

Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Anti-Hunger Foundation

Spring 2009 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.

March and April are “Matching Funds” Months

This year the Feinstein Foundation will again match a percentage of all money donated to food pantries during the months of March and April. So...**this would be a great time to make your donation to the CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation!** Please turn in your donations by April 25 to give us time to deposit the gifts by the end of April. Please note that in-kind donations of food given during March and April will be valued at \$1.00 per item/per pound for application toward the Feinstein grant.

Come to Proksa Park to Celebrate 20 Years!

Come join us for our 20th Anniversary Celebration as we thank the many people, churches, and organizations that have helped over the years. The Celebration is Sunday, September 20, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Proksa Park in Berwyn. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee or volunteering for the event, please contact Diane Johnson (708-656-5382).

We are seeking nominees for the food pantry's “Wilma Podbor Outstanding Supporter Award” and the “Don Zillhart Outstanding Volunteer Award.” Past recipients include George Lykourazos of the Skylite and the Cicero Rotary Club (Outstanding Supporter) and Faye Simpson and Bill Magner (Outstanding Volunteer). Submit nominations to President Diane Johnson, 1937 South 50th Avenue, Cicero, IL 60804.

Some interesting facts from our history:

- The Food Pantry started out in a closet at Gethsemane Lutheran Church
- The Food Pantry was open on Tuesdays from 4-6 pm, and if the two leaders could not make it, the pantry would be closed
- Over the years we were given an old school bus and then replaced it with a used truck to haul food
- The Food Pantry is recommended by the Depository as a model for new or existing pantries
- In 1989 we served 1,984 families with a budget of \$5,329
- In 2008 we served 11,674 families with a budget of \$72,736
- In 2008 we registered 872 new families as clients

Hunger Walk 2009

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Hunger Walk 2009 along the Lakefront, is Saturday, June 20. All money raised by our walkers will be matched by the GCFD and deposited into our account at the Depository. CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation receives 8,000 to 11,000 pounds of assorted food each week from the Depository and pays only a minimal \$0.07 per pound handling fee for this food. For more information about the Walk, to participate, or to make a pledge, please contact Diane Hurstak/Eddy at (708) 863-4913. All money pledged must be turned in to the CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation by July 31.

Berwyn Post Office Food Drive

The Berwyn Post Office food drive is Saturday, May 9. Volunteers are needed to pick up the food from the Post Office and to unload and sort the food at the pantry. If you can help, please leave a message at (708) 863-4913. Volunteers are needed after 4:00 pm.

In Memory

We remember with thanksgiving Glen Rezabek and Lorraine Probst, who died this past year. Glen and Lorraine were faithful volunteers and served on the Board of Directors for many years.

Volunteers Needed

Pantry Volunteers:

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)

Thanks to our Volunteers

The CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation 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!

The Need Continues

The number of new families receiving food from our pantry continues to grow, with 97 new families registering in January and 139 new families registering in February (we registered an average of 73 new families a month in 2008). During the first 2 months of 2009 we served 2,330 family visits (7,350 individuals). 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.

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:
- _____ 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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2008: Year in Review

We provided food and necessities:

- 5,559 different individuals received food
- An average of 973 families (3,004 individuals) received food each month in 2008
- Over 54,000 bags of food were distributed (540,000 plus pounds of food)
- 872 new families/individuals registered to receive food

We gave out special food baskets and “extras” for the holiday:

- 440 families received food baskets for the winter/Christmas holiday
- 722 children received holiday gifts of school supplies

Those we served:

- 75% Latino, 18% Caucasian, 7% Afro-American
- 83% are from Cicero, 14% from Berwyn, 1% from Stickney, 2% from other areas
- 55% male, 45% female
- 54% are 18 years old and younger, 5% are 60 years and older

We had a successful fundraiser:

- “Breakfast with Santa” in December at the Skylite Banquet Hall raised \$1,324

We walked and worked to raise money to fight hunger:

