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The Community Table's mission is to provide nutritious meals to our neighbors in need in a welcoming environment. It is our vision that no one in Jackson County goes to bed hungry.

2016 was a year of loss. In July we lost longtime volunteer Ronzel Davis. In November we said goodbye to founding board member Veronica Nicholas. Ronzel and Veronica continue to inspire us to serve our community, and to find joy in the work of helping others.

I hope you'll find this report informative, and your feedback is welcome.
Thank you for feeding our neighbors in need,

Amy Sims
Executive Director



Ronzel Davis



Veronica Nicholas

The Community Table, Inc. Board of Directors

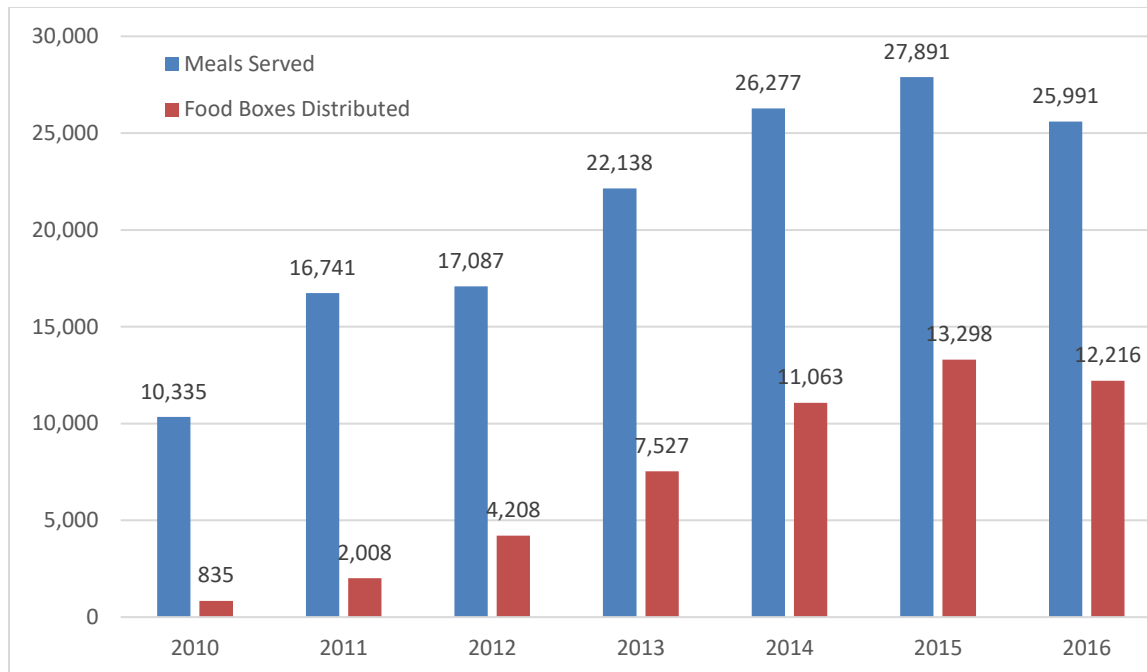
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2016 Accomplishments

- 25,991 meals served
- 12,216 boxes of groceries distributed
- Over 4,500 individuals served
- 12,614 volunteer hours
- Distributed over 310,000 pounds of food
- Ended the year with a budget surplus of \$3,091.28
- 128 new, first-time donors
- Executive Director's Guide Written
- Created an Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic held at Bear Lake

2017 Goals

- Hold 2 staff/volunteer trainings on Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Offer at least 2 classes on topics or resources of interest to our clients
- Provide additional food safety training to volunteers
- Recruit new volunteers
- Hold another volunteer appreciation event

2016 Quick Facts

- 36% of those served each month were children
- \$182,325.38 Total Income
- \$179,234.10 Total Expense
- Average cost per meal \$0.39 (food cost only)*
- Average cost per box of groceries \$3.09 (food cost only)*
- Average cost per meal including all overhead expenses \$2.91*
- Average cost per box of groceries including all overhead expenses \$8.47*
- We received 308,354 pounds of food through MANNA Food Bank at a cost of \$36,422.34. The wholesale value of this food based on \$1.70 per pound was \$524,201.80.
- We also source food from restaurant suppliers, store-level donations by Wal-Mart and Food Lion, grocery store purchases as-needed, the NC Department of Agriculture, Jackson County Schools, and food drives.

2016 Fundraising

- Blue Plate Special Lunch Fundraisers- \$16,753 was raised with 9 events held on the last Wednesday of months February-October. January's BPS had to be cancelled due to snow. The events were sponsored by Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort (4 times!), O'Malley's Sports Bar & Grill, Speedy's Pizza, Zaxby's, Kosta's, Creekside Oyster House & Grill, Bogart's, Shelton Farms, and Heinzelmännchen Brewery. Special thanks to BPS Coordinator Mary Ellen Garcia.
- Empty Bowl- \$10,534 was raised. The event was sponsored by Entegra Bank and Heinzelmännchen Brewery.
- Fundraising Letters- Sent twice per year, these appeals raised \$28,185
- A Matching Donation Challenge by an anonymous donor raised \$10,000
- Drive Away Hunger- Held in September, this event raised over \$12,000, and some of this total is reflected in the Blue Plate Special and Donations totals. The event was sponsored by Andy Shaw Ford and Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.
- WNC Pottery Festival Silent Auction- \$1,197 raised at this annual event
- Other fundraisers in the community on our behalf raised \$9,197!
- \$82,396.38 was given through donations. Thank you!

*The value of each meal and each box of groceries far exceeds our total cost, which reflects great efficiency in our operations, and more bang for your donor bucks!

Grants Received 2016

- Food Lion Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- Sylva Rotary Club- \$2,000
- Church of the Good Shepherd- \$5,500
- Wells Fargo- \$1,000
- Emergency Food & Shelter Program- \$500
- Great Smokies Health Foundation- \$5,000
- Wal-Mart- \$500
- Jackson County Community Foundation- \$2,000
- Jackson County- \$15,000

Volunteers-of-the-Month

January- Judy Harrell
February- Matt Newsome
March- Lorie Callaham
April- Dakota Cameron
May- Jeff Jones
June- Fred & Sally Fisher
July- Harold & Laurie Schultz
August- Brian Boyer
September- Tim Waechter
October- Rick Lepore
November- Robert Stevens
December- Nona Rogers

You may notice that we do not publish our donor list. We strive to thank each donor individually, and we respect the privacy of those who decline to be publicly recognized. Please know how much we appreciate you! You make all that we do possible.

Due to length, there is additional information not included here that can be found on our website at www.communitytable.org. By clicking on the Guidestar Gold Status icon on the home page you can link to our 990 tax returns, annual review, and more. Also on our website, you'll find our most current client survey demographic data in greater detail. Please contact Executive Director Amy Sims with any questions, concerns, or feedback. Thank you for feeding our neighbors in need.