

Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Anti-Hunger December 2011 NEWSLETTER

CBS Food Pantry Address

1937 South 50th Avenue, Cicero
Tuesdays, 2:00 – 5:30 pm
(708) 863-4913

Mailing Address

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Our Mission: As part of the global effort to eliminate hunger, CBS Anti-Hunger exists to reduce hunger in our communities by collecting and distributing supplemental food and other goods to those in need, and by providing resources to help our clients attain self-sufficiency. The CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

“Breakfast Buffet with Santa” – Saturday, December 10

8:30 am to 11:00 am

Santa arrives on the Berwyn Fire Truck before 9:00 am

Skylite Banquet Hall, 7117 West Ogden Avenue, Berwyn

Tickets: \$10.00

Join us for our annual “Breakfast Buffet with Santa” – come for breakfast, photos with Santa, prizes, and fun! A free-will donation will be received for pictures with Santa. There will be activities for the young people and a raffle for many items.

The special raffle is for a 32” Westinghouse LCD HDTV – raffle tickets are \$5 each (winner need not be present to win).

Call Barbara Zezulak at 708-447-7589 for tickets (also available at the door), to donate raffle items, or to volunteer to help at the event. Proceeds will benefit the CBS food pantry.

Holiday Distribution and Closing

The food pantry will not have a special holiday distribution and will not be giving out gifts for the children. On Tuesday, December 13 and 20, recipients will receive a chicken or ham in addition to the regular bags of food. The cost of providing the chickens will be approximately \$2,400. Donations are welcome.

The food pantry will be closed December 27 and January 3, giving our volunteers and staff a much needed break. The food pantry will reopen on January 10, 2012. For emergency assistance, please leave a message at 708-863-4913.

Crop Walk was a Success!

The 21st annual Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Crop Walk was Sunday, October 23. Over 170 walkers (including 1 dog) collected over \$8,300 for CROP. 22% of the money raised will go to support the CBS Anti-Hunger food pantry and 3% will go to support the St. Leonard’s emergency food pantry. Special thanks to the folks at the Faith Community Church of Stickney, Oak Park Avenue Baptist Church of Berwyn, and Trinity Congregational Church of Berwyn for hosting the rest stops and providing our walkers with refreshments.

Annual Meeting of the CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation

The annual meeting will be on Monday, January 30, at 7:30 pm, at Gethsemane Church, 1937 S. 50th Avenue.

Thank You to First Congregational Church

For two evenings this past June, the First Congregational Church of Berwyn presented a Dinner Theatre fundraiser. The proceeds of approximately \$4,100 went directly to the food pantry. The play was staged and presented by members of the congregation. A delightful dinner was served during the evening. Those that were able to attend all agreed that this was a delightful time.

The Need Continues

We continue to serve approximately 200 families every Tuesday. We are picking up an average of 8,000 pounds of food each week from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Donations of canned vegetables, soup, fruit, and tuna are needed and are always appreciated, especially during these challenging economic times. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Special Thanks to....

- The Berwyn and Cicero Post Offices and postal workers, who conducted a citywide food drive on May 7. They collected a lot of food!
- The Rotary of Cicero-Berwyn for their special gift of \$1,000 to help purchase chickens for the holiday.
- Wesley United Methodist Church for allowing the CBS food pantry truck to be parked in their lot – and for painting over the graffiti.
- The great people who walked in the annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk in June, raising \$351 for the CBS food pantry.
- All who made special donations of funds and food during the Feinstein Challenge in March and April – we received \$296 in matching funds.
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for \$2,000 in funding for food purchases – and for the Thrivent members who volunteer at the pantry.

Volunteers Needed – and Thanked!

The number of families served by the food pantry has increased substantially. People are needed for a few hours or all day on Tuesdays at the CBS food pantry at Gethsemane Church. No experience necessary! For more information contact Coordinator Diane Hurstak/Eddy at (708) 863-4913.

- Sort and bag food (9:00 am – 1:30 pm on Tuesdays)
- Unload the food from the truck (9:30 am – 11:00 am on Tuesdays)
- Bag and distribute food (2:00 pm – 5:30 pm on Tuesdays)
- Register returning and new recipients (2:00 pm – 5:30 pm on Tuesdays)
- Break-down boxes, carry out the trash (10:00 am – 6:00 pm on Tuesdays)
- Pick up, sort, and pack special and regular donations from churches and organizations (as needed)

CBS Anti-Hunger would not be able to fulfill its mission to feed the hungry without the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers, past and present. To each and every one of you – THANK YOU for the hours you have worked, the hope you have shared, the help you have given!

“Volunteers are the heart of the pantry – without them, where would we be?”

Feel free to make copies of this newsletter for your church, organization, and neighbors!
Thank you for your thoughtfulness, concern, and support for the food pantry!

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