

# 40% of Spartanburg Children Live Below the Poverty Line

Everyone has been impacted by recently rising food prices, but the people Ruth's Gleanings serves were struggling even before increasing inflation hit. Now more than ever, people need the nutritionally dense food that we consistently provide to individuals, families, and emergency food providers in Spartanburg. The fact is, over 40% of our Spartanburg children live below the poverty line, and our growing senior population needs more resources to mitigate health-related conditions. These are the areas we find ourselves most often addressing with fresh, healthy food, and we can't do it alone. WE NEED YOU!



## New Website Highlights Purpose of Ministry



## **Call for Volunteers**

We continue to be blessed with amazing volunteers that make all we do possible. Individuals, groups, corporate teams, school organizations and more have all contributed to pack food boxes, work in our garden, and help us maintain our facilities. It takes hundreds of volunteers to bring it all together, so sign up when you can! WE NEED YOU! Our new warehouse is now conveniently located close to downtown Spartanburg! Send us an email to let us know you can help at volunteer@ruthsgleanings.com. We have a new website! We have utilized the services of The Marketing Beacon to create and update our website. You can learn about our services, sign up to volunteer or for our Newsletter, read our blog, or donate your support. WE NEED YOU! Our site is now bilingual so we can reach our local Hispanic population with our services. Visit the new website: https://ruthsgleanings.com

## Warehouse Move Creates Giving Opportunity



Ruth's Gleanings is moving our warehouse!!! In January of 2020 we opened our packing warehouse in Pacolet with the generous use of space at Beth Shiloh Messianic Synagogue. What has been done there in just over 2-1/2 years is a beautiful testimony to God's goodness as we have received, packed, and distributed over 26,000 boxes of produce totaling over half a million pounds. We believe that was just the beginning of what God has planned as He repositions us to a strategic location in the Northside of Spartanburg, just 2 minutes from our main hub on Chapel Street. Our warehouse is now located at 348 Preston Street, in a shared building with Northside Church, behind Dr.



TK Gregg Community Center and the new park. The move has caused us to incur \$9,300 in unexpected costs, especially with moving our walk-in cooler, which we are fundraising to cover. WE NEED YOU! Please donate to help us: ruthsgleanings.com/donate

# Chef to Your Table

Ruth's Gleanings is creating signature fundraiser events for our organization. These in-home small dinners are hosted by people who would like to support our efforts to increase access to fresh, healthy foods for people in need. Local chefs prepare and serve the meals utilizing food from local farms that we partner with. Our first Chef to Your Table event was in August hosted by Bob and Sarah Caldwell with a DELICIOUS 7-course meal prepared by Aimee Cheek from Citizens & Southern Event Center (https://www.citizensandsouthernevents.com/). It was a beautiful time with delicious food and delightful company. Thank you to the Caldwell's for this successful event!!!

Are YOU the next table host to enjoy a chef to table meal while raising funding to help feed others? WE NEED YOU! If interested, contact us at tonja@ruthsgleanings.com.

## Auction for a Cause

Ruth's Gleanings joins 6 other agencies for a cooperative fundraiser, consisting of silent and live auctions. The 29th annual event is scheduled to open Thursday, October 27, 2022, with a Live Auction Party at Indigo Hall and an 8-day Virtual Silent Auction from October 28 through Friday, November 4.

Do you have items/services/experiences to donate to our auction? WE NEED YOU!

You're invited to attend the Live Auction Party and/or virtual silent auction. WE NEED YOU! https://auction4acause.net/





# HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

## Pray.

We covet your prayers and are always grateful for our faithful prayer warriors!

### Give.

One-time gifts and those who give as monthly donors are blessings to us and vital for our future. You can also give securely on our website at ruthsgleanings.com/donate.

## Volunteer.

Our volunteers make it all happen. You can register on our website at ruthsgleanings.com/volunteer

### Newsletter.

Join our mailing list to receive the latest news and developments by going to our website at ruthsgleanings.com

### Connect.

We enjoy hearing from you and others through this email connect@ruthsgleanings.com

Thank you for coming alongside us in our ministry. We look forward to hearing from you!

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