

Fuel Up  
at  
Perry Harrison School



Annual Report  
2010



# Message from the Director

2010 was an especially exciting year for our organization. In addition to electing a group of talented professionals to serve as a Board of Directors, Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School was awarded 501(c)(3) Public Charity status by the IRS.

We also expanded our program to provide a much-needed “Summer Gap” program, which made large bags of food available each week during the 10-week Summer Vacation from school. The Summer Gap program allowed us to partner with the Fearington Farmers Market FoodShare Program, which helped ensure that excellent-quality fresh fruits and vegetables were part of each week’s offerings.

Another highlight was planning the “Mustang Meals” weekend food program for Margaret Pollard Middle School. The program was ready to serve the 6th-8th grade students from Perry Harrison School and North Chatham School when they opened the doors on January 3rd, 2011.

Since we began Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School in Fall 2008, the number of children we serve has more than doubled! Because demand for “Fuel Up” has followed the economic trend in our state, the increased need for this food assistance program has not been a great surprise. What has been amazing is that this community has been so generous – in this tough economic climate – and that you have all helped Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School meet that need.

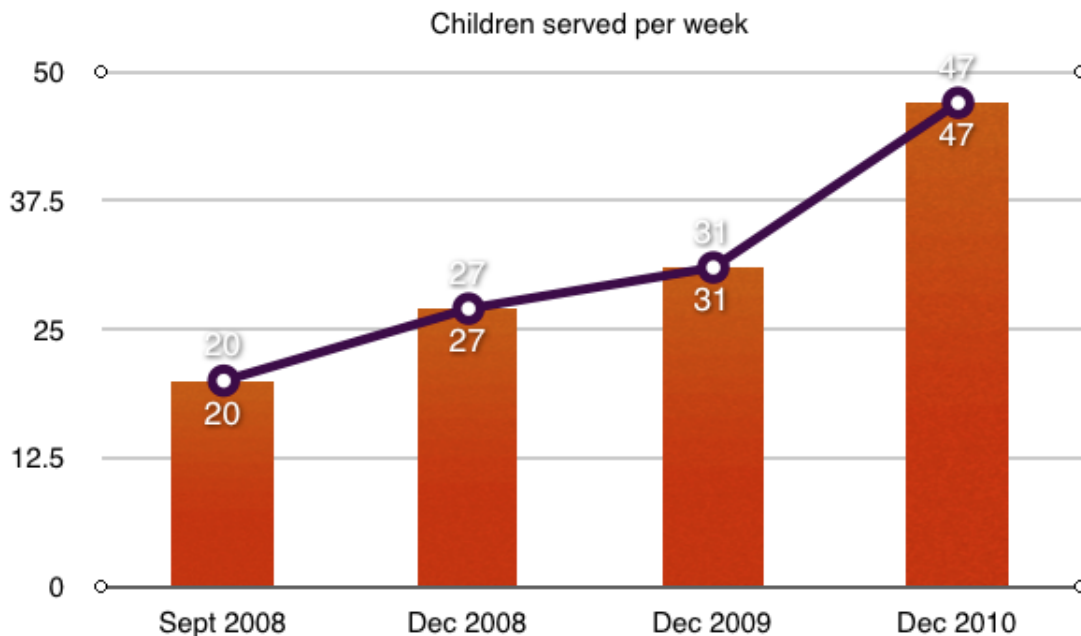
Many thanks to our Board of Directors, to foundations such as Carolina Meadows’ Community Grants Program and The Chapel of the Cross ABC Subcommittee, and to the individual donors and volunteers who continue to partner with us in reducing the number of hungry children in our community. We are very fortunate to have your support – Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sarah Blake Finigan

Executive Director, Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School

# Progress



## Summer Gap Program

Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School's first Summer Gap program was a great success! Twenty-five children who otherwise would not have had adequate nutrition this summer received grocery bags full of food each week.

At the beginning of the summer program, people agreed to "adopt" one or more bags for the summer. A "Master Shopping List" of shelf-stable foods was sent to each of the "adoptive families" so that they would be able to shop all at once if they preferred; then a weekly list was sent each Friday during the summer program. "Adoptive families" dropped bags full of the prescribed food off at the Perry Harrison School office each Wednesday morning. Volunteers then added foods that were purchased with grant money along with produce donated by local farmers to each bag, and set up coolers full of fresh foods like milk, eggs, cheese and deli meat. Participants were able to pick their bags up in the school office each Wednesday afternoon. If they lacked transportation or had work schedules that did not allow them to pick up bags during school office hours, volunteers delivered the bags to them.

Parents of the children who participated in the program were very appreciative of the food they received, as well as the "bonus items" like activity books, games, outdoor toys and school supplies that "adoptive families" included for their children. It was obvious that a great deal of love and care went into the bags each week along with the food.

100% of the "Adoptive families" said they were glad that they had participated in the Fuel Up Summer Gap Program (whew!). Many even asked to be signed up to do it again next year! Volunteers were pleased to be able to help reduce the number of hungry children in our community in such a direct and meaningful way, and Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School is extremely grateful to the volunteers who faithfully served these children each week.

# Financial Report

In 2010, Fuel Up at Perry Harrison became a non-profit organization with 501c3 status granted by the IRS. With grants, personal monetary contributions and donated food and gift cards, Fuel Up Perry Harrison was able to provide delicious and nutritious food throughout 2010 without gaps due to school breaks or vacations.

2010 Financial Report Summary	
<b>Revenues</b>	
Carolina Meadows Community Grant Program	10,000
The Chapel of the Cross ABC Sale Subcommittee	1,000
Giving Party Fundraiser	2,200
Private Donations	5,049
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>18,249</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Food	15,292
IRS Incorporation (earmarked contribution)	850
Supplies	167
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>16,309</b>
Operating Surplus	1,940
<i>In-kind donation of food/giftcards</i>	<i>9177</i>

## ***Monetary gifts made to Fuel Up in Honor Of:***

Colleen & David Anderson  
Mary & Buck Anderson  
Betty & Blake Aydett  
Eric Brantley  
Barbara & Roger Cooley  
Bob & Joanne Flower  
Dave Frost  
"Father Jim"  
Debbie Meyer

Donna O'Rourke  
Joy Phillips  
The co-workers of Susan Phillips  
Wayland & Norma Ramage  
Deb Sacco  
Barbara & Allen Saunders  
Adam Serlo  
Brian Vandersea  
Clara & Billy Wellons

# Fuel Up Organization

## **Executive Director**

Sarah Blake Finigan

## **Officers**

Jennifer Buckmire

Terri Fannin

Nancy Fahrbach

Mary Beth Grealey

## **Board of Directors**

Dan Barnwell

Kimberly Brooks-Harris

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Debbie McKenzie

Sally Maslansky

## **Volunteers**

Sireatta Atwater, Ashley Barnes, Avis Bell, Barbara Benjamin, Heather Benjamin, Jennifer Buckmire, Michelle California-Aguilar, Catherine Ellis, Nancy Fahrbach, Terri Fannin, Mary Beth Grealey, Terry Hamlet, Tambria Lee, Susan Levy, Connie & Ed McCraw, Becket McGough, Julie Malloy, Melissa Merchant, Debbie Meyer, Krista Millard, Heather Millis, Jen Morris, Courtney Ritter, Pete Rubinas, Rachel Ruvo, Kristan Shimpi, Liz Sullivan, Betsy Szczypinski, Carol Terrell, Barrie Trinkle, Rita VanDuinen, Lynda Williams

## **Perry Harrison School**

Janice Frazier - Principal

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