

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

The Grace Gazette

OCTOBER 2010



Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

PANTRY HOURS

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

WISH LIST GOAL:

Coffee, Sugar,
 Crackers
 "Cream of" Soups
 Jelly,
 Laundry detergent!
 Toilet paper

CAN YOU HELP?

IU FRESHMAN VISIT GRACE CENTER

The Intensive Freshman Seminar (IFS) class on *Poverty in the US* visited the Grace Center Food Pantry in mid August. The IU students helped with general sorting and removing out of date food while also assisting some of the visitors to the food pantry. All of the students are new to Bloomington. It was helpful for them to visit Harrodsburg in particular and rural Monroe County in general so that they could better understand that Monroe County is more than just the IU Bloomington campus. While in the three week IFS class, the students



also visited the Bloomington Catholic Worker house, Pages for Prisoners, and the Crestmont Community. During class itself, students learned the demographics of poverty, how poverty is measured, and correlations between poverty and other social issues. Students also learned about the differences in rural and urban poverty, and about strategies for alleviating poverty. One student remarked, "We really appreciated the "grace" shown to us by the Grace Center staff and volunteers in explaining their mission and work!"

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$1785 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!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Monday morning shoppers to go to Hoosier Hills Food Bank, 2-3 hours
- Tuesday mornings, helping at Grace Food Pantry, 9am
- THANKS goes out to Sherry for agreeing to be "on call" to pick up ALDI donations. Would you like to be her back-up?
- For more information, please leave a message at Grace Center, 824-5595, and someone will call you back!

How Grace Center helped the Community in August

- 181 Adults served
- 81 Children helped
- 112 Families helped
- 644 Bags of Food given
- 8 New Families Helped

54.5 pounds of food lovingly donated to Grace Center, Inc.

In memory of
Jeff Dudley
 By
Bob Hoagland and Family

A GREAT IDEA FOR YOUR CLUB OR GROUP OF FRIENDS

120 lbs. of food was donated by the Stanford Order of Eastern Star in lieu of personal gifts on their friend's night!

Perhaps your group of friends or organization is wanting to do something to help the community. Rather than going out for dinner, gather the group and head to the grocery store. Together, have fun spending what you would have for dinner, on groceries. Then donate the bags of food and supplies to Grace Center.

Who can come to the Community Dinners?

EVERYONE

Board Members:

Tina Baugh, President
 Margaret Simmerman, Vice President
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer
 Linda Brammer, Secretary
 Linda Jeffery and Debbie Woodward, Members at Large

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION

CURVES of Bedford has come through once again for Grace Food Pantry! Curves held a "back to school" promotion and collected much needed school supplies. Curves generously donated the following to Grace Center:

4 Backpacks
 20 folders
 21 Notebooks
 14 crayons packs
 16 packages of pencils
 Plus assorted glue, markers, rulers, calculators, and pencil boxes.

THANKS to CURVES for continuing to partner with Grace Center to help serve our families.



Thank you

Energy2Action

for donating \$300.00 to Grace Center, Inc.

from proceeds of the Popcorn Ride held Saturday, September 4!

Check out their website at

energy2action.com

for upcoming run/walk events and cycling events!



Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org

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email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Remember, all events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.					2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting at Community Hardware 6:00pm		Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm		Shelter House in Smithville Park, next to Redman Hall on Strain Ridge Rd. Smithville Farmers' Market-Every Saturday 8 am to Noon
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Contact Patty, 824-2611	Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm WIC Nutrition Services and Monroe Co. Health Dept. Quit Smoking resources 10-noon (inside Community Hardware)				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31		Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Voter Registration 10am-Noon Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner 5:30-7pm	Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Contact Lloyd at 824-9771 for location	Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene Free Lunch Noon- 1pm		

A COMPUTER TO SHARE

Thanks to Harrodsburg United Methodist Church, a computer is now available for public use at Grace Center. HUMC donated a computer and printer to be used by anyone needing to finish homework, lookup information for projects, and use for online purposes, etc. The computer will be available Monday through Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday 8am-5 pm at Community Hardware located by Grace Center Food Pantry. Individuals wanting to use the computer must sign in and out. Anyone under the age of 18 must have signed parental consent. Thank you HUMC for your generosity!



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
August	262	81	112	644	8
TOTALS	1386	291	495	2132	14

GRACE CENTER SENDS THANKS TO:

- A very special thanks to everyone who donates to Grace Center, whether it be time, money, or food items. Our community cares for others and it shows every month when this list is compiled. Thank you!!
- Aldi Grocery for donating 27 pounds of meat.
- Mike Bays for 34 pounds of canned and miscellaneous items.
- Riley Chaney for bringing bread and bakery items donated by Kroger each and every week.
- Bob and Linda Pitman for 13 pounds of soup and crackers.
- Smithville Area Association for donating hotdog/hamburger buns.
- Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for 83 pounds of canned foods.
- Chris Spiers and family for donating 10 pounds of misc. items.
- Smithville Farmers market for wonderful fresh produce.
- John, Diane and Haley Thrasher for 2 dozen fresh eggs.
- Steve, Sherry, Anna and Chris Fichtner for 7 pounds of canned goods as well as box meals.
- The 4-H Club for 58 pounds of miscellaneous food items.
- Florence Lindy Lawson for donating a wheelchair.
- All anonymous givers for your generosity.
- Everyone who continues to pray that Grace Center will find and feed the hungry.

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more”
 ~Anthony Robbins

ADDRESS LABEL

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