



The Grace Gazette

February 2009

Serving those in need in
Clear Creek, Indian
Creek & Polk Townships

Grace Center is located inside Community Hardware 701 West Popcorn Road
Harrodsburg Indiana 812.824.5595

News from the Grace Center Board

Energizing the Community

Grace Center realizes that there are many problems facing our rural community not the least of which is increased unemployment. We feel there are ways we can work in cooperation with other groups that are concerned about these same problems — including how best to help and serve the elderly, low income families, those with health issues and youth who may be at risk. We see part of our role as helping to connect the not-for-profit resources in Monroe County to the challenges in Indian Creek, Clear Creek and Polk Townships. By helping to communicate the needs, offering solutions that focus on partnering and working together on projects we foresee more people being served more effectively.

Grace Center volunteers work to provide wholesome food to people in need through the food pantry and promote social interactions in our rural community through our Tuesday activities and art programs. Perry-Clear Creek Fire Department, Lakeview and Clear Creek Elementary Schools, Monroe County Health Department, Township Trustees, Heritage Days Board, home school moms and others are already involved and moving onward in 2009. Get on board! Help us energize our community. How can your group work with us to help make positive change?

— Georgia Schaich, Grace Center Board

Grace Center Inc. 2009 Board of Directors: Margaret Simmerman, Tina Baugh, Susan Johnson, Jim Baugh, Georgia Schaich, Jeff Calabrese and Mary Lowery

Did you know that a \$100 donation can help Grace Center buy up to 714 pounds of food at Hoosier Hills Food Bank?



Senior Sweetheart Dinner
Thursday February 12 5:00 pm

(Snow or bad weather date: Saturday February 14 11:30 am)

Once again, it's time for the Harrodsburg Sweetheart Dinner!

Come and enjoy a free, home cooked meal and visit with your neighbors

To RSVP please call Marnise Miller: 824.9390 or Connie Kinser: 824.9507



**Meet Sophia Travis:
Grace Center's New
Art Instructor**

We would like to welcome Sophia Travis as art instructor for both youth and adult classes. Youth class projects will be inspired by children's book authors like Eric Carle (The Hungry Caterpillar) and inventive crafts that explore everything from recycling materials to learning about great masterpieces or "DIY" (Do It Yourself) projects. Classes are intended to be family friendly. Sophia hopes to get local artists involved in these classes.

For adults, Sophia hopes to develop a series for get-together time that most of us find difficult to set aside for. There will be art-themed projects like scrap booking, photo album assembly, and learning a new handy artistic or craft skill. Even just organizing stashed away art supplies in order to feel more clearly inspired to create will be a part of the fun! As with the youth classes, local artists will be invited to take part.

Grace Center thanks all current volunteers:

Angie Cushing, Jacob Cushing, Georgia Cushing,
Sherry Fichtner, Chris Fichtner, Anna Fichtner, Clarisa Hawk,
Sue Hearth, and Barb Stainbrook.



HEALTH TID BITS

- Swap a small order of fries for a small baked potato and save 120 calories
- Swap a beef hot dog for a white turkey hot dog and save 135 calories



**FEBRUARY 2009 ACTIVITIES
CALENDAR**

**Euchre: 1st & Last Tuesday
February 3 & 24 1:30-3:30
PM**

**Adult Art: 2nd Tuesday
February 10 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Youth Art: 3rd Tuesday
February 17 3:30-5:00 PM**

**Community Dinner: Last
Tuesday every month
February 24 5:30-7:00 PM**



SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Thanks goes to Bill & Melissa Goodman for getting a GREAT GROUP together for this class!

If you're interested in helping us form a class for March, call or email Mary Lowery at the Monroe County Health Department:
812.349.2150
mlowery@co.monroe.in.us

FREE NICOTINE PATCHES, GUM AND LOZENGES FOR THOSE ATTENDING ALL 4 CLASSES

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