community Office operates as the church without walls, as Pastor Matthew Pettus as Senior Pastor.

**Mission:** The Community Office in downtown Kingsland. Community Office is a non-profit organization that is reaching out to help others and to empower the lives of the people in our community. Pastor Matthew Pettus serves as the Spiritual Counselor and his Sister Margaret Pettus as the Life Advisor.

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** We maintain the “Blessing Box” at 291 N Lee St., Kingsland Ga. This box is full of food and other items, free for taking by anyone in our community.

**Location:** 291 N Lee St., Suite A, Kingsland, Ga 31548

**Mailing Address:** Same as location

**Website:** <https://the-community-office.business.site/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pastorpettus>

**Contact:** Pastor Matthew Pettus Jr.      **Email:** [Pettusoffice2021@gmail.com](mailto:Pettusoffice2021@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 912-510-0387      **Alternate Contacts:** First Lady Mattie Pettus; Elder Margaret Pettus

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, offerings, monetary donations and food

**Primary Need:** Donations for “Blessing Box” and financial operations support.

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** None.



## **Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church**

**Service:** Food Pantry + <sup>8</sup>

**Mission:** Food assistance for those in need.

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 9:00 a.m. – noon; 70+ Families/month served

**Location:** 106 East Dillingham Street, St. Marys, Georgia 31558

**Mailing Address:** Same as location

**Telephone:** (912) 882-4718

**Fax:** (912) 882-5845

**Email:** [office@weareolss.org](mailto:office@weareolss.org)

**Website:** <http://www.weareolss.org/>

**Primary Contact:** (Refer to website)

**Alternate Contact:** None

**Tax Exempt Status:** **EIN:** Information withheld at organization's request.

**Tax Exempt umbrella organization:**

**Funding Source:** (Contact Office)

**Primary Need:** (Contact Office)

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:**

- Photo ID
- Recipients can get food once a month.

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<sup>8</sup> Website: <http://www.weareolss.org/>

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## Ravens of Elijah Food Ministries Inc.

**Food Service:** Food Pantry **Mission Statement:** To provide supplemental food for those in need in Camden County, Georgia with compassion and love without judgement.

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

### Synopsis of Food Service Activities:



Ravens is moving!  
Beginning February 7, 2023  
**New location: 130 Scrubby Bluff Rd.  
Kingsland, GA**  
New hours and days:  
Tue, Wed, Thu **Noon to 4 PM**  
**Tuesday:** Woodbine, White Oak, Waverly  
**Wednesday:** Kingsland  
**Thursday:** Saint Marys  
Please come **ONLY** on the appointed day for  
your area, and do not arrive before 11:30 AM  
**ID required for residency only!**  
No more drive-thru!  
Come in and shop for your needs!

Contact: Odie Holland 912-552-0621  
Email: [ravensofelijah@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensofelijah@yahoo.com)  
[www.facebook.com/ravensofelijah](http://www.facebook.com/ravensofelijah)

**Mailing Address:** 130 Scrubby Bluff Rd.  
Kingsland, GA

**Contact:** Mrs. Odie Holland **Cell:** 912-552-0621

**Email:** [ravensofelijah@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensofelijah@yahoo.com)

**Webste:**

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/ravensofelijah>

**Tax Exempt Status:** We are a local 501c3 non-profit charitable organization serving Camden County.

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/176945>

**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. Also, seeking **volunteers** who can help with parking lot/traffic control and food sorting/distribution Please call Odie at 912-322-7677. Prefer people willing to volunteer on a weekly basis.

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** Food Insecure.

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## Restoration Church

**Service:** Call for schedules and details: 912-674-6697

**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) (Community Food Bank) Free food items are given out on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to Noon at the church. Anyone can come to receive the food items they need.
- 2) Brown Bag is our weekly food ministry. We package up simple lunches in brown bags and distribute them out to many of the surrounding low-income areas in town. Sunday afternoons; 400 meals to food insecure school children at five locations in St. Marys, GA.

