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2022 Director's Message

My first year as executive director has been both very challenging and very rewarding. As I learned the programs and the day to day operations, I discovered what I believe are the keys to the IOW Christian Outreach Program's success. First of all, the many dedicated volunteers that make the mission happen each day, rain or shine, by being there to help our clients. Second, our program leads that provide the continuity and the vision to make their programs succeed and grow to better help our community. Finally, the community itself that generously provides the assistance and donations that makes our programs possible. Without all these elements COP would not exist and with them we are able to make life better for many hundreds of families.

Some of the highlights from this year show that we are continuing in the right direction. We have created new partnerships and strengthened existing ones. We work closely with IOW Social Services and the IOW schools to provide emergency services funding and youth assistance in several different ways. Our Dental Assistance program is now working with Western Tidewater Free Clinic to increase services and the Food for Thought Program is partnering with the Smithfield Library to expand their Raise a Reader program. Several seasonal programs such as the Angel Tree gift program for Seniors, Smithfield Cares gift program for children and winter clothing distribution are totally supported by organizations in the community.

This coming year will also be challenging and will require new ways to better serve Isle of Wight County citizens in need. I look forward to leading the COP team and being there to help them work through problems and celebrate successes.

- Owen "Rick" Rowlands

2021 Annual Report



COP MISSION STATEMENT

To help the poor, needy, and sick of Isle of Wight County.



Since 1991, the 100% volunteer organization has dedicated itself to an ever-increasing level of service to those who need us most.

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COP PROGRAMS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers distributed over 6000 books to children and adults. More than 29,000 diapers for adults and children were given out.



FOOD PROGRAM

We provided food bags to an average of 362 families each month and "rescued" 96,000 lbs of food from local grocery stores.



FURNITURE,HOUSEWARES, AND LINENS

One hundred twenty-three families were given needed items such as blankets, towels, heaters, dishes, microwaves, couches, tables, chairs and more.



DENTAL ASSISTANCE

Over 200 clients were provided treatment for dental problems. Clients received cleanings, extractions, partial and full dentures, as well as other assistance.

HOME REPAIR

The volunteer Home Repair team completed 28 projects that were referred to COP from IOW Social Services. Projects included entrance ramps, roof repairs and inside repairs.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Working with IOW Social Services, qualifying clients are assisted with rent, utility bills and prescription costs. Funds are provided by COP and other community organizations and churches.

MAJOR DONORS

Isle of Wight County
Town of Smithfield
Edwards Family Charitable Fund
Obici Healthcare Foundation
St Andrew Presbyterian Church
United Way of South Hampton Roads

Smithfield Foods
International Paper
Trinity UMC

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS and ANNUAL EVENTS

Hog Jog and Souper Saturday - Last year, our annual Hog Jog fundraiser generated over \$25,000 in revenue and sponsor donations. Souper Saturday generated over \$6000 in sales of donated soup, ham biscuits and desserts.



Despite the rain and drive-through only format, Souper Saturday generated over \$6,000

Angel Tree - This annual program provides holiday gifts for Seniors that are homebound or financially unable to purchase gifts. Community members provided the gifts and COP distributed them to over 160 deserving Seniors.



Smithfield Cares - This annual program provides holiday gifts for children of families in need.