

Meeting **Need.**



A Letter to Our Community

In 1983 a group of women saw a need in the downtown Clarksville area to provide a basic meal to the hungry. The lunchtime meal began with each lady bringing a couple of cans of soup and some bread once a week to Trinity Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. A sign was put out front and lunch was served until they ran out of soup. Quickly the group saw a larger need and contacted other area churches. Loaves and Fishes was then formed with Trinity Episcopal, Immaculate Conception, First Presbyterian and Madison Street United Methodist Church. In 1999 the mission outgrew the space and moved to First Presbyterian Church Activities and Outreach Center.



The mission of Loaves and Fishes has grown over the past 36 years. On average 170 meals are served every Monday through Saturday from 10:30am to noon. Because of the generous donations of time, talent and food from retailers, restaurants, individuals, civic and church groups, **the mission has expanded again.** Loaves and Fishes also supports over 50 other 501 (c)(3) agencies by sharing food to help with their pantries and meal programs.

As our community has grown, so has the need to help our neighbors. Many of our neighbors are struggling to provide food for themselves and their families. They are also in need of other services. Due to the limited space we are currently in we are not able to regularly offer other services that many people need such as basic necessities, clothing, health screenings, legal services and the list goes on.

We are fortunate to live in a community that already offers many of these resources and services. Not all of our neighbors needing assistance have access to these resources due to various reasons. Together, we can facilitate “**A New Move**” for Loaves and Fishes – and “**A New Vision**” for helping to make access to resources and services more attainable at the time of need.

Loaves and Fishes is Greater Clarksville’s flagship for lifting those who need assistance at their greatest time of need. Please help lay the foundation of a new building that will better meet the needs of our at risk neighbors now and well into the future. Your support for Loaves and Fishes Capital Campaign will make a difference.

\$1.5 Million *Starts With You!*

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