**Location:** 2475 Village Drive, Kingsland, GA. 31548 (Shopping Plaza in front of Mariner's Landing)

**Mailing Address:** Same as "Location"

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

Food Pantry: [FoodPantry@RestorationCamden.com](mailto:FoodPantry@RestorationCamden.com)

**Primary Contact:** Greg Gardell **Email:** [greggardell@restorationcamden.com](mailto:greggardell@restorationcamden.com) **Phone:** 904-557-3379

**Alternate:** Jordan Sizemore **Email:** [jordansizemore@restorationcamden.com](mailto:jordansizemore@restorationcamden.com) **Phone:** 912-674-6697

**Alternate:** Curt Harper **Email:** [curtharper@restorationcamden.com](mailto:curtharper@restorationcamden.com) **Phone:** 912-278-0213

**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; Food Pantry – Picture ID – food insecure families satisfying USDA-TEFAP requirements.

## St. Marys 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; 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; within City of St. Marys, GA; 80 (+/-) 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

**Primary Contact:** Tricia (Church Secretary)      **Email:** [office@stmarysmethodist.org](mailto:office@stmarysmethodist.org)

**Phone:** 912-882-5505 ext. 0      **Website:** <https://www.stmarysmethodist.org>

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

**Tax Exempt umbrella organization:** St. Marys Methodist Church

**501(c) (3); EIN:** 58-2591172      **Telephone:** 912-882-5505

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

**Primary Need:** Volunteer Drivers for food delivery.

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## **The Salvation Army – St. Marys Service Center – Camden**

**Service:** Share donated food with other Pantries (Occasional)

**Mission:** THE SALVATION ARMY, AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** Call for details: 912-882-6658.

**Location:** 1909 Osborne Road, St. Marys, Georgia 31558

**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)

**Email:** [Alise.Pate@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Alise.Pate@uss.salvationarmy.org)

**Website:** <http://salvationarmygeorgia.org/st-marys/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Salvation-Army-St-Marys-112653088775228/>

**Primary Contact:** Alise Pate

**Alternate Contact:** TBA

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

**Funding Source:** Grants, cash donations, Georgia Project Share, Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corp, and money earned from Family Store sales.

**Primary Need:** Monetary. In-Kind donations of household items, furniture, clothing, accessories 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 + Social Security Cards or Birth Certificates for All Members of Household
  - b) One Month’s Income Statements + Unemployment Benefits Statement, +Social Security, Disability and Food Statement Statements
- 2) Lifetime limit: Five Fulfilled Emergency Assistance Requests
- 3) Exclusion: Everyone will be served in Disaster Situations regardless of past assistance requests.

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## Woodbine Methodist Church

**Service:** Food Pantry (Call to confirm)

**Mission:** To provide essential foods for those in need in Woodbine and North Camden County.

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure

### **Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

**Food Pantry:** Call to confirm day, week, and availability, Food Distribution 10:00 a.m. – Noon. – 912-576-5457 (Food Service is for Woodbine, White Oak, and Waverly only; i.e. north end of Camden County.)

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

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 27, Woodbine, Georgia 31569 **Website:** <https://woodbinemethodist.org/>

**Facebook:** [Woodbine Methodist Church | Woodbine GA | Facebook](#)

**Email:** [woodbinemethodist@gmail.com](mailto:woodbinemethodist@gmail.com) **Phone:** 912-576-5457 (“Temporarily Unavailable”)

**Primary Contact:** Yvonne Dantzler **Email:** [yvonnebd@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnebd@gmail.com)

**Alternate Contact:** Pastor Jan Conner **Email:** [WMC Pastor53@gmail.com](mailto:WMC Pastor53@gmail.com)

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

**Tax Exempt umbrella organization:** **EIN:** no listed

**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:** Food Insecure

## Government Food Assistance Programs and supporting organizations

### Note:

- This section provides **Government Food Assistance** program definitions and contact information. Some of these programs are augmented by nonprofit and faith-based organizations. For a more complete definition of these assistance programs refer to each organization's website or listed point of contact.
- Qualifications for program assistance are often based on age, human condition, and /or financial hardship. Application for these programs often requires professional counsel, screening, and assistance. For details, refer to the applicable organization and program profile provided in this section.

