

Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Anti-Hunger March 2010 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, 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.

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 CBS Anti-Hunger!** Please turn in your donations by April 27 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.

Hunger Walk 2010

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Hunger Walk 2010 along the Lakefront, is Saturday, June 26. All money raised by our walkers will be matched by the GCFD and deposited into our account at the Depository. CBS Anti-Hunger receives 8,000 to 13,000 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 8. 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.

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!

In Memory/Special Gifts

We remember with thanksgiving Delois Ennis, volunteer, and Loretta Johnson, wife of Board of Directors member Jim Johnson.

In memory of Delois Ennis, given by her husband Dwayne Ennis
In memory of Loretta Johnson, given by Bruce and Carolyn Hilk
In memory of Don Zillhart, husband, given by Dolores Zillhart

Special 20th Anniversary Thanks to....

- The Berwyn Park District for hosting the celebration in September.
- Youth Crossroads, First Lutheran Church, and Berwyn United Lutheran Church for supervising the games for the young people.
- Our entertainment: Rita Watson and the "hula gals" of First Congregational Church, the Morton College Alumni Jazz Band, and the Berwyn United Lutheran Joyful Noise Choir
- Klas Restaurant for serving the delicious potato pancakes, sausage, and hot dogs
- Everyone who came, who helped, who celebrated

The ***Wilma Podbor Outstanding Supporter Award*** was presented to the ***Kraft Food Employee Fund***. From 2000 to 2008, the Kraft Employee Fund provided the food pantry with financial support of over \$41,000 for food purchases, over \$27,000 for staff support, and over \$8,000 for the truck insurance, gas, and maintenance.

The ***Don Zillhart Outstanding Volunteer Award*** was presented to ***Pat Mendel, Jim Mendel, and Dave Ricedorf***. ***Pat and Jim*** have been volunteers for CBS Anti-Hunger since the beginning. For many years they came on a weekly basis to assemble our USDA bags. On the 2nd Sunday of the month they gathered the food collected in their church and delivered it to the pantry on the following Monday. They have made food pickups from community clubs that they are active in and delivered the food to the pantry. They were members of our board of directors for years representing their parish and when they decided to step back, they found someone new to take their place. They still continue to join us for board meetings and take back the information disseminated to their parish and community groups. They are actively involved with the St Vicente de Paul Society. During many post office food drives the two of them worked for hours sorting food into the wee hours. And talk about someone who says "I need only ten tickets" and returns ten more times for ten tickets. The two of them are like the energizing bunny that never seems to run out of steam. ***Dave*** is a long time volunteer, recruited by Don Zillhart. He spends most of his time on Tuesdays, except for the short time he leaves for his paid employment, at the food pantry. He drives the truck for special food pick-ups and recruits a crew to unload it, always before the next big pick up from the GCFD. When we run out of bags, Dave makes a call and says we will have more before we open next week. Jim, Pat, and Dave have gone above and beyond what is expected of our volunteers and exemplify our mission of reducing hunger in our communities.

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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2009: Year in Review

We provided food and necessities:

- 7,215 different individuals received food, a 30% increase over the number served in 2008
- An average of 1,237 families (3,899 individuals) received food each month in 2009
- Over 70,000 bags of food were distributed (701,000 plus pounds of food)
- 1,233 new families/individuals registered to receive food, a 41% increase over 2008

Those we served:

- 83% Latino, 12% Caucasian, 5% Afro-American
- 88% are from Cicero, 10% from Berwyn, 1% from Stickney, 1% from other areas
- 55% male, 45% female
- 52% 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 \$2,061

We walked and worked to raise money to fight hunger:

- The volunteers working at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) raised \$677 in food credits at the GCFD
- The Greater Chicago Food Walk in June provided additional food credits at the GCFD
- The Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney CROP Walk in October raised funds to support world hunger relief projects and two local hunger relief efforts - the CBS food pantry and St. Leonard's food 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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The Need Continues

The number of new families receiving food from our pantry continues to grow, with 99 new families registering in January of 2010. 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 to all who donated in 2009

We apologize for any omissions we may have made. Please let us know!
Our list of donors is not shared with any other organization or business.

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Ms. Helen Beijer
Mr. Michael Bucnis
Ms. Barbara Buglio
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Calzaretta
Ms Mary Cosimano
Mr. Peter Craig
Ms. Donna Day
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Ms. Joycee Dobrzanski
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Our Lady of Charity
Presbyterian Church of Berwyn
St. Frances of Rome Church
St. Leonard Church
St. Mary of Celle Church
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St. Pius X Church
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Warren Park Presbyterian Church
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Church World Service (CROP)
Hands and Hearts Group of Wesley Methodist Church
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Chicago Catholic Archbishop
St. Odilo School

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Cicero-Berwyn Emblem Club
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CSA Fraternal Life
Fraternal Lodge Garfield Mid
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Crossroads Chapter #135
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