- The volunteers working at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) raised \$609 in food credits at the GCFD
- The Greater Chicago Food Walk in June raised \$258 in food credits at the GCFD
- The Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney CROP Walk in October raised \$11,863 (\$2,610 will go to the CBS pantry)

We are a volunteer organization:

- Volunteers do intake, sort and bag food, and distribute food at the food pantry
- Volunteers organize and run all of our fund raising activities
- Volunteers pick up the food each week from the Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Volunteers purchase and delivery needed additional food from local stores
- Volunteers coordinate and run the special holiday distribution of food and gifts
- Volunteers pick up, sort, and pack special and regular donations from churches and organizations
- Volunteers contribute money, food, and their time to keep the food pantry in operation
- Volunteers break-down boxes, carry out the trash, and clean the floors
- Volunteers serve on the Board of Directors, working to implement the strategic plan and insure that there is adequate funding for the organization

“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 Pantries!

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Thank you to all who donated in 2008

We apologize for any omissions we may have made. Please let us know!

Ms. Ruth Andrlik
 Ms. Gladys Arnold
 Ms. Helen Bejger
 Ms. Barbara Buglio
 Mr. Lyle Caines
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Calzaretta
 Ms. Mary Cosimano
 Ms. Constance Chilton
 Mr. Peter Craig
 Mr. Ron Cygan
 Ms. Donna Day
 Ms. Dorothy Dooley
 Ms. Lisa Dvorak
 Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Ennis
 Ms. Joan Fries
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 Mr. Bruce Hilk
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hudecek
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 Pr. Diane Johnson
 Ms. Lucille Karella
 Mr. & Mrs. Colin MacKenzie
 Mr. William Magner
 Ms. Fran Mancillas
 Mr. Scott Matott
 Pat & Jim Mendell
 Mrs. Terry Narr
 Ms. Carol Nenne
 Ms. Mary Ellen Newsom
 Ms. Adelle Olson
 Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Perez
 Mrs. Carolyn Popper
 Mr. Bret Popper
 Ms. Lorraine Probst
 Ms. Shoshan Reddington
 Mr. Ed Regester
 Mr. Glenn Rezabek
 Ms. Florence Rooney
 Mrs. Rita Rooney
 Ms. Barb Roppo
 Mrs. Sheila Ryan-Henry
 Ms. Rose Sarno
 Mr. Ernest Sammann
 Mrs. Faye Simpson

Mr. William Steger
 Oscar & Kim Tover
 Ms. Mary Ann Thompson
 Mrs. Lolita Unger
 Mr. Richard Vavra
 Mr. Bruce Watson
 Ms. Mary Wolkette
 Mrs. Dolores Zillhart
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zezulak

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 Church
 Ebenezer Christian Reform
 Church
 First Baptist Church
 First Lutheran Church of
 Berwyn
 First Congregational Church
 Gethsemane Lutheran Church
 Presbyterian Church of Berwyn
 St. Frances of Rome Church
 St. Leonard Church
 St. Mary of Celle Church
 St. Pius X Church
 Trinity Community Church
 Warren Park Presbyterian
 Church
 Wesley United Methodist
 Church
 Church World Service (CROP)
 Holy Face Lay Carmelite Co
 Kelly Seniors
 St. Frances of Rome
 Religious Education Classes
 St. Mary of Celles
 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 St. Frances of Rome Church

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 Wesley Methodist Church
 Women's Fellowship of
 First Congregational Church

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 Stickney Golden Age Club
 Berwyn VIP Club
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 Fraternal Lodge Garfield Mid
 Kiwanis Club of Berwyn

Italian-American club of Berwyn
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 Berwyn Postal Workers
 Community Mental Health
 Board Town of Cicero
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 Youth Crossroads

Chesterbrook Academy
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 Children's School of Oak Park
 Heritage Middle School
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 Jefferson School
 Lemont High School
 Morton College-Book Store
 Morton West High School
 Morton East High School
 Prairie Oak School
 Piper PTA
 Roosevelt School
 St. Francis of Rome School
 St. John of the Cross School
 Community Service Club
 Morton West High School