

# PANTRY PICKIN'S



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## EIGHTH ANNUAL TASTE OF PICKENS

Please mark your calendars for November 9, 2013. Block off the time from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and set your GPS for the Chattahoochee Technical College location in Jasper. Once your GPS, I call mine Zelda, has delivered you to this address, park the car and come into a world of deliciousness. (Oh, be sure to wear your stretchy pants)! You have entered the Taste of Pickens (can you hear the angels singing?). If you have not already purchased your ticket(s) before arriving, stop by the front table and be sure to get one or more. For \$10, you will get eight tasty samplings from our local area. There may be a local restaurant you have not dined in. Now is your chance to sample their fares and decide when you want to go in and have a whole meal.

Once again, we will also have a cake auction with cakes from some of the finest bakers in town. Your mouth will begin watering from just looking at them. And you do not have to share with your fellow table mates. Be selfish, take it home and eat it all yourself!

Our chairwoman, Regina Camp would like to personally invite you to attend this wonderful event and to remind you that all proceeds are given to CARES to enable us to continue to provide for those citizens in Pickens County who are in need. It is a win-win situation. You can help those in need and also help your stomach fill up. We hope to see you there!!



**Upcoming Events**

*Taste of Pickens*

*November 9, 2013*

*11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.*

**Financial Assistance:**

**First, Third & Fifth  
Friday of each month.**



## CARES VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

*“CARES has a wonderful volunteer group of volunteers that I have enjoyed working with and have become friends with.”*

Ivan Brown has been hanging around CARES for quite a long time. He was introduced to the food pantry in 2005 by Bill and Suzy Pattilo and began his career as a stocker in the old building on the Holy Family Campus. He thought to expand his horizons and become a truck driver on the run to the Atlanta Food Bank, but after suffering a front tire blowout while traveling 50 mph, he decided stocking was not such a bad place to be.

He served on the Board of Directors for three years, he worked as Assistant Treasurer with Gene Berry and was a Thursday morning shelf stocker (his one constant). A few years back a “shopper” was needed to purchase items not available at the Food Bank. Ivan stepped right in and now shops and delivers these items every Wednesday.

“Every August, I volunteer in the name of CARES at the Trout’s Golf outing which raises money for CARES. CARES has a wonderful volunteer group which I have enjoyed working with and have become friends with. I have enjoyed my association with CARES the past eight years,” Ivan says. We have enjoyed our association with you too. Thank you for all that you have done in making sure we continue to help those that need it.



Ivan Brown

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## FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

May God richly  
bless you in all  
your life.

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*Larry*

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

All our volunteers here at CARES are extremely valuable to us. As you know, there is no way this organization could continue in it's current capacity without those who selflessly donate their time and energy.

CARES is divided into sections. These sections must operate smoothly together to make the machine work as a whole. Each section has a leader. These people bring order to the chaos that on some days is CARES. We chose to recognize these leaders during the month of August. August 12-16 was designated as CARES Section Leaders Appreciation Week. Each

section leader was recognized for the day(s) they work and for the section they lead. In appreciation, these folks were given gift cards to local restaurants.

These wonderful people are:

Glenda Clark— Monday Food Distribution

Christine New-Monday Reception

Kathy Bostick—Wednesday Food Stockers

Lorene Ballew—Thursday Food Stockers

Kathy Bostick-Friday Food Distribution

Carole Torrey - Friday Reception

Robin Dunn—Food Counselors

Fran Bishop—Financial Assistance Counselors

Cindy Dunning—Photo ID System.

Thanks to all these people that step up to insure each section is manned and operating properly. What a wonderful group of volunteers we have here.

See back page for pictures of our section leaders.

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### A Different Type of Poverty-What does it mean to be poor in America?

Five decades since President Lyndon B. Johnson began his so-called War on Poverty, poor Americans continue to struggle. In ["The American Way of Poverty: How the Other Half Still Lives,"](#) Sasha Abramsky, a freelance journalist and lecturer in the university writing program at the University of California–Davis, tells the story of America's poor today. Abramsky recently spoke with U.S. News about defining poverty, identifying its causes and addressing the problem. Excerpts:

#### What does poverty look like in the United States?

That's a really important question. If you travel to India, the poverty is absolute. You see people who literally have not a dime to their name. They literally have no food to eat. It's a little bit more complicated in America because even though the welfare system is not very good, we don't actually have mass starvation. So poverty in America is relative. And it's about a lack of basic necessities and a lack of security, so an uncertainty as to where you're going to get food, an uncertainty as to how you're going to pay your most elementary bills, and it's about a reliance on either very imperfect gov-

ernment institutions or very overwhelmed private charity.

#### What is one cause of poverty?

I would say the rampant inequality. The bottom 20 percent of the workforce has seen a real income decline by double-digit amounts since the Nixon years. The 1 percent at the top, or the 0.1 percent – or if you go even higher, the 0.01 percent, the billionaires – have seen their income increase by not just 1, 2 or 3 percent, but by thousands of percent. What it means is political access is concentrated at the top, and as soon as that happens you end up with a political class that doesn't respond to the needs of ordinary people.

#### Who of the poor is the most overlooked demographic in the U.S.?

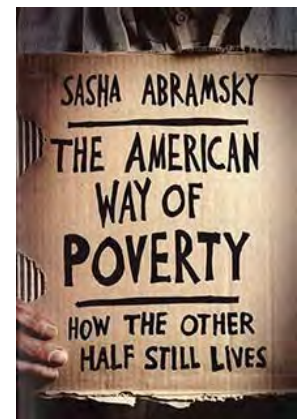
Everybody who is poor is overlooked because everybody who is poor in America is reduced to a set of stereotypes. I went around the country to dozens of states and I interviewed hundreds of people, and one thing I realized very quickly was there just isn't one face of poverty. I'd go into a suburban area and I'd talk to someone in a 3,000-square-foot mansion. On the surface they had everything, except they had nothing. They'd lost

their job, their house was underwater, they didn't have health insurance, they were going into bankruptcy. That person is just as much a victim of poverty as someone in north Philadelphia in a food-bank line, or somebody in a self-built shanty in the jungles of the Big Island of Hawaii.

#### How have America's attempts to reduce poverty compared to the efforts of other western nations?

This is one of the great eye-openers. America is the wealthiest nation in the world, yet it has higher levels of poverty than any other western democracy. Its poverty rates compare more with a country like Romania than with countries like Canada, France or Germany. It doesn't have to be that way. There are plenty of politicians out there thinking about anti-poverty strategies. There are plenty of intelligent academics, think tanks and so on. I think the conversation is shifting. I hope my book becomes a part of that conversation, but it's a work in progress. You've got to convince a lot of people at a lot of different parts of the political process that this is an issue worth investing time, energy and political capital in.

By: Happy Carlock, *US News & World Report*.





## SECTION LEADER APPRECIATION WEEK AUGUST 12-16, 2013

89 Cares Drive  
P. O. Box 1342  
Jasper, GA 30143

706-253-4777  
Food Ministry/Director

706-253-4778  
Financial Assistance

### Hours of Operation

*Monday*  
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.  
(food only)

*Wednesday*  
10 a.m.—Noon  
(emergency food only)  
(new clients)

*Friday*  
8:30 a.m.—Noon  
(food)

*Financial Assistance is provided the first, third & fifth Friday of each month. The first 10 financial clients are assisted.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*If you know someone who would like to volunteer, please have them call Larry Starr at 706-253-4777*



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Monday Section Leaders



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