

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 Broth,
Ravioli, Sugar,
Macaroni and Cheese, Salt, Sugar,
Oatmeal

CAN YOU HELP?

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$1,505 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 January
471 Adults served
144 Children helped
216 Families helped
471 Bags of Food given

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

QUILTS DONATED FROM WABASH VALLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



Members of the PLUS program at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility donated twenty beautiful quilts to help raise funds for Grace Center Food Pantry. The Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program is a faith and character-based community that encourages offenders to choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior by providing a focus on spiritual and character development, community service, and a curriculum that teaches pro-social skills for living as law-abiding citizens.

In 2006, PLUS embarked on a unique community service project in memory of fallen heroes. Members of PLUS have been making quilts for families of Indiana soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan. PLUS has expanded their quilting skills to donate quilts to local schools, organizations and churches for fundraising events. They are also providing quilts for the homeless, specialty quilts for government dignities and even a quilt for Miss America 2010. Twice one of their quilts won "honorable mention" at the Indiana State Fair for quilt entries. All material is donated or purchased through fundraisers. PLUS is a self sustaining program and receives no State or Federal money.

Quilts are twin size, come in a wide variety of colors and are available for a donation of \$30.00. The quilts can be purchased during pantry hours (Tuesdays 10am-12noon and Thursdays 5-7pm) at Grace Center Food Pantry, 701 W. Popcorn Rd. in Harrodsburg. The money raised from the sale of the quilts will go to help provide food for Grace Center patrons.

Grace Center served 33 families on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Keeping up with the demand for food each week at the pantry can be exhausting, but it is possible with people willing to help, like the men involved in the PLUS program. Thanks again to the offenders at Wabash Valley for using their talents to help others.



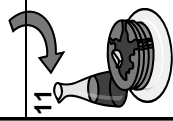
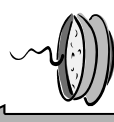
Do you have meat items in your freezer that needs to be used? Please donate them to Grace Center! Meat is scarce at this time. Bologna has been the main meat item given for a few weeks and we would love to offer our patrons a variety. Thank you in advance for responding to the needs of the pantry.

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF GRACE FOOD PANTRY



I have never volunteered at a food pantry before now. I personally have never had to receive help from a pantry but realize I have been close several times in my life. When I help, I sometimes I stand back, watching and listening. This is what I see. I see a patron bringing in food to share with his neighbors because he wants to help, and although he is there to get food, he is bringing food to share. I see a person of the community bringing in food that was donated by members of her church (it is a lot of food). I see a woman sharing a site on the internet where others can possibly get free cell phones. I see someone using the public computer (donated by local church) to find information on jobs. I see some worried looks and some smiles. Sometimes it's not what I see but what I hear. I hear a woman asking another woman why she is crying and offering to help her. The woman asking to help is not a volunteer but a patron of the pantry. I hear people saying 'thank you' and 'God bless'. I hear the sounds of children. I hear a mother helping her mother in the pantry. I hear a volunteer saying "there is coffee and cookies available while you wait". I hear a man give up his turn to go into the pantry so he can chat with his friends a bit longer. I hear neighbors talk about their pets, their ailments and their plans. I sometimes hear negative things but very rarely. I mostly hear the sounds of care and compassion. I am thankful that I can see and hear because there is a person here that cannot see. I thank God that at this moment, at this time, at this very second, I am alive and am able to experience this. I wish there were no hunger or hurt but I am glad that I can be part of a group that can help ease the hunger and hurt. I am glad to be a small part of Grace Center.

Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org		March		email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		All events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted		1 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	2	3
4 Indian Creek Firefighters Pancake Breakfast	5 Grace Center Board Meeting at Grace Center Food Pantry Building 6:00pm		6 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm	7	8 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	9
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18	19 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Contact Patty, 824-2611	20 Food Pantry 10am-12noon	21	22 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	23	24 Annual Chili and Soup and Supper in Smithville
25	26 Community Dinner 5:30pm-7:00	27 Food Pantry 10am-12noon Euchre 12:30-2:30pm	28 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Call Lloyd at 824-9771 for location	29	30	31 

Annual Chili and Soup Supper

in Smithville
Saturday, March 24th at 6:00 in Red Men Hall

Everything will be furnished but if folks want to bring a dessert they can.



- Grace Center wants to give the following people a SPECIAL THANKS:
- Thank you Harrodsburg United Methodist Church Outreach Committee for donating mittens, hats and scarves to the patrons of the pantry, the items went very fast and were very much appreciated.
 - Southern Hills Church of Christ for donating 39 lbs. of misc. food items.
 - Frank Groh for donating 3 lbs. of bananas
 - New Life Pentecostal Church for donating 25 lbs. of food.
 - Robin Marshal for delivering bread and bakery items donated by Kroger South.
 - Patti Vermillion for donating 120 lbs. of food.
 - Maple Grove Homeschool Co-Op for donating 15 lbs. of food.
 - Darrel Anderson for donating 40 lbs. of canned food.

The following is Grace Center's savings statement from Hoosier Hills Food Bank for 2011:

Total weight at charge	41,252
Total no charge weight	16,663
Grand total weight	57,915
Total invoice fees	\$5,727.47
Total wholesale value of product	\$91,028.17
Total savings to agency	\$85,300.70

Grace Center purchases food from the HHFB every week. Thank you HHFB for making it possible to provide 57,915 lbs. of food in 2011 for \$5,727.47. We appreciate you! Thank you to anyone who so kindly donated monetarily in 2011. This is how your dollars were spent! Thank you Tom and Debbie Woodward for being our 'head' shoppers for 2011, we don't know what we would have done without you!

INDIAN CREEK FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST

Pancakes, sausage, eggs cooked your way, biscuits & gravy, juice, milk, and coffee. All for a donation! Come join us and support Indian Creek Firefighters. 8am to Noon at the fire station, 8019 S. Rockport Rd.

Dessert Pizza

1 (18 ounce) package refrigerated sugar cookie dough	1/2 cup sliced fresh strawberries
1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed	1/2 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup sliced banana	1/2 cup seedless grapes, halved

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Press cookie dough evenly into a 12-inch pizza pan. Bake in preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack. Spread whipped topping over cooled crust. Arrange fruit in a decorative pattern. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



"I would like to tell you that if it weren't for the help my family is receiving from your pantry, we would go hungry everyday. My whole family says thank you and God bless."
~Patron of Grace Center Food Pantry

ADDRESS LABEL

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