### 1. Camden County Board of Education

AKA: Camden County Schools

**Food Service:** Breakfast and Lunch, After school snacks (for qualified enrolled school children), and Backpacks (for qualified enrolled school children). +<sup>9</sup>

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

**Beneficiaries:** All students; plus enrolled students that are food insecure.

#### **Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

- 1) Breakfast & Lunch – Breakfast is free of charge for all students enrolled daily. Lunch costs \$1.95 for elementary, \$2.10 for middle school, and \$2.35 for high school.
- 2) After school snacks – Available for students enrolled in *Extended Day Program* (Elementary Schools) and schools who qualify for at-risk snack provided through tutoring, athletic groups and clubs at participating schools.
- 3) Backpacks (After-school diet enrichment) – Provided by community partners and distributed at participating schools. **POC:**
  - a) Crooked River Elementary, 673-6995, Ellen Graw, [egraw@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:egraw@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - b) David L. Rainer Elementary, 729-9071, Sarayah Long, [sllong@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:sllong@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - c) Kingsland Elementary, 729-5246, Liz Wilder, [lwilder@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:lwilder@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - d) Mamie Lou Gross Elementary, 576-4800, Samantha Yourstone, [syourstone@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:syourstone@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - e) Mary Lee Clark Elementary, 882-4373, Demaris Cullen, [dcullen@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:dcullen@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - f) Matilda Harris Elementary, 729-2940, Sykora Cobb – Principal, [scobb@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:scobb@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - g) St. Marys Elementary, 882-4839, Shelby McCaskill, [smccaskill@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:smccaskill@camden.k12.ga.us)
  - h) Sugarmill Elementary, 882-8191, Lori Trednick, [ltrednick@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:ltrednick@camden.k12.ga.us)

<sup>9</sup> Grades Pre-K -12 education classes and programs

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- i) Woodbine Elementary, 576-5245, Daydra Roberts, [droberts@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:droberts@camden.k12.ga.us)
- 4) **Summer Food Program:** 2024 Student eligibility, schedule and locations are TBD. Information will be posted and shared as soon as available – before the end of the school year.
- 5) More information is available at [http://www.camden.k12.ga.us/departments/school\\_nutrition\\_department](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us/departments/school_nutrition_department)

**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”

- More info at Camden County Schools <http://www.camden.k12.ga.us/Home/>

**Primary Contact:** Katrina Millan Flannery

**Alternate Contacts:** Listed above.

**Telephone:** 912- 729-5687 / -8340

**Fax:** 912- 729-1489 / -4699

**Email:** [kflannery@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:kflannery@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.

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## 2. Camden County PSA

**Service:** Mobile Food Pantry Facilitator + <sup>10</sup>

**Mission:** Upon request, to help food-assistance organizations in planning and conducting a mobile food pantry event in Camden County, Georgia.

**Beneficiaries:** Food Insecure in Camden County, Georgia

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:**

- 1) 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”

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<sup>10</sup> Provides and manages recreation programs and community support activities in Camden County Georgia. For details, refer to <http://www.camdencountypsa.info/index.php>



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- **Telephone:** 912-729-5600                      **Fax:** None
- **Email:** [TDPatterson@camdenpsa.com](mailto:TDPatterson@camdenpsa.com) (Attention: Teresa Patterson)
- **Primary Contact:** Teresa Patterson                      **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:** Mobile Food Pantry – Determined by sponsored organization.

