

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

The Grace Gazette

FEBRUARY 2011



Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

NEW PANTRY HOURS

Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursdays
5:00pm-7:00pm
 (Located in back of Community Hardware)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISH LIST GOAL:

Chicken Broth,
 Cornbread Mix,
 Jelly, Beef Stew,
 Canned Salmon,
 Tuna or Chicken!
CAN YOU HELP?

STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZES FOOD DRIVE

Lakeview School students collected 534 lbs. of food to donate to Grace Center Food Pantry. Members of the student council were in charge of the food drive that ran from December 6th-10th, 2010. Lists of items needed were sent home with the students and classes raced to see who could bring in the most food. The winning class received a pizza party for their great effort. Thank you to all the students who brought in food, all the council members for organizing and helping load the food and to all the parents who purchased food or sent food with their children. Also, thank you to all the staff members of Lakeview School for being so willing to partner with Grace Center. Grace Center Food Pantry is now open two days each week. With an increase in individuals being served, it is a struggle to keep shelves full and a variety of food items available. Food drives like the one held at Lakeview are vital to keeping the pantry stocked. Great job Lakeview School for caring about those in your community!



Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$1,279 away from Kroger writing us another check. **Keep reloading those cards.** Use your card to buy **groceries and gas!** What a fantastic way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

Three cadets from Girl Scout Troop 86 and fourteen girls from Daisy Troop 3319 visited Grace Center, Inc. in what was called 'Know Your Community'. The girls took a tour of the food pantry and learned how donations are brought in, how food is checked and weighed, and how patrons are able to then come in and choose from items on the shelves. The girls also toured other points of interest in the community. Included in their tour was the Post Office, Hardware Store, Community Center and Museum.

How Grace Center helped the Community in November

- 196 Adults served
- 115 Children helped
- 106 Families helped
- 276 Bags of Food given
- 2 New Families Helped

Who can come to the Community Dinners?

EVERYONE

Board Members:

Tina Baugh, President
 Debbie Woodward, Vice President
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer
 Linda Brammer, Secretary
 Jim Baugh, Incorporator/Member at Large
 Clarissa Hawk, Mem. at Large

NEW HOURS FOR GRACE CENTER FOOD PANTRY

Grace Center, Inc is now opened **TWO** days a week, Thursdays from 5pm-7pm and Tuesdays from 10am-12noon. Patrons will now have a choice to shop either Tuesday morning or Thursday evening. This will create more opportunity for individuals wanting to volunteer as well. If you are interested in volunteering in the pantry or being a shopper at Hoosier Hills Food Bank, please call 824-5595 and ask for Tina. If you need assistance with food and live in Indian Creek, Clear Creek or Polk Township in Monroe County, please call the above number or stop by Grace Center located in back of Community Hardware to check the income guidelines for qualification.



FRUGAL LIVING

In recent trips to the grocery store, I have noticed that prices are on the increase and the packages of foods tend to be 'shrinking'. I am on a quest to provide ideas to stretch our dollar as well as reduce waste. Each month I will provide ideas to help your money go further. I welcome ideas from anyone in the community who would like to add thoughts on this matter as well. Let's see what we can come up with! Ideas can be sent to P.O. Box 5 Harrodsburg, IN, 47434 or emailed to communityhardware@hotmail.com.

Ideas for this month:

- 'Stretch' your meatloaf or sloppy joe by adding old fashion oats (like Quaker oats). Try 1/4th cup per pound of ground meat. My mother did this when I was a child, with 8 mouths to feed, mom made stretching the dollar an art.
- Try using 1/4 cup white vinegar to the rinse cycle instead of fabric softener. This trick also help keep your whites white and colors bright.
- Freeze any fruit that is getting too ripe. Put frozen fruits in a blender to make a healthy frozen treat. A little milk or orange juice can be used if needed. Adding a frozen banana in the mix will make this treat a little sweeter.
- Try baking soda to clean those tough stains on the stove. Let cooking surface cool then sprinkle baking soda directly on stain and scrub with a damp rag,continued on back

Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org

FEBRUARY

email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting at Community Hardware 6:00pm	2	3 Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	4	5
6	7	8 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30	9	10 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	11	12
13	14  Happy Valentines Day	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 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	18	19
20	21 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Contact Patty, 824-2611	22 Food Pantry 10am-12noon Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner 5:30-7:00pm	23 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Contact Lloyd at 824-9771 for location	24 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene Free Lunch Noon-1pm	25	26
27	28	Remember, all events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.				

FRUGAL LIVINGcontinued

works like a charm and no harmful chemicals!

- A quick and easy, inexpensive meal: 1 can of rinsed black beans, 1/2 cup salsa and cooked rice. Healthy and delicious!
- Use the bag from a cereal box as wax paper. After the cereal is used, cut the bag down the side and flatten. When you bake your favorite cookies use the bag to cool them on. I remember my grandma cutting bread sacks down the side and using them like plastic wrap to cover leftovers.

Let me know what you do to stretch your dollar and help our environment.

How Grace Center has helped in 2010



	Individuals Served	Children Served	Households Served	Bags of Groceries Given	New Families
Jan	191	51	82	339	2
Feb	144	38	65	307	4
Mar	235	57	113	465	3
Apr	158	49	75	320	4
May	144	48	82	339	1
June	116	48	78	362	3
July	136	48	64	287	3
Aug	262	81	112	644	8
Sept	117	72	72	380	4
Oct	141	56	87	302	4
Nov	244	123	141	374	13
Dec	196	115	106	276	2
TOTALS	2084	786	1077	4395	51

GRACE CENTER SENDS SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- ♥ South Side Christian Church for donating 30 lb. Christmas baskets for 10 families of Grace Center. What a wonderful way to share some Christmas joy!
- ♥ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for donating 87 pair of mittens/gloves, 65 pair of socks, 12 hats and 2 scarves as well as 204 lbs. of food!
- ♥ Harrodsburg Assembly of God for monetarily donating each and every month.
- ♥ Hunter's Creek Pentecostal Church for their generous monetary donation.
- ♥ Southern Hills Church of Christ for donating 40lbs of food as well as \$45.00 from anonymous donors of the congregation.
- ♥ Rodney Ira for donating a \$25 Walmart gift card given to him at Christmas. Way to 'give it forward' Rodney.
- ♥ Riley Chaney for bringing bread every week donated by Kroger. Riley, we appreciate your dedication and the patrons thank you for having bread each and every week.
- ♥ New Life United Pentecostal Church for donating 30 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Jiffy Treat of Bedford for donating 108 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Our anonymous givers for donating 35 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Wayne and Becky Deckard for responding to the need and donating 14 lbs. of cornbread mixes.
- ♥ Amy Swafford for donating 55 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Mary Zigler for donating 16 lbs. of food.
- ♥ The Reed's for donating 63 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Butcher Block of Bloomington for donating 10 lbs. of coleslaw.
- ♥ Ralph and Martha Calabrese for donating misc. food items.
- ♥ Fred Barger for donating a 12 lb. turkey.
- ♥ Daryl Anderson for donating 30 lbs. of food items.
- ♥ Karen Combs for donating 4 lbs. of canned goods.
- ♥ Chuck Thrasher for donating 5 lbs. of food.
- ♥ Thank you to anyone who donated food items or monetary donations that we may have missed.

ADDRESS LABEL



COME VOLUNTEER AT GRACE CENTER!

For more information, please leave a message at Grace Center, 824-5595, and someone will call you back!

Return Service Requested

Harrodsburg, IN 47434

PO Box 5

Grace Center Inc.

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