

# **PETERSBURG 237 PACKS AND DELIVERS**

## **41 CHRISTMAS BASKETS**



Exalted Ruler Phil Phillips packs a basket as Chairman Ron Nimmo, (middle right—blue coat) and Secretary Eric Hamilton (Red coat) talk with Kaitlin about how we will go about packing and delivering the baskets to those in the Ettrick, Matoaca, Petersburg, and Dinwiddie Communities.



Lodge Secretary Eric Hamilton delivers food items to Howard Jackson at the Downtown Churches United, Food Pantry

The Petersburg Elks #237 completed its annual Food Basket project for 2011. We anticipated a larger response and had food stuff left over. We anticipated 48 to 52 baskets but received only 41 requests; this left us with a surplus of nonperishable goods such as canned goods, dry beans, spaghetti and macaroni products, Jell-O products, potatoes, flour, onions, and sugar. This was great because we were able to donate ten boxes of between 250 to 300 food items, to the Downtown Churches United, Hope Center. This had a price tag of \$650.00.

Thanks again to those Lodges who donate to the Elks National Foundation; because of those monies the ENF was able to provide us with a Promise Grant of \$2000.00 to battle hunger in the communities of Ettrick & Matoaca, Tri Cities and joining Counties of; Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George. The Food Pantry not only expanded our base for gift giving; they were able restock shelves with well needed food items to their depleted supplies. We also donated a used vacuum cleaner to Dr. James McClellan, Office Manager, Downtown Churches United, Hope Center

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