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### 3. (Camden County -PSA) SENIOR CENTER

OFFERS SOCIAL OUTLET, MEALS, AND ACTIVITIES FOR CITIZENS 60+

**Service:** Congregate Meal Program - OFFERS SOCIAL OUTLET, MEALS, AND ACTIVITIES

The Camden County Senior Citizens Center offers recreation activities for adults 60 and older. Services include daily lunches and transportation to and from the center. Adults age 60 and older are eligible to attend this congregate meal program. Participants may attend daily, or a couple times a week. There is no fee to participate in this program. The only requirement is to spend time at the center and get involved. Each client must be self-sufficient and aware of his or her needs. All the program's operating procedures follow those of the Older Americans Act and policies set by the Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging, which provides funding for the center.

The center, located at 1501 Georgia Ave., Woodbine, is a public recreation facility designed to meet the needs of the older population in all of Camden County. The Camden County Senior Citizens Center's mission it to create a place our older adults can socialize and feel a sense of independence by participating with others their age. For additional information or a copy of the upcoming calendar, call the center at (912) 729-1945 or visit the Camden County Senior Center page found on Facebook.

**Mission:** To provide a community facility where persons aged 60 or older meet to pursue mutual interest, receive services, and take part in activities that will enhance their dignity and quality of life, support their independence, and encourage their continued involvement in and with the community.

**Beneficiaries:** Senior Citizens (60+) who reside in all of Camden County

**Location:** 1501 Georgia Ave, Woodbine, Ga. 31569    **Hours:** Monday – Friday 8am-3pm

**Mailing Address:** CC Senior Center 1501 Georgia Ave, Woodbine, Ga. 31569    912-729-1945

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**Primary Contact (SC Director):** Kaye W Jones [kwjones@camdenpsa.com](mailto:kwjones@camdenpsa.com) Telephone: 912-510-3514; 252-622-6937

**Program Advocate:** Darlene V Bell [dbell@camdenpsa.com](mailto:dbell@camdenpsa.com) Telephone: 912-510-3513

**Website:** <https://www.camdencountypsa.info/seniors>

**Funding Source:** Area Agency on Aging & Camden County PSA

**Primary Need:** Donations accepted in any amounts.

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** Senior Citizen (60+)

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## 4. Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority Inc.

### Service:

- LHWAP Assistance Program (60 and older)
- Provide nutritious formula or meals for students registered and enrolling in the Early Childhood Education at Coastal Georgia Community Action’s Camden County Early Head Start, Head Start and Pre K Center. +<sup>11</sup>

**Mission:** Coastal Georgia Community Action promotes self-sufficiency and strives to improve the quality of life for families through education, training, comprehensive services and advocacy.

**Beneficiaries:** (Early Head Start, Head Start and Pre K Center) Families must be enrolled – based on eligibility requirements. (For details, call program contacts listed below.)

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

- a) **Early Head Start** – Promotes early developmental learning for infants and toddlers. Children also receive nutritious formula or meals.
- b) **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.
- c) **Pre-K** – Provides developmentally appropriate activities for four year old children – includes nutritious meals.

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<sup>11</sup> 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.coastalgacaa.org/>

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**Contact:** Lisa Gordon, Center Supervisor **Email:** [rgordon@coastalgacaa.org](mailto:rgordon@coastalgacaa.org) **Phone:** 912-576-5923

**Contact:** Nina Bryant-Hunter: **Email:** [nhunter@coastalgacaa.org](mailto:nhunter@coastalgacaa.org) **Phone:** 912-264-3281; ext.108

**Contact:** Tres Hamilton | Chief Executive Officer **Email:** [thamilton@coastalgacaa.org](mailto:thamilton@coastalgacaa.org)

P (912)264-3281 | F (912)265-7444 | M (912)222-4452

**\*Contact:** Family Advocate (Camden County) | Debra Vasquez, **Email:** [dvasquez@coastalgacaa.org](mailto:dvasquez@coastalgacaa.org)

P: 912-727-2580 (Office); 912-217-1360 (Cell)

