

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:

Cheese, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Milk, Butter or Margarine, Macaroni and Cheese

CAN YOU HELP?

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$3,995 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 December
460 Adults served
152 Children helped
222 Families helped
515 Bags of Food given
9 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

GREETINGS FROM GRACE CENTER INC.

January has been a busy month. We are continuing to experience an increase in patrons served at the pantry. As the numbers continue to grow, it requires additional food and volunteers to purchase food, sort items and serve the patrons. From November to December in 2011 the number of patrons served went from 363 to 460. The total number of food bags distributed in 2011 was 4,245! The increases challenge the Grace Center Board of Directors to look for new ways to meet our community needs. Partnering and collaborating with area churches, businesses, organizations and schools is vital. Many of our partners are listed on the back of the newsletter each month. Please take time to read about these exceptional partners and frequent the area businesses and organizations in response.

One example of area partnering is a recent grant received by Grace Center Food Pantry. The Monroe County Council awarded Grace Center a \$5,000 grant from their Community Services fund. Thank you Monroe County Council for considering Grace Center and for making it possible for us to continue to serve southern Monroe County.

If your church, business, organization or school would like to be challenged to make a difference in Monroe County in 2012, consider partnering with Grace Center. The need is great. Some of the people in your community are able to purchase their prescriptions, pay heating bills or pay for school expenses because they have help with food costs.

Thank you for being a community who would rather focus on caring for their neighbors and friends than judge them. Your generosity and willingness to help does not go unnoticed.

Euchre Games Sponsored by Grace Center

Do you enjoy playing Euchre? Come and join a Euchre game on the second and last Tuesdays of each month. Euchre players meet at the Harrodsburg Community Center or the Grace Food Pantry Building at 12:30pm. In addition to playing Euchre the last Tuesday, volunteers also join in to help fold, label and stamp the Grace Gazette newsletters. If you are not a Euchre player and would just enjoy some social interaction please come and join the fun. For more information about the location or if you have other questions please call Grace Center at 824-5595.



Monthly Community Dinners Sponsored by Grace Center

Would you enjoy sharing a hot meal with your neighbors? Would you appreciate the opportunity to donate to Grace Center? Come join the fun the last Tuesday evening of each month at the Harrodsburg Community Center from 5:30-7pm. The Community Dinner is free to all and a donation jar is available for anyone wanting to donate. If you would be interested in periodically preparing dessert for the dinner please contact us at 824-5595. Please come and enjoy a hot meal with us!



Grace Center Food Pantry

Grace Center Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer 501(c)3 not for profit and serves the residents of Indian Creek, Clear Creek and Polk Townships in Monroe County. The guidelines for qualification are based on the USDA for monthly income. If your family falls below the stated guideline, you live in one of the three townships stated and you are unable to provide food for your household then you would qualify to receive three days worth of food each week. If you have questions about qualification, call 824-5595, visit our website at www.gracecenterindiana.org or stop by Grace Center on Tuesdays from 10am-12 noon or Thursdays from 5-7pm.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Toffee Oatmeal Cookies

3/4 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 3/4 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
 2 1/4 cups old fashioned oats
 1 teaspoon baking soda



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Community Center Activity Calendar

| www.gracecenterindiana.org | | email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com | | | | |
|--|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| All events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | February 10, Sweetheart Dinner is for anyone connected to Harrodsburg age 50 or more. Stony Point Bluegrass Band will entertain at 6:00. Dinner is free but a freewill offering would be appreciated for the band. Reservations are appreciated but not absolutely necessary. Call 824-9507 or 327-0106. Sponsored by the Harrodsburg Heritage Days Assoc. |
| | | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | |



Grace Center serves those in the community who struggle to provide food for themselves and their families. This could not be possible without the help from caring people like those listed below:

Harrodsburg United Methodist Church, New Life Pentecostal Church, Harrodsburg Assembly of God, Southern Hills Church of Christ, Walkers Chapel, South Union Christian Church, Hunters Creek Pentecostal Church, Maple Grove Homeschool Co-op, Jackson Creek Middle School, Lakeview Elementary, Clear Creek Elementary, Perry Clear Creek Volunteer Firefighters, Smithville Farmers Market, The Presidents Office at IU, The Stanford Order of Eastern Star, The IU School of Education Staff Council, Jellystone Park at Lake Monroe, Rob and Angie Phares, Ray and Ronda Shock, Jr and Judith Miller, Charles Sproull, Bo and Pam Patton, The Riley Chaney Family, Bill and Marcia Stogdill, Ashley Woodward, Ray and Sandy Copas, Chuck Newton, Jan Brand, Jessica Watson, Laura Stull, Glenn Teague, Doug Hobbs, Pam Wilson, Martha Calabrese, Rachel Cornwell, Becky Snedegar, Rodney and Joy Ira, Jiffy Treat of Bedford, Wayne and Becky Deckard, Amy Swafford, Mary Zigler, The Reed Family, Butcher Block of Bloomington, The Fred Barger Family, Karen Combs, Chuck Thrasher, Bob and Louise Fenton, Teresa Hammock, The Therron Thomas family, Vivian Miller, Courtni Peek, The Fichtner Family, The Munson Family, Bob and Sue Hearth, The Stainbrooke Family, Eula Price, Tom and Debbie Woodward, Jim and Tina Baugh, Terry and Linda Brammer, The Terry Doane Family, The Umphress Family, Charles and Clarissa Hawk, Peter Wegener, Laney Nethery, Diane and Haley Thrasher, Kayla Rogers, Connie Kinser, The Jerry Baugh Family, Bob Self, The Chris Spires Family, May Polk, Jay and Sherri Richardson, John Boruff, Dennis and Marnise Miller, Darrell Anderson, Rick and Vicki Petermichel, The Nethery Family, Sandi Lieffers, Thelma Kelley Jeffries (Clear Creek Township Trustee), Julie Meyer, all givers that we may have missed and all anonymous givers.



How Grace Center has helped in 2011

| | Adults Served | Children Served | Households Served | Bags of Groceries Given | New Families |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Jan | 204 | 117 | 116 | 222 | 6 |
| Feb | 230 | 102 | 123 | 249 | 5 |
| Mar | 325 | 143 | 170 | 327 | 11 |
| Apr | 263 | 136 | 134 | 276 | 9 |
| May | 322 | 132 | 159 | 369 | 6 |
| June | 347 | 182 | 162 | 392 | 6 |
| July | 288 | 151 | 140 | 349 | 6 |
| August | 356 | 163 | 185 | 421 | 6 |
| Sept | 339 | 171 | 163 | 358 | 6 |
| Oct | 325 | 136 | 157 | 352 | 3 |
| Nov | 363 | 145 | 191 | 415 | 8 |
| Dec | 460 | 152 | 222 | 515 | 9 |
| TOTALS | 3822 | 1730 | 1922 | 4245 | 81 |

1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 pkg English toffee bits (10 ounces)
 or almond brickle chips (7 1/2 ounces)
 3/4 cup coconut (optional)
 In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in toffee bits. Drop by rounded tablespoons 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Cool for 1 minute before removing from pans to wire racks.



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