

Grace Center Inc.'s mission is: providing nutritious food and promoting social interaction with commitment and grace to our rural community.

The Grace Gazette

SEPTEMBER 2009



Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

NEW HOURS

Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-12:00 pm
 (Located in back of Community Hardware)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISHES

Fans to cool the Food Pantry

Commercial Steel Shelving for Grace Food Pantry

Canned milk, catsup, egg noodles

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

We met our goal again!
 Kroger sent Grace Center a check for **\$211.75!** Keep reloading those cards. Use your card to buy **groceries and gas!** A great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



How we helped our Community in JUNE
414 Individuals served
161 of those, Children
140 Families helped
588 Bags of Food given
9 New Families Helped

Who can come to the Community Dinner?

EVERYONE

Board Members:

Tina Baugh, President
 Margaret Simmerman, Vice President
 Susie Johnson, Secretary
 Jeff Calabrese
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

Last month, members of the Harrodsburg First United Methodist Church held a food drive for the Grace Center Food Pantry. The members of the church asked the residents of Harrodsburg to join them in the goal of feeding the hungry in our community. Together they brought the Grace Center over 400 pounds of groceries! The edict of loving our neighbor as you rself was fulfilled. It was a true community effort as church members and neighbors united to help the hungry. Thank you Pastor Brammer, church members, and all who participated, for coming together and bringing the Grace Center food for its shelves. Thanks to the individual who contributed money to the food drive as the \$40 donation will purchase food at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. At 14 cents a pound, this monetary gift will buy approximately 285 pounds of food. If your group or organization would like to participate in a food drive for the Grace Center, please call 824-5595. Your neighbors need you!

**TO GRACE CENTER,
 \$100 EQUALS...**

714 pounds of food from Hoosier Hills Food Bank
OR
Milk for 58 families for two weeks



HOW BUYING YOUR OWN GROCERIES CAN HELP GRACE CENTER

BUY A KROGER GIFT CARD from Grace Center for \$5.00.



- Your Kroger gift card will come loaded with \$5.00.
- Before shopping, go to Customer Service and load your card using cash, a debit/credit card, or check. Load your card with as many dollars as you can.
- The card is good to use for groceries and gas. To use it, scan your gift card like a debit/credit card—no PIN or signature required.
- Your receipt will show the amount you have left on your card.
- Reload your card when your dollars are low or when you have a few extra minutes.

GRACE CENTER earns **3%** of the amount you reload on your card. Using your Kroger Gift Card costs you nothing, except a few minutes to reload the card.

Helping Grace Center Food Pantry is worth a few minutes of your time!!

THREE VOLUNTEERS, THREE STORIES

In August, Grace Food Pantry lost three volunteers in one week. What could make three volunteers leave in one week? **SCHOOL!** Here are parts of their stories...

Jacob Cushing: Jacob learned to stock food pantry shelves, rotate stock, break down boxes for recycling, and check equipment temperature for safety. Jacob will help carry groceries for folks too!



These are a few of the jobs pantry volunteers do. Jacob is eager to try any job and is a cheerful worker. He is headed off to Oolitic Middle School, and we wish him success.

Georgia Cushing: Georgia can stock food, sweep the floor, and check expiration dates on donated food. She knows the food pantry doesn't want any food going out to children and families that she wouldn't eat herself! Georgia also has made food pantry signs encouraging everyone to share the food. Georgia is going into fourth grade at Needmore Elementary School.



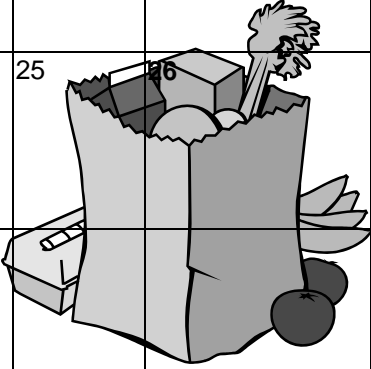
Chelsie Moore: All summer Chelsie has spent nearly every Monday helping Grace Center volunteers shop for food at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Chelsie goes into a warehouse freezer bigger

than a living room to search out food for Grace Food Pantry. She looks for healthy bread and other food in the warehouse needed at the food pantry. Chelsie is in sixth grade at Lakeview Elementary School, one of our food drive partners.



All of these students have shown their kind hearts working for Grace Center. They all want our community to be a better place and help each other! Grace Center thanks them all. They have shown that everyone has something to give. **Call the pantry or a board member if you can step in and help the food pantry.**

Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org		SEPTEMBER		email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
August 29 Special Event-See Below		1 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting 7:00pm	2	3 Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	4	5 The Popcorn Road Ride Touring Bicycle Event. energy2action.com
6	7	8 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm WIC Nutrition Services and Monroe Co. Health Dept. Quit Smoking resources 10-noon (inside Community Hardware)	16	17	18	19
20	21 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center 6:30 Contact Patty, 824-2611	22 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30pm	23 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Contact Lloyd at 824-0071 for location	24	25	26
27	28	29 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Community Dinner, 5:30-7pm	30			

The Perry - Clear Creek Fire Department's Annual Hog Roast at the Lakeview Fire Station

Saturday, August 29th starting at 1pm

Pulled Pork, Side Dishes, Drinks, and Desserts will be served. Donations are appreciated.

THE INVISIBLE HUNGER

Taken in part from Strength.org.

It invades our school.
It preys on children.
It destroys families
And it tears communities apart.

You can't see it by looking.
The victims are black, white, Asian and Hispanic.
You can't measure it in pounds.
It affects short and tall, thin and chubby.

YOU CAN'T SEE IT, BUT IT LIVES NEXT DOOR.

The problem is hunger.
A shameful, unthinkable hunger.
Child hunger.

In the wealthiest nation in the world.

Over the course of the year, more than 12 million children in America will worry about having food they need.

That's one in six.
Next time you see a playground,
Count heads.
One, two, three, four, five...hungry.
The invisible hunger is everywhere.

WE GET FOOD TO FAMILIES THROUGH GRACE FOOD PANTRY

We need your help.

Poverty is complex; feeding a child is not.

Everyone has a strength, and everyone has something to share.

Chefs, companies, volunteers and everyday Americans that care.



GRACE CENTER GIVES SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- All the wonderful folks for providing fresh produce and meat to the pantry. *Dan and Renee Weiss*, for the green beans. *John Foley* for the fresh produce, stewing chickens and eggs. *Carrie Deckard* for the fresh produce. *Mr. Davey* for the fresh eggs. *Linda Brammer* for nearly every week bring fresh produce. *Don Treanor* for all the produce he has donated this summer
- The Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for 34 pounds of school supplies
- The Vacation Bible School Class at New Life UPC for choosing Grace Food Pantry to receive 115 pounds of food. The children also made a big stack of appreciation cards for Grace Center.
- The Fichtner Family and Greg Beavers for bringing in canned goods.

How Grace Center has helped in 2009

	Individuals Served	Children Served	Households Served	Bags of Groceries Given	New Families
Jan	230	98	71	253	2
Feb	204	78	77	289	3
Mar	284	106	107	374	1
Apr	231	93	83	349	4
May	245	89	89	358	6
Jun	367	116	134	524	9
July	414	161	140	588	9
TOTALS	1975	741	701	2735	34

ADDRESS LABEL

Return Service Requested
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