## **Program Office Location:**

- **\*Camden Community Service Center**, 106 E. Hall Street, St. Marys, GA 31558
- Main Office: 1 Community Action Drive, Suite A; P.O. Box 2016 Brunswick, GA 31521
- Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning ; 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 754 East Tower; Atlanta, Georgia 30334; 404-656-5957; 1-888-442-7735

**Website:** [www.coastalgacaa.org/](http://www.coastalgacaa.org/) **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CoatsalGeorgiaAreaCAA/>

**Tax Exempt Status:** 501(c) (3); **EIN:** 58-0973468 **Funding Source:** Government funded

## **Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:**

- <http://www.georgiaheadstart.org/programs/programs.php?pid=6>

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## **5. Coastal Health District – Camden County Health Department**

Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC)

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is a special nutrition program that provides nutritional education, food supplements, and referrals to health care providers to eligible women, infants, and children.

WIC helps eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, as well as infants and children up to age five.

WIC Can Provide

- eWIC cards to buy healthy foods from WIC-authorized vendors (such as milk, eggs, bread, cereal, juice, peanut butter, and more).
- Information about nutrition and health to help you and your family eat well and be healthy & personalized nutrition consultations.

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- Support and information about breastfeeding your baby.
- Help in finding health care and other community services.

All WIC services are free of charge. Clients must show proof of income, home address, and identification at the first visit.

**To find out if you are eligible to become a WIC participant, please call the WIC Call Center at 1-855-262-7670 or the Camden County Health Department at (912) 882-8515.**

**Profile Page POC:** Ginger Heidel, **Public Information Officer**, Coastal Health District, 400 Mall Blvd. / Suite G / Savannah, GA 31406, PHONE 912-644-5830, [ginger.heidel@dph.ga.gov](mailto:ginger.heidel@dph.ga.gov)

## 6. 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 + <sup>12</sup>

**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 – no financial or contract support**
  - i. Evergreen Baptist Church, Kingsland GA 31548; 912-729-3122
  - ii. Helping Hands Ministries - Share A Meal, St. Marys GA 31558; 912-882-5505
  - iii. 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 – no financial or contract support:** St. Marys Senior Citizen Center, St. Marys GA 31558; 912-673-6075

<sup>12</sup> 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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**Location:** 1181 Coastal Drive, SW, Darien, GA 31305      **Website:** <https://www.coastalrc.ga.gov/>

**Primary Telephone:** 1- 800-580-6860; 912-514-1623 (For program information, screening, and access.)

**Primary:** Pamela Rogers      **Email:** [progers@crc.ga.gov](mailto:progers@crc.ga.gov)

**Alternates:** Loreatha Jenkins      **Email:** [ljenkins@crc.ga.gov](mailto:ljenkins@crc.ga.gov)

**Telephone:** 912-514-1615 / -1617      **Fax:** 912-514-1201

**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.

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## 7. Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Source: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/csfp/commodity-supplemental-food-program-csfp>

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. Women, infants, and children who were certified and receiving CSFP benefits as of February 6, 2014 can continue to receive assistance until they are no longer eligible under the program rules in effect on February 6, 2014. Through CSFP, USDA distributes both food and administrative funds to participating States and Indian Tribal Organizations.

Participant Eligibility Requirements: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/csfp/eligibility-how-apply>

Includes low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age who meet income eligibility requirements. Women, infants, and children currently receiving CSFP benefits who were certified to receive such assistance on or before February 6, 2014 are also eligible to continue to receive assistance under the program rules in effect on that date, in accordance with the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the 2014 Farm Bill). As required by the 2014 Farm Bill, women, infants, and children who apply to participate in CSFP on February 7, 2014, or later cannot be certified to participate in the program. Such individuals may be eligible for other nutrition assistance programs such as the:

- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

(Note: Eligible participants cannot participate in both WIC and CSFP at the same time.)

## 8. Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)

Source: <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/about-us>

The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) investigates reports of child abuse; finds foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children; issues SNAP, Medicaid, TANF and child care assistance to low-income families; helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet; and provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help families in need.

