

Grace Center Inc.'s mission is: providing nutritious food and promoting social interaction with commitment and grace to our rural community.

The Grace Gazette

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Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

OUR PANTRY HOURS

Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursdays
5:00pm-7:00pm
 (Located on the corner of Popcorn Rd and Harrodsburg Rd)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISH LIST GOAL:

Canned Fruit, Spaghetti O's, Chicken, Beef, or Veg. Broth, Canned Meat, Ravioli, Macaroni and Cheese, Fiber Bars
CAN YOU HELP?

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is **\$2,231** away from Kroger writing us another check. Keep reloading those cards. Use your card to buy **groceries and gas!** What a great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



Who can come to the Community Dinner?

EVERYONE!

How Grace Center helped the Community in February
374 Adults served
142 Children helped
198 Families helped
466 Bags of Food given
12 New Families Helped

Board Members:

Tina Baugh, President
 Debbie Woodward, Vice President
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer
 Linda Brammer, Secretary
 Jim Baugh, Incorporator/Member at Large
 Clarissa Hawk, Terry Brammer, and Terry Doane, Members at Large

SIMPLICITY

About three years ago, a thought began to surface in my mind on a regular basis. A thought that would not go away, the thought was simplicity. I began thinking, what would it take to clear the clutter from my home, my daily activities and most importantly from my mind?

Last week my daughter who is nineteen, went on a mission trip to Jamaica. Along with the Intercollegiate YMCA, she worked with other college students to help some of the orphanages near the town of Mandeville. The thing that stood out to her most was how joyful the children were. How could children who have almost no family outside the orphanage and very few personal possessions be so joyful? The students brought items to give to the children. A simple hair tie was valued like a gold coin. One little boy after receiving a simple magazine ran to the other children announcing, "Look what Jesus sent me, I prayed for this and these people brought it for me!" My daughter gave away her shoes while she was there and when she got home her changed heart proclaimed, "It makes me want to give away everything I have." Her statement changed me. I believe it was another step towards simplicity. Why do I have shoes in my closet that I never wear? Why do I race around doing things that don't have purpose or spend time watching television when I could use that time to do something meaningful? Or for that matter why do I even need a television? Why do I worry about things that will probably never happen?



I challenge anyone who is having these same thoughts not to wait three years to act on them. There are people hurting in the world. There are people in our backyards that would go hungry everyday if they did not have help. Is it our responsibility to care for our neighbors and help those less fortunate? Only you can answer that.

Today I will begin my journey. Today I will start to give to others the things I can do without. I will continue to be a part of Grace Center because I want to help those who are hungry. Today I want to have purpose, to do things that have meaning, to clear out the clutter bugs because they are eating away my joy.

I used to dream of a big home, a fancy car and lots of money to go wherever I want to go and buy whatever I want. That was yesterday...today is a new day and I will not waste it.

GOOD NEWS!

The Grace Center board of directors and volunteers continually search for grants to help sustain the activities of the food pantry. The most recent award came through the Grants Committee of the Monroe County Council. The Council Community Service Grant in the amount of \$5000 was awarded to Grace Center Inc. in November of 2011.

Council Committee members were responsible for allocating the \$95,000 available through the County. Their goal was to identify and fund a diverse set of projects that would have a positive impact in the community. The funds awarded to Grace Center will help purchase protein sources such as peanut butter, cheese, canned meats as well as other food items and will also help supply hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant and toilet paper.

A special thanks to Debbie Woodward for preparing the grant for submission and to the Monroe County Council for acknowledging Grace Center's mission and providing the funds to help sustain that mission. You are appreciated!

If you are handy on the computer and would like to help Grace Center secure grants for the future, let us know! Grace Center's email is gracecenterinc@gmail.com. Please feel free to email website links or information regarding grants. Grace Center is a 100% volunteer organization made up of people like you who are willing to make a difference in our community.

FARMERS' MARKET FIELD TRIP

(Ideas from Allrecipes.com)

They grow it. We eat it. Let's track down the ingredients for a fresh seasonal cook-off.


Farm Fresh Party Tips

Round up your most adventurous friends and turn them loose on your local farmers' market. The challenge? Create a seasonal menu using only ingredients found on your field trip. Up the ante by choosing only what's produced within 100 miles of your front door.

- Divide into teams of three or four. Each team must come up with an appetizer, main dish, and dessert to share with the group. Set a spending limit for each team and tell them to bring cash in small bills.

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Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org		April		email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Food Pantry 10am-12noon Grace Center Board Meeting at Grace Center Food Pantry Building 6:00pm	4	5 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	6	7 Indian Creek Fire Dept Easter Egg Hunt
8 	9	10 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30pm-2:30pm at the Grace Center Food Pantry Building	11	12 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	13	14
15	16 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Call Patty, 824-2611	17 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm	18	19 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	20	21 Indian Creek Fire Dept Italian Dinner
22	23	24 Food Pantry 10am-12noon Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner 5:30pm-7:00 Beef Brisket will be served	25 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Call Lloyd at 824-9771 for location	26	27	28
29	30					



**Indian Creek Fire
Department
April 21
Italian Dinner 4:00-8:00**

**Indian Creek Fire Department
Easter Egg Hunt
April 7**

1:00 there will be crafts
2:00 the Egg Hunt will begin



Grace Center wants to give the following people a SPECIAL THANKS:

- Pat Marshal for transporting bread donated from Kroger each week.
- Southern Hills Church of Christ for donating 32 lbs of canned food.
- Sherwood Oaks Outreach Committee for donating 175 lbs of misc. food items.
- Thank you Sherwood Oaks for joining in the fight against hunger!
- Maple Grove Home School Co-op for donating 42 lbs of food.
- Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for donating 34 lbs of food.
- Darrell Anderson for donating 10 gallons of milk.
- Vivian Thrasher for donating 7 lbs of canned goods and for sending fudge for the Grace Center patrons on Thursday.
- New Life Pentecostal Church for donating 15 lbs of food.
- Harrodsburg Assembly of God for monetary offerings given monthly.
- All our anonymous donors for your compassionate giving.



- Early arrivals get the pick of the crop, so plan your trip accordingly. Depending on the size of the market, set a reasonable time limit for strolling, sampling and shopping. Then head back home and let the cooking commence!
- Ask your friends to bring their own kitchen hardware if you don't have enough to go around. Be sure to have plenty of sharp knives, cutting boards, bowl, pots and pans, etc. Got a grill? Get it ready.
- Driving to the market? Throw a cooler in the car with plenty of ice to keep your bounty fresh.
- Supply basics like salt, pepper, and olive oil from your pantry. As the host, you can either join a team or be responsible for fueling the competition with nibbles and drinks.
- Before you chow down, let the teams talk about their dishes. Where were those perfect peaches picked? Is there a cool back-story about the grower/baker/cheese maker.
- The rewards are right there on your plates, but go ahead and hand out blue ribbons for the most colorful dish, most inventive use of an ingredient, weirdest-looking produce, and so on.
- HAVE FUN!

It's difficult to think
anything but pleasant
thoughts while eating
a homegrown tomato.
~Lewis Grizzard

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