

Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Anti-Hunger Foundation

September 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 Distribution – School Supplies!

This year for our special December Holiday Distribution, 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 will be collecting the following for the children: crayons/markers, notebook paper/spiral notebooks, folders/paper for 3-ring binders, pens/pencils, coloring books/pads of paper, and backpacks. Items may be delivered to the Food Pantry beginning in November.

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 \$3,519 went directly to the Food Pantry. The play “The Case of the Mysterious Benefactor” was staged and present 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 Pav YMCA for their food drive during the Youth Basketball Tournament weekend in March of 2008.
- The Berwyn Park District, North Berwyn Park District, and Berwyn Recreation Department for a food drive during the March 2008 Easter Egg Hunt.
- The Berwyn Post Office and postal workers, who conducted a citywide food drive on May 10, 2008. They collected a lot of food!
- All the volunteers who donate so many hours in order to ensure our pantry runs seamlessly. Without the many hours our volunteers were willing to donate, the Pantry would not have been able to assist our clients with their emergency food needs
- The great people who walked in the annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk in June, raising \$98 (and counting!) for the CBS food pantry.
- All who made special donations of funds (\$23,651) and food (16,240 pounds) during the Feinstein Challenge in March and April – we received \$325 in matching funds.
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for \$1,600 in funding for food purchases – and for the Thrivent members who volunteer at the pantry.

“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.

Hunt for a Permanent Home

Gethsemane Church in Cicero has been and continues to be a gracious host in providing space for the CBS food pantries. Space limitations and church programming needs are challenging CBS to seek a larger, more permanent home for the food pantry.

Ideally CBS would prefer a central location in the Cicero/Berwyn area that would be able to house both food pantries 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!

Berwyn Site Remains Closed!

Our Pantry located in the basement of St. Mary of Celle’s School is still closed due to building renovations. Until we are able to use that site, we have recommended to our clients that they can visit our Cicero pantry at Gethsemane Church (1937 South 50th Avenue) on Tuesdays 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm. We have also posted information with regards to alternate sites that maybe more convenient for our clients until we are able to reopen. The alternate sites are:

Catholic Charities
1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero
708-222-1491
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays:
9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The Christian Life Center
3409 South Grove Avenue, Berwyn
708-673-5044
Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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.

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