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Carolinan HealthCare System Donates Equipment to Local Soup Kitchen

Commercial kitchen equipment donated to three Dilworth Soup Kitchen locations

January 17, 2012 — Three local soup kitchens will be cooking and storing food on newer equipment, thanks to Carolinas HealthCare System.

This week, Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS) donated commercial kitchen equipment to three Dilworth Soup Kitchen locations in Charlotte at First Christian Church, Ascension Lutheran Church and Sacrifice of Praise Ministry. The equipment will help Soup Kitchen staff and volunteers prepare and serve food more efficiently, potentially increasing the quality of food and the number of people they feed each day.

“We are thrilled that Carolinas HealthCare System could make this donation and help serve the needs of organizations so clearly dedicated to serving the needs of our communities,” said Kathleen Kaney, Vice President of Outreach Development and Coordination for CHS Education and Research. “We hope the equipment will help the Dilworth Soup Kitchen continue its vital services and important contribution to those in need in Charlotte and in surrounding areas.”

A variety of commercial kitchen equipment—including a large triple refrigerator, ice maker, double oven and grill/stove unit—was donated to help meet the needs of each Soup Kitchen location. The equipment was provided by several facilities throughout CHS that are undergoing kitchen and cafeteria renovations. The donation process was facilitated by the International Medical Outreach Program, which is operated by CHS and Heineman Medical Research, Inc., of Charlotte. The Outreach program has extensive experience in re-purposing serviceable equipment and has transported medical equipment to healthcare facilities worldwide.

“Carolinan HealthCare System has been involved with the Dilworth Soup Kitchen since its inception in 2008, and has helped make our goals and dreams a reality,” said Allen Saxe, founder of the Dilworth Soup Kitchen. “This donation will help transform the kitchens at our locations and improve our ability to cook and work faster. Now our fine cooks will have the fine equipment they deserve. We are thankful to CHS and to its staff for helping make this happen.”

The three Dilworth Soup Kitchen locations serve a total of nearly 500 people each week. The location at First Christian Church is the most heavily utilized, with more than 200 people served per week. In addition to feeding area residents seven days a week, the Soup Kitchen donates food to non-profit and religious organizations in Charlotte so they may continue providing needed services during difficult economic times.

Vendor time and labor for the Soup Kitchen donation process were donated by Smith Dray Line Movers, CE Holt Refrigeration, Kirlin Carolinas, Starr Electric, KBR Building Group and BRG.

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