

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

NEW Pantry Hours
Thursdays
3:00pm-7:00pm
 (Located on the corner of Popcorn Rd and Harrodsburg Rd)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISH LIST GOAL:

Canned Peaches,
 Canned Peas,
 Ravioli, Corn Muffin Mix, Soup, Canned Tuna, Baking Soda, Canned Chili, Canned Potatoes

CAN YOU HELP?

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$2847 away from Kroger writing us another check. Keep re-loading those cards. Use your card to buy **groceries and gas!** What a great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



VOLUNTEER

It does the heart good!

How Grace Center helped the Community in December

278 Adults served
112 Children helped
140 Families helped
339 Bags of food given
9 New families helped

Total Bags of groceries given out in 2012

5,473

Board Members:

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

COMMUNITY DINNER DISCONTINUED

This past December was our last monthly community dinner. The Grace Center board decided to discontinue the monthly community dinners starting in January. There were several reasons for the change but the biggest was that our main dinner volunteer, Debbie Woodward, needed to step down. Debbie took over the community dinner planning and cooking about two years ago and did a great job. We really appreciate all her efforts and the efforts of all the great volunteers who have been helping along the way. So a fond farewell to Debbie and best wishes for her and her family.

Now we look to the future. To continue a monthly dinner would require a replacement head cook. It would also be beneficial to have an event coordinator as it is too much for one person. Our dinner costs were increasing and combined with fewer donations the events were reaching the breakeven point. Discontinuing the dinners allow us to take a breather, reflect on the past and consider our options.

Many in the community will be disappointed by the decision. Having a constant once a month event allows you to plan accordingly, see your many friends, and relax a little bit in a comfortable environment. So we are all ears for ideas. Let us know what you are thinking. It really "is" about the community and a great volunteer opportunity too. Send us an email or a note in the mail. Talk to a board member. Whatever communication is best for you will work. We want and hope to hear from you soon.




Sweetheart Dinner
 Presented by
The Harrodsburg Heritage Days Association
Tuesday, February 12
 1002 W. Popcorn Rd,
 Harrodsburg, IN
Dinner will be served at 5:30
This free home cooked dinner is for people age 50 or over who are affiliated with Harrodsburg ~ resident or former resident, or if you attend a church in Harrodsburg
 Call 824-9390 or 824-9507
 to make your reservations for this special event




Euchre Players Needed

Do you know how to play Euchre and would like a chance to play? Do you want to learn how to play Euchre? Come to the Harrodsburg Community Center the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:30-2:30pm and join the fun.



SHELF STABLE FOOD UPDATE

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are targeting our year end donations toward purchasing Shelf Stable Foods such as canned meats and shelf stable milk (also known as UHT milk). Our goal is to provide proteins and dairy weekly but there are many times when we do not have any to give. Having an inventory of shelf stable food fills that gap but the cost is greater because we buy these items at full retail price.

Many of you have responded to our letter about the project and have been very generous. In addition, we were fortunate to receive a \$3000 Community Services Grant for this project from the Monroe County Council. This is great news. Now our quest is to find a local store with UHT milk and canned meats at a reasonable price. We will strive to stretch these dollars for the most benefit. Thank you donors and Monroe County Council for your continued support.

Tue Feb. 5	• Grace Center Board Meeting at <i>Grace Center Pantry Building 6:00pm</i>
Thu Feb. 7	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm • Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm
Tue Feb. 12	• Euchre 12:30-2:30 at Harrodsburg Comm. Building Contact John or Martha Bastin for Euchre details. • Senior Sweetheart Dinner 5:30
Thu Feb. 14	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm • Happy Valentines Day
Sat Feb. 16	• Indian Creek Lions Club Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 →
Mon Feb. 18	• Ladies Craft Night, Smithville Com. Center, 6:30pm Call Patty at 824-2611 for more information
Thu Feb. 21	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm
Tue Feb. 26	• Euchre 12:30-2:30 at Harrodsburg Comm. Building Contact John or Martha Bastin for Euchre details.
Wed Feb. 27	• Indian Creek Lions Club 7:00pm Contact Lloyd, 824-9771 for location
Thu Feb. 28	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm

Indian Creek Lions Club Fundraiser

Italian Dinner



**Saturday,
February 16th
4:00-8:00pm**

8120 S. Rockport Road,
Bloomington, IN

Adults: \$8 Children 10 and under \$4

Menu: Chicken Parmigiana with spaghetti,
salad, breadsticks, dessert and drink

*All proceeds will benefit the general
scholarship fund for area youth*

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Stop.Think.Connect., is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. The Department of Homeland Security was tasked to create an ongoing cybersecurity awareness campaign which launched in 2010 and is called—**Stop.Think.Connect.**—to help Americans understand the risks that come with being online. For more information visit <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>.

Kids Lead Digital Lives

- Kids ages 8-18 spend 7 hours and 38 minutes per day online.
- 95% of parents think it is necessary to talk about online security risks and behaviors with their children, but only 65% have had the "Internet talk".
- 20% of kids will have been a victim of cyberbullying by the time they graduate high school.
- 75% of children are willing to share personal information online about themselves and their family in exchange for goods and services.

Cyber Tips

- No citizen, community, or country is immune to cyber risk, but there are steps you can take to minimize your chances of an incident:
- Set strong passwords, change them regularly, don't use the same password twice, and don't share them with anyone.
 - Keep your operating system, browser, and critical software secure by installing updates.
 - Lock your computer and cell phone.
 - Think twice before you post anything online; once it is in cyberspace, it is out there forever.
 - Be cautious about offers online - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Resources for Kids and Families

There is a tremendous amount of resources available online.

Kids: NetSmartzKids.org, iKeepSafe.org, and NSTeens.org

Families: OnguardOnline.gov, Cybertipline.com, and Staysafeonline.org



Thank you to all those who continue to donate food, money and time to help those in need. If you would like to donate food, please bring it to the food pantry any time between 2 and 7pm on Thursday evening. Your donations are very much appreciated.

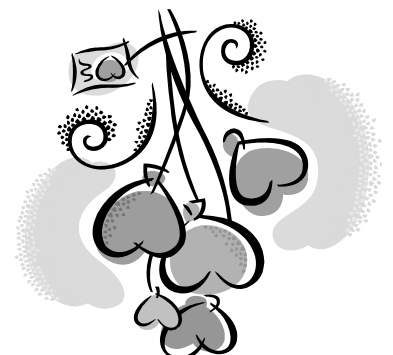
A Very Special Thank You Goes Out to:

- ♥ Darrell Anderson for donating 45 lbs. of dry beans, box potatoes, canned meat and cream corn.
- ♥ The Fichtners for donating 13 lbs. of peanut butter.
- ♥ New Life Pentecostal Church for donating 160 lbs. of eggs, cornbread mix, misc. canned food, macaroni and cheese, and ramen noodles.
- ♥ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church's Sunday School for donating 7 dozen eggs.
- ♥ Bedford Stone City Squares for donating 31 lbs. of misc. goods.
- ♥ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for donating 17 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Kim Stewart for donating 6 lbs. of misc. goods.
- ♥ Everyone who donated from the 'Christmas Letter' for a total of \$775.00 to date.
- ♥ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for their monthly monetary donation and for donating to the advent conspiracy.
- ♥ Harrodsburg Assembly of God for their monthly monetary donation.
- ♥ All our volunteers, past, present and future!

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