

Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Anti-Hunger November 2010 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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Cicero, IL 60804
www.cbsantihunger.org

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 11

Join us as we celebrate the 12th anniversary of “Breakfast with Santa.” Come for breakfast, photos with Santa, prizes, and fun! Be there to greet Santa as he arrives on the Berwyn Fire Truck at 9:00 am - or a bit earlier! The “Breakfast With Santa” fund-raiser is on Saturday, December 11, at the Skylite West Banquet Hall, 7117 Ogden Avenue, Berwyn. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Breakfast tickets are \$10 per person, with a free-will donation for pictures with Santa. There will be activities for the young people and a raffle. Call Barbara Zezulak at 708-447-7589 for tickets, 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 14 and 21, 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 4, giving our volunteers and staff a much needed break. The food pantry will reopen on January 11, 2011. For emergency assistance, please leave a message at 708-863-4913.

Crop Walk was a Success!

The 20th annual Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Crop Walk was Sunday, October 17. Over 200 walkers (including 1 dog) collected over \$13,000 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.

The Need Continues

We are now serving over 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.

In Memory/Special Gifts

We remember with thanksgiving Jim Mendell, former board member and long-time volunteer, and Dan Kamys, volunteer.

In honor of Rocky Vavra on his birthday, given by Rita Watson
In memory of Jim Mendell, brother, given by Pat Mendell
In memory of Jim Mendell, given by Diane Johnson

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 \$6,500 went directly to the food pantry. The play "Capernaum P.D." 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.

Special Thanks to....

- The Berwyn and Cicero Post Offices and postal workers, who conducted a citywide food drive on May 8. They collected a lot of food!
- The Pav YMCA for their food drive during the Youth Basketball Tournament weekend in March.
- The great people who walked in the annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk in June, raising \$77 for the CBS food pantry.
- All who made special donations of funds (\$6,198) and food (9,904 pounds) during the Feinstein Challenge in March and April – we received \$276 in matching funds.
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for \$2,400 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!

Feel free to make copies of this newsletter for your church, organization, and neighbors!
 Thank you for your thoughtfulness, concern, and support for the Pantries!
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Please complete the following to make a donation or to volunteer.

Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

- _____ Yes, I want to make a donation. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
- _____ Yes, I want to volunteer:
- _____ Tuesday mornings (unloading truck, packing food)
 - _____ Tuesday afternoons (packing food bags, distributing food bags)
 - _____ Tuesday afternoons (registering returning and new recipients)
 - _____ Special food pick-ups (call me when needed)

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