



# GLEANERS ≈DISPATCH≈ Inc.

"A non-profit organization whose purpose is to redistribute fresh food to families in need"

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## A note from the Founder:

From the moment we started Gleaners Dispatch our goal has been to fulfill needs. In 2008 we saw the needs grow as the economy started to weaken. Jacksonville experienced a rise in gas prices and a rise in unemployment-causing a rise in the need of the fresh food we provide to so many. Our main objective has still remained to find a need and fill it.

I appreciated all of the wonderful volunteers who carried the load while I was out sick last summer. People who get the credit for doing a job well done aren't always the one who does the work. I am shown as the man who makes things happen here at Gleaners, but in truth, if it was not for our volunteers I would be ineffective.

In 2008 we continued to change from a "mom & pop" operation into a new phase of our growth. As our demand grows so does our operations and we have begun developing in new ways. Looking forward in 2009 we will not only have our distribution services but have also started serving hot meals. We are not sure exactly where this new growth will take us except that we are continuing to follow the path that God continues to put before us.

We hope if you ever need food assistance you will visit one of the distribution lines as our Guest. If you would like to volunteer please call or visit our office for an application packet. If you would like more information please feel free to visit our website. We are here to help any way we can!

Dave Fountain

## A note from the Director of Operations:

It has been a challenge for me, not knowing all that was in store when I answered God's call to come to Gleaners at the beginning of 2008. Not knowing what lay in store, but knowing God had indeed prepared me for the task ahead.

To say I am blessed, is an understatement. God has given me much more than I deserve, more than anyone deserves. He gave me a wife for 42 years who loved me unquestionably, 4 children, 12 grand children, and 3 great grand sons. God has given me a ministry which I would have never chosen for myself, but God sees the big picture- He sees what I can not. I AM TRULY BLESSED!

Jesus said to Peter three times in John Ch 21 "Do you love me? ...Then feed my sheep" We believe this was a command not for food but spiritual guidance. I believe in Gleaners because of Dave & Terry Fountain's commitment to God to feed His sheep. They feed both the spiritual, as well as, the physical body. They are truly examples of what God can do, when we follow His commands.

I want to thank Eric Lampe and all of the other volunteers who I worked with in 2008, I thank God each day for those who make this ministry possible.

God is still on the throne, He is at work through Gleaners Dispatch- and I am looking forward to what new adventures He has in store for us in this New Year!

Eugene Albright

# 2008 Accomplishments:

**376,106**

Number of people we dispatched free fresh bread & produce to through our distribution sites.

(84,374 signed-in guests representing an additional 3.5 people, on average, in their household for whom they took food)

\*Provided meaningful opportunities for over 250 volunteers who have the desire to give to others, but never have the means to buy food to give away their self.

\*With the rising gas prices in 2008 it was an accomplishment to make it to 2009. Although we did cut back some staff.

\*Because of our growth our office experienced many changes such as having its first audit done, updating Quickbooks, and changed our accounting method to stay aligned with best standard accounting practices.

\*Offered guidance and community service work hours at Gleaners for over 40 federal, state, or county first-time offenders to help them successfully complete supervised court-ordered probation requirements to get back on track with their lives.

\*Started a new distribution site at Pine Breeze Trailer Park on 103<sup>rd</sup> St.

\*We hosted two Christian Work & Witness Teams; one from Keokuk, Iowa and one from Trenton, Ohio. These teams painted the interior of our office, completely constructed a conference room, repaired our roof, painted our trucks and put signage on them, helped at our distribution sites, along with many many other tasks.

**33,313.50**

Number of volunteer hours logged in by JOY CLUB volunteers

**104,384**

Number of miles we traveled to rescue fresh food and put it on the tables of our guests.

Number of gleaning trips, by volunteers, to rescue excess fresh food from docks of wholesalers and retailers

**1,402**

**24**

Number of wholesale and retail vendor partners from whom we gleaned fresh food

**17**

Number of NE FL nonprofits that we assisted by providing fresh food for their community food and pantry programs.