

Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Anti-Hunger Foundation

November 2008 NEWSLETTER

CBS Food Pantry Address

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

Mailing Address

1937 South 50th Avenue
Cicero, IL 60804
www.cbsantihunger.org

Our Mission: As part of the global effort to eliminate hunger, the CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation 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.

Special December Holiday Distribution – Saturday, December 20

The CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation will be distributing special holiday food baskets to individuals and families and school supplies to the children on Saturday, December 20, at the food pantry site at Gethsemane Church, 1937 South 50th Avenue – use the door on 21st Street.

This year we will be giving schools supplies to the children rather than toys. With all the recent toy recalls, the board felt that giving children school supplies would be safer and more beneficial. We are collecting the following school supplies for the children and educational and interactive items for toddlers:

School Age Youth

crayons/markers
notebook paper/spiral notebooks
folders/paper for 3-ring binders
pens/pencils
coloring books/pads of paper
backpacks

Children 0 to 5 years old

soft books
puzzles
coloring books
crayons
children's books
flash cards

Please deliver all donations to the pantry by Thursday, December 19. Due to the lack of available volunteers to do special Holiday pickups, we will not be able to pick up special donations; however we can arrange for someone to be available to receive your donations at the pantry site.

Volunteers are needed at the food pantry on:

Friday, December 19, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm - help sort the school supplies

Saturday, December 20, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon - assemble the food baskets

Saturday, December 20, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm - help at the special distribution

If you are an individual, family, or part of a group, your help is needed to undertake this project. Last year we distributed 384 baskets to families and gifts to 641 children. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer, please leave a message at 708-863-4913. Thank you for helping to make the Holiday season more meaningful and special for our CBS families.

A special thank you to the Cicero Rotary Club for their generous monetary donation to defray the cost of the food baskets.

“Breakfast Buffet with Santa” – Saturday, December 6

Join us as we celebrate the 10th 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 8:30 am - or a bit earlier! The “Breakfast With Santa” fund-raiser is on Saturday, December 6, at the Skylite West Banquet Hall, 7117 Ogden Avenue, Berwyn. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. Breakfast tickets are \$8 per person, with an additional nominal fee for pictures with Santa. We will be raffling off bicycles, two America Girl dolls, and much more!

Call Barbara Zezulak at 708-447-7589 for tickets or to volunteer to help at the event. Proceeds will benefit the CBS food pantry in Cicero.

Holiday Closing

The food pantry will be closed after the special holiday distribution on December 20. It will reopen on January 6, 2009. For emergency assistance, please leave a message at 708-863-4913.

The Need Continues!

The number of new families receiving food from our pantry continues to grow, with an average of 70 new families registering each month. During the first 10 months of 2008 we served 9,234 family visits (27,907 individuals). Donations of canned vegetables, soup, fruit, and tuna are needed and are always appreciated, especially during the upcoming holiday season. Monetary donations are also appreciated. We hope you keep the Food Pantry on your holiday giving list.

Crop Walk was a Success!

The annual Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Crop Walk was Sunday, October 19. 130 walkers (including 3 dogs!) collected over \$7,241 for CROP. 22% of the money raised will go to support the CBS Anti-Hunger food pantries. Special thanks to the folks at the Faith Community Church of Stickney and Trinity Congregational Church of Berwyn for hosting the rest stops and providing our walkers with refreshments.

Hunt for a Permanent Home

Ideally CBS would prefer a central location in the Cicero/Berwyn area that would be able to house the food pantry and allow for multiple day operation. The pantry needs approximately 2,500 to 3,000 square feet - 1,500 square feet for a locked food storage area and the remainder for sorting and distribution. Site requirements include a strong floor (125 pounds per square foot), easy access for unloading food deliveries, and special electrical wiring for the commercial refrigeration and freezer units.

As a not-for-profit organization on a limited budget, CBS is able to pay only minimal rent. Contact Diane Johnson (708-656-5382) if you have any leads!

Thank you for your continuous thoughtfulness, concern, and support for the Pantry.

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. Please contact me.
- _____ I will help with the special holiday distribution on Friday, December 19
- _____ I will help with the special holiday distribution on Saturday, December 20, in the morning
- _____ I will help with the special holiday distribution on Saturday, December 20, in the afternoon

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