**Food Assistance Service:** The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) issues:

- 1) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – more commonly referred to as Food Stamps, and
- 2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – more commonly known as Welfare.

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

**Mailing Address:** P. O. Box 68; Kingsland, Georgia 31548-0068 **Website:** <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/>

**County Director** – 912-729-2581 **General Contact:** 912-729-4583 **Fax:** 912- 729-7969

**Program Contacts:** 912-264-7211; 912-262-3010; **Status and Change Services:** 1-877-423-4746

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** DFCS follows federal guidelines to determine eligibility for social services programs. Specific to food assistance:

### a) SNAP – aka Food Stamp program:

Source: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>

The Food Stamp Program which has been renamed “SNAP” (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is available to ALL Georgia residents, regardless of age or number of family members if a household is under federally determined income limit. There is also a Senior SNAP program which is a streamline application process for seniors. Georgians are able to apply for food stamps online with Georgia COMPASS at [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov). After the application is filed, the applicant or a member of the applicant’s household must be interviewed by a staff person from DFCS. The person who is interviewed must know about the household situation.

### b) TANF – aka Welfare

Source: <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/temporary-assistance-needy-families>

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The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. It is the monthly cash assistance program with an Employment Services component for low-income families with children under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time. States receive block grants to design and operate programs that accomplish one of the purposes of the TANF program. The four purposes of the TANF program are to:

- i. Provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes
- ii. Reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage
- iii. Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- iv. Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

Cooperation with Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Services is a requirement of receiving TANF benefits unless good cause can be established.

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## 9. 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.  
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**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:**

- a) Financial assistance for the purchase of food
- b) Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; by appointment.
  - Assistance is available after hours (to avoid privation<sup>14</sup>) by calling the American Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337. When speaking with the American Red Cross, inform them of your affiliation and eligibility with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society – Kings Bay.

**Location:** Naval Submarine Base Kings Base, Kings Bay, GA., Building 1032

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<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Privation: A state in which things that are essential for human well-being such as food and warmth are scarce or lacking.

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**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](mailto:kingsbay@nmcrs.org) ; [beverly.cooper@nmcrs.org](mailto:beverly.cooper@nmcrs.org)

**Website (Global):** [www.nmcrs.org/](http://www.nmcrs.org/)

**Primary Contact:** Beverly Cooper

**Alternate Contact:**

**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.

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## 10. St. Marys Senior Activity Center

**We are open daily (M-F) 9 am to 3 pm. Our monthly calendar of activities is posted on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysSeniorCenter>**

**Service:** Operated by the City of St. Marys, the Center is open five days a week to offer a full array of recreational, health and fitness and socialization programs for seniors 60 and over who reside in St. Marys.

**Mission:** To enhance the health and wellbeing of St. Marys seniors ages 60 and above by providing socialization, health and fitness classes and a nutritious lunch five days a week.

**Beneficiaries:** Senior Citizens (60+) who reside in St. Marys.

**Synopsis of Food Service Activities:** Mid-day Meal; Monday through Friday (except holidays). The free meal is provided in conjunction with other programs provided. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and advance reservations are required. There is no cost for members. However, this is not a free lunch program for walk-ins. Participants must register as members of the Senior Center before enjoying lunch and engage in other social, recreational and health related programs offered by the Center.



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

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

**Primary Contact:** Rachel Alley      **Email:** [ralley@stmarysga.gov](mailto:ralley@stmarysga.gov)

**Telephone:** 912-673-6075 ` **Fax:** 912- 882-6312

**Alternate Contact:** Donna Larsen   [Donna.Larsen@stmarysga.gov](mailto:Donna.Larsen@stmarysga.gov)   **Telephone:** 912-510-4036

**Website:** [http://www.stmarysga.gov/department/senior\\_center/index/index.php](http://www.stmarysga.gov/department/senior_center/index/index.php)

**Tax Exempt Status:** City of St. Marys Government Department

**Funding Source:** Primary Source – City of St. Marys General Fund; Secondary sources – (1) St. Marys Hospital Authority; and (2) designated donations deposited to the City of St. Marys

**Primary Need:** Donations are accepted via City of St. Marys Financial Department.

**Beneficiary Eligibility and Access Limits:** Senior Citizen (60+)

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## 11. The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Source: <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/emergency-food-assistance-program-overview>

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.

