

# WHAT'S PERCOLATING AT PERC

PIEDMONT EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTER  
PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CENTER  
3 MAIN STREET  
POST OFFICE BOX 424  
PIEDMONT SC 29673

HOURS  
TUESDAY 4 – 7PM  
THURSDAY 4 – 7PM  
SATURDAY 9AM - NOON

## Food Pantry Volunteer Training

Don't know how to operate a food pantry, but want to help? PERC will be training volunteers at the end of August.

Current volunteers are encouraged to attend as well as anyone else that would like to help. There is currently no paid staff at PERC. Volunteers operate the food pantry and referral service. We need a larger pool of trained volunteers to sustain our efforts. We would like to recruit and train enough volunteers to expand our hours.

Training will be at the PERC office in the Piedmont Community Center building. Other trainings will be announced in the future about monthly. Please sign up for one of the following dates:

Tuesday Aug 23 at 4pm  
Saturday Aug 27 at 9am

Training will include filling out the DSS Food stamp form, referring clients to appropriate agencies, Angel Food Ministries, and PERC policy and procedure.

Please RSVP to Cindy Ashenfelder at 270-6729.

## NEEDS LIST

- Meats – canned such as stews, tuna, ham, chicken and dumplings, frozen or fresh
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned fruit
- Pasta – spaghetti and other noodles
- Jelly – and some more peanut butter
- Oatmeal
- Grits
- Dry cereal – frosted flakes, etc.
- Dry beans
- Pork and beans
- Toilet paper

Is your garden growing too many vegetables and you just can't give it away? Bring some by PERC and we will see that a good family is fed.

## Thanks to you we're PERColating

Volunteers manning Food Pantry and Referral:

- Cindy, Michelle, Dave, and Carol Ashenfelder
- Norma, Ron, Cory, and Christie Hedstrom
- Maxine Smith
- Toni Moorman
- Nickye Outen
- Mary Helmuth
- Joy Clarke
- Marge Ritsema
- Boyd and Jane Sexton
- Joe Flemming

Thanks for being so PERC-y!

Special Thanks to:

- All the congregations of the Piedmont Ministerial Association for all the food brought in.
- Other Churches donating food: Waycross Baptist, Augusta Road United Methodist, Freedom Fellowship
- Business donating food: Hair Doctor
- Thanks to Anderson Meats for the shopping carts!
- Fire Chief Butch Nichols and Marsha Rogers for too many things to list!!!!

## GRANT

The Piedmont Emergency Relief Center recently received notice of a grant award from Faith in Action for \$35,000 for three years. Faith in Action is a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that promotes service to the community through the united efforts of many faiths united.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August		September	
Monday 22 7pm	PERC meeting Rowell Room	Monday 26 7pm	PERC meeting Rowell Room
Tuesday 23 4pm	Volunteer Training		
Saturday 27 9am	Volunteer Training		

If you would like your event listed on this calendar, call Jed Daughtry at 906-7351.

## LAST MEETING (JULY)

At our August Meeting we met with Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God Angel Food Ministries director Shirley Bertholdi and her minister Rev. Ted Capps and his wife. We are exploring ways to partner with this ministry to better serve our clients. Our goal is to secure enough volunteers and encourage the purchase of 100 food packages a month on a steady basis. Watch for more information in this newsletter or drop by PERC during business hours.

Angel Food Ministries provides a monthly food package for about \$25. It is fresh food that anyone can buy regardless of circumstances. They accept cash or EBT cards (food stamps). This way we can encourage PERC's clients to participate to get "more bang for their buck." They will receive nutritious food i.e. meats, vegetables, fruits, eggs, bread, etc.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Does your church feed people in some way? Can you help feed others? Some churches invite people to meals. Would you welcome a family in need? Let us know. Call Jed Daughtry at 906-7351 or fax details to 845-9663.

## REFERRAL SERVICES

PERC has two databases of materials to help Piedmont citizens. As we all know, a major problem of living in Piedmont is know where to go for help. One county might want to send you to the other and nothing ends up getting done. PERC will not only help direct Piedmont citizens to the correct agency in the correct county, if needed, we can act as an advocate. We are making contact with all kinds of people in government and non-profit agencies. These relationships are proving very valuable in getting people the help they need.

Do you know of someone that needs help? If they are disabled or elderly, we can even go to their house. Just let us know.

## DONATIONS MONEY

If you would like to contribute money to PERC, please follow these instructions so that your contribution can be tax deductible.

1. Make out your check to the "Piedmont Community Improvement Association."
2. Write "PERC" or "Piedmont Emergency Relief Center" on the memo line.
3. Mail you check to:  
Piedmont Emergency Relief Center  
Post Office Box 424  
Piedmont SC 29673

## FOOD

Please bring food donations to PERC during business hours (listed above).

It would be very helpful for our record keeping if you could include:

1. Contact information including church, business, etc. and an individual.
2. A brief inventory of what you are donating. It does not have to be detailed. Use our basic food package as a guideline.