



LOAVES & FISHES SOUP KITCHEN

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*"Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith."
(Galatians 6:10)*

"I think we ought to help here in our own community as well as overseas." This comment made at a deacons meeting of a local church by one of our most faithful volunteers here at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. His response was met with agreement and the church has decided to direct some of its giving to Loaves and Fishes. It isn't a great amount of money but it's meeting a need we have.

In these tough financial times we realize local churches are being hit hard also. Our transitional housing program is one of our outreaches that depends on local church support. We have 18 homes in the Escambia and Santa Rosa county areas that provide a place for homeless families with children to live for up to two years. We have seen a drop from twenty-seven to twelve churches that support it on a regular basis. As you might imagine, we need to make up that loss. Please pray about how you and your church can get involved financially and physically. This program has provided hundreds of families a safe, clean and encouraging environment while in the process of getting their lives back together. Several of our families have gone from homeless to home ownership because of this program. The financial support we get from the local community, especially churches, helps us leverage funds from a large grant on a ratio of about \$4 for every \$1 we raise. We believe in this program and want to see it continue.

Thank you for your past support of our work. We pray you will prayerfully consider our ministry in your giving. Please know you are in our prayers.

Peace in Yeshua,

Rick

P.S. Please consider donating furniture to our Thrift Store. Call 438-4166.