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.

- 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. For more information contact *America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc.* at 2501 East President Street; Savannah, GA 31404; 912.236.6750
- 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.
- 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.

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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.

## **12. Food Stamp Program Notes:**

Provided by the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Refer to provided profile for contact information.

- All initial SNAP aka food stamp applications must be received in the local office and can no longer be submitted on line. We can mail them to Camden County requesters or they are available at our office. After an initial case is opened, case renewals can be handled on line.
- If several people in a household qualify for Food Stamps, the head of the household applies for the program and lists the names and Social Security numbers of all adults in the household. For food stamp purposes, any adults in the house who purchase and prepare food together are a household even if they are unrelated.
- The funds allocated for SNAP can be used to purchase many types of food items sold at approved retail stores. Prepared foods, such as hot deli sandwiches and precooked meals ready for consumption are out rightly ineligible for purchase with SNAP benefits. This rule can however be exempted when some homeless individuals may be approved for precooked meal purchases if they do not have the ability to store or cook food.
- Foods Authorized to be purchased using SNAP benefits:
  - Fruits, Vegetables and Grains: In Georgia, food stamps can be used to purchase all kinds of fruits, vegetables and grains. Food stamps may be used to purchase these items at participating stores and farmer's markets. You can also use your food stamps to purchase seeds that produce fruits and vegetables.
  - Food Supplements: A food supplement, or dietary supplement, can be purchased with food stamps in Georgia. Acceptable food supplements that can be purchased with food stamps include Ensure and PediaSure. If you are not sure if a dietary supplement is covered by your food stamps check with store personnel.
  - Ice and Water: Ice and water may be bought with food stamps in Georgia. Bottled water and bags of ice are eligible for purchase as long as they are intended only for use outside of the store. However, ice or water cannot be purchased with food stamps if they are meant to be consumed in the store.
  - Canned and Dried Goods: All canned and dried foods are eligible to be purchased with food stamps, as long as they are for human consumption. Pet foods are not authorized to be purchased with food stamps. Examples of acceptable foods in this category include soups, canned meats and canned vegetables.
  - Packaged Meat: Food stamps can be used to purchase meat from participating stores. However, meat has to be intended to be consumed outside the store. Meat products read for consumption do not qualify in most cases for food stamp purchase. Packaged

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meats such as chicken, ground beef and pork chops may be purchased. Consult the store personnel for restrictions on meat purchases with food stamps, if you are unsure.

- Restricted Food items: Food stamps may not be used to purchase household products, alcohol, vitamins or medicines. In addition to those items, you may not purchase cigarettes or other tobacco related products.
- Eligibility Requirements
  - Before receiving SNAP Food Stamp benefits in Georgia, you must meet SNAP's income limits. The requirement states that families must not exceed two sets of monthly income limits, gross and net. Gross income is the total of all income earned by the entire household, while net is the amount remaining after deductions.
  - Georgia mandates that healthy SNAP beneficiaries participate in work or school related activities in order to keep their benefits. You must participate in any one or a combination of the following activities as a condition of their SNAP eligibility:
    - Secondary Education
    - Job Search / Job Club / Job Readiness
    - Community Service
    - On-the-Job Training
    - Employment
  - Mandatory applicant requirements include:
    - Adults aged between 18 years and 59 years who are not receiving unemployment insurance or SSI.
    - Working 30 hours or less per week
    - Must not be a parent or guardian to a child less than six years old.
  - Exemptions include:
    - Children below 18 years old
    - Adults above 60 years old
    - Parent/guardian of child below six years old
    - Unemployment insurance applicant or recipient
    - Persons working more than 30 hours per week at federal minimum wage
    - Caregiver of a person with disabilities
    - Persons with health issues that affects their ability to participate
    - Pregnant women in their fourth, or later, month of pregnancy
  - Georgia counties require non-exempt SNAP recipient's to take part in community service or engage in on-job training if they are not in school or sufficiently employed.
- Reporting Changes Affecting Eligibility: All SNAP participants must report any increase in their monthly gross income. SNAP beneficiaries are required to complete a review process after every 12 months. Most recertification and report forms will be mailed to you. You may not be required to report any other changes, but they may choose to report changes such as: (1) Addition of a household member, and their income; (2) Increase in other household expenses, such as shelter costs, daycare costs, etc.

