

Malachi's Storehouse Receives Generous Grant from the Atlanta Community Food Bank *Funds to increase pantry's service to hungry families and individuals*

Malachi's Storehouse is excited to announce that the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) has awarded the pantry a capacity building grant to help increase its ability to serve more people in the community. The grant will fund installation of a dedicated walk-in refrigerator and improve non-perishable storage space to increase the pantry's capacity to receive and distribute food.

In 2014, Malachi's distributed over 500,000 pounds of food to over 30,000 people in need of food assistance. With this grant, the pantry aims to increase those numbers by 10% each year through 2018.

The Mission at Malachi's Storehouse is to nourish both body and spirit. Malachi's guiding principles are radical hospitality, sharing, and compassion. Staff and volunteers gather each Wednesday, honoring the dignity of every human being, around the giving and receiving of food. The goal at Malachi's is to be both a practical resource as well as a community of compassion and kindness.

What does this mean? Every Wednesday, hospitality is extended to pantry clients with a hot lunch, thanks to Whole Foods' donations. Clients then "shop" for groceries market style, choosing from canned goods and non-perishable items, meats and frozen food, prepared foods, desserts, bread and fresh produce. Giving clients a choice of what they take home and respecting food preferences allows Malachi's to honor the individuality and dignity of each client.

In addition to the food sourced from ACFB, Malachi's is fortunate to partner with agencies that pick up 'day old' but not expired food from stores around metro Atlanta and deliver it for distribution on Wednesday. These gleaning partners are Second Helpings Atlanta, Inc., Helping Feed Atlanta, I Care Atlanta, and No One Hungry. Stores that routinely donate to Malachi's are Costco, Trader Joes, Whole Foods, Publix, and Christophe's To Go. In addition, fresh greens from the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run Park are donated each week.

- With help from these partners and donors, Malachi's can serve each family for \$4.65 and each person for \$1.22.
- The average number of people served per week is 608.
- The average weekly expense is \$742.00

Each week, in addition to free groceries and a hot lunch, Malachi's clients can visit a clothing closet. The pantry also provides backpacks with school supplies for school aged children, 600 turkeys at Thanksgiving, 500 wrapped Christmas gifts for clients' children, and a free summer camp for the children.

Malachi's Storehouse is a partner agency of the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB), which works in partnership with more than 600 nonprofit agencies in 29 counties throughout metro Atlanta and north Georgia. ACFB and its network of partner agencies collectively provide groceries and/or hot meals to 80,600 people each week.