

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

Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-1:00 pm
 (Located behind Community Hardware)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISHES
 Commercial Cookware for the Community Dinners
 Steel Shelving for Grace Food Pantry
 Dry or Canned milk, catsup, egg noodles


MAY 9
 Letter Carriers Food Drive. Just hang canned goods on your mail box and your letter carrier will pick them up. Or take items to

SUPPORT GRACE CENTER BY:

- Organizing a Food Drive
- Making a Food Donation
- Making a Cash Donation
- Volunteering at the Food Pantry
- Volunteering at Special Events
- Helping with office projects

Board Members:
 Margaret Simmerman
 Tina Baugh
 Mary Lowery
 Jim Baugh
 Susie Johnson
 Jeff Calabrese
 Georgia Schaich
 Steve Fichtner

WHAT DOES GRACE CENTER INC. MEAN TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY?

A little over two years ago, Grace Food Pantry opened its doors to our community. Grace Center INC, committed to helping our neighbors get enough food to meet their needs. Times are tough and sometimes it is hard to make ends meet. Some folks may need our help on a regular basis, while others may need only occasional help from Grace Food Pantry.

Last year food and energy prices jumped the largest amount in 17 years. Combined with the enormous cost of health care and housing, there is a strong need for emergency food assistance. There is also an indication that many people are making choices between food and other necessities. Choices people shouldn't have to make.

In 2008 Grace Food Pantry served 2,895 individuals and distributed 3,478 bags of groceries! In the

first 3 months of 2009 Grace Center has distributed food to 255 households. There is a need for Grace Center Inc.'s services in our community.

Grace Center INC is also dedicated to helping our community to remain socially connected. We sponsor Community Dinners on the last Tuesday of every month except November and December. Those months we have one dinner on the second Tuesday of December. The dinners give friends, family, and neighbors an opportunity to visit as well as have a great meal. Donations are always welcome to help support the Food Pantry. Other Tuesdays, neighbors and friends gather at the Community Center for art classes and Euchre.

When Grace Center opened its doors, we worked with start up grant money to purchase food for the food pantry, rent

the community building, publish this newsletter, sponsor art classes and other activities. Grace Center continues working with other small grants, donations, community partnerships, and township support. We will continue to seek other grant opportunities to support our mission.


In our third year, Grace Center INC remains committed to ensuring that food is always available to those in need. This effort can only be possible with the support of a *generous community* as well as continuing partnerships with Hoosier Hills Food Bank, local churches, schools, community organizations, and businesses. Other partnerships are needed too. We thank our contributors for playing their part because after all, taking the hunger away from those in need is the least we can do.

Food pantries help people get food at no cost. Grace Food Pantry is here to support or local families in need.

A \$100 contribution helps Grace Food Pantry purchase 715 pounds of food!



OLD GLASSES GIVE NEW LIFE! BY STEVE FICHTNER

 The Harrodsburg Lions Club has teamed up with Community Hardware, Inc. for eyeglass recycling. Store owners, Jim and Tina Baugh, have graciously donated counter space for an eyeglass collection box. The Harrodsburg Lions Club will periodically collect the used eyeglasses for donation to a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Used eyeglasses are cleaned and classified by prescrip-

tion. Trained Lions volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries then distribute the glasses to those in need. Donated eyeglasses can help millions to experience corrected vision for the first time, enabling them to read, attend school, gain employment and take care of their families. **How can you help?** If you have a used prescription or non prescription glasses in you drawers, desks, or clos-

ets, you can donate them now! Simply bring them to Community Hardware, Inc. and place them in the collection box. Children's glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted.



Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org

MAY

gracecenterinc@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting 7:00pm	6	7 Lions Club 6:30pm	8	9 Letter Carrier Food Drive
10	11	12 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm Youth Art CANCELED Euchre CANCELED	13	14	15-16 Harrodsburg Heritage Days Festival - Come by the Grace Center Booth	
17	18	19 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm WIC and Smoking Cession 10-noon* (inside Community Hardware) Adult Art 6:30-8pm	20	21	22	23
Lakeview School Food Drive May 18-22						
24	25	26 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner, 5:30-7pm	27	28	29	30 

Grace Center activities meet at the Harrodsburg Community Center unless stated otherwise

* WIC Program & Monroe County Health Department Smoking Cessation program is at Grace Center Food Pantry the THIRD Tuesday of each month from 10 to noon. Stop by to get information on signing up for the WIC program or sign up for a smoking cessation class. Other community services referrals provided for a variety of needs. Gina and Mary will be available if you have any questions.

You are never too old or too young to volunteer!!

Another Day Older
By Becky Kieffaber

Society says I am poor and needy,
But my stomach is full and
I sleep in a warm bed.
I don't wear velvet gowns,
But I don't wear rags either.
I don't drive a shiny car,
But my car gets me there.
I don't have a diamond ring,
But I have a nice smile.
I don't have a fat bank account,
But I have enough dough for today.
I live without a phone,
But I can use the neighbors.
I have a lot of stuff,
But sometimes I need to borrow.
I live everyday, one at a time.
And I figure I am just as well off.
Maybe I don't have my share
Of silver and gold,
But I have my share of happiness
And I get another day older.

KROGER CARDS BENEFIT GRACE CENTER

In April, Grace Center Kroger Card holders purchased close to \$2500 of gift card reloads. What does this mean to Grace Center? It means that we are half way to our goal of \$5,000. When we reach our goal, Kroger's writes a check to Grace Center for 5% of the sales. The check will be over \$250. This is why it is important for you to **buy your Kroger Card from Grace Center and keep reloading them to buy groceries and gas.** Remember it costs you no more, just a few minutes of your time. Kroger cards will be available at the Community Dinner and at Community Hardware. Our thanks go out to all of you for supporting Grace Center by purchasing and reloading a Kroger Card!

SPECIAL THANKS:

- Thank you Mary Lowery for your work on the Grace Gazette. Mary will no longer be editing the newsletter, but will continue to be a great support to the Grace Center in many other ways.
- Thanks go out to Jeff Calabrese for helping Grace Food Pantry to get a commercial freezer. Thanks Jeff!



Services for the Homebound offered at Monroe County Library

Homebound Service at the Monroe County Public Library is a personalized delivery of library materials to persons confined to their homes due to:
Physical disability, Extended illness, Extreme transportation problems.
Items are selected based on patron requests and preferences, and are delivered once a month. Call Ann Segreaves at (812)349-3050, ext. 2058, to request Homebound Service. More details can be found online at:
<http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/outreach/homebound.html>

May is National Older Americans Month
 (Do a Good Deed for an Older American near you!)

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