### The Food Insecurity Challenge in Camden County, Georgia

**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 charts display calculated data regarding CY 2020 “Food Insecurity” in Camden County, Ga.

Source: <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2020/overall/georgia/county/camden>



Food insecurity refers to **USDA's measure** of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food insecure children are those children living in households experiencing food insecurity.

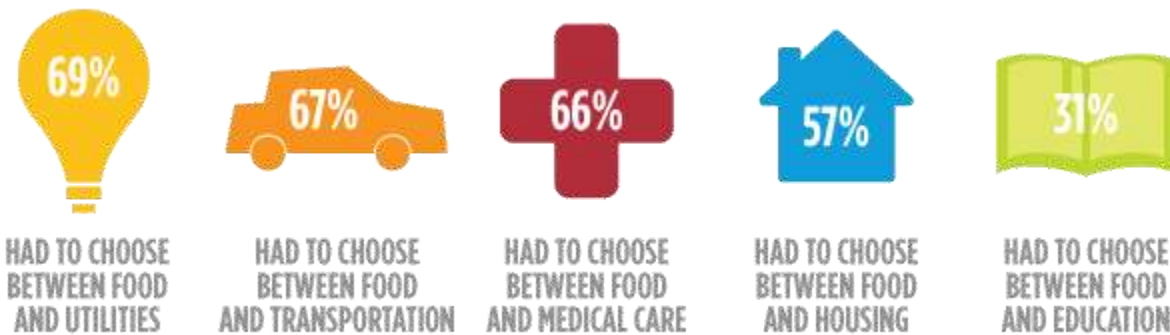
Food insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household’s need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

### Difficult Decisions

Source: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/impact-of-hunger>

## America households frequently face Difficult Decisions in an effort to ensure they have sufficient food.

- ❖ Households often survive on limited budgets and are confronted with choices between paying for food and paying for other essentials. These dilemmas can put households in the position of choosing between competing necessities.



- ❖ In addition to charitable nutrition assistance programs and making spending tradeoffs, many households also engage in a number of other coping strategies in order to feed their families.



### Should I donate food or donate money?

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.



## Best Practices + Additional Food Assistance Information - Links

- Information that you may find helpful to improve and grow your program to end hunger in Camden County, Georgia:
  - [http://site.foodshare.org/site/DocServer/Food\\_Pantry\\_Best\\_Practices\\_-\\_Scoresheet.pdf?docID=742](http://site.foodshare.org/site/DocServer/Food_Pantry_Best_Practices_-_Scoresheet.pdf?docID=742)
- Example Food Assistance Organizations and Programs
  - <http://www.endhunger.org/georgia.htm>
  - <http://www.helpendhunger.org/>
  - <http://georgiafoodbankassociation.org/>
  - <http://feedingamerica.org>
  - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/>
- *501 Commons* - A Resource for Nonprofits. A Partner for Philanthropy: <http://www.501commons.org/>
- *Georgia Center for Nonprofits*, [www.gcn.org](http://www.gcn.org); 912-434-1917 (direct)
- *Nonprofit Innovations, Inc.*: <http://www.npiinc.org/>
- Find a food pantry: <http://www.findafoodpantry.org/> (Add your pantry as you see fit.)

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