

Grace Center Inc.'s mission is: providing nutritious food and promoting social interaction with commitment and grace to our rural community.

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Grace Center

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THE GRACE CENTER IS GRATEFUL

Wonderful things have been happening to Grace Center in 2009! We thought you might be interested in some of our wonderful blessings we have had. We know we can't cover them all, space won't allow it. Here are just a few.

Earlier this year, The Bloomington Daughter's of Revolution, a not-for-profit organization, learned about the work of Grace Center and decided to do something to contribute to our work. These young ladies, whose mission is dedicated to social change, organized a benefit bash. To everyone's surprise- they raised \$1000.00! They have also been volunteering at the last few of our Community Dinners. What a blessing!

In March, Indian Creek Fire Fighters showed up at our door with 71 rolls of toilet paper. This is an item we welcomed to our dwindling

stock!

One Monday morning in April, when volunteers were delivering food to the Food Pantry, they found a shelf broken and food on the floor. On Tuesday morning, as volunteers were cleaning up the Monday mess and preparing to open the Food Pantry, two more shelves broke! Ken and Deb Simmerman stepped in and donated funds for 2 new steel commercial shelves! Unknown to them, Grace Center had recently planned to begin replacing shelves.

In March and April our Community Dinners raised two of the largest donations since opening, \$262.00 and \$246.00. This funding helps Grace Center keep the dinners going by paying the rent for the building, purchasing food and supplies for the dinners, and also raises funds for the Food Pantry!

We are so happy to see familiar faces at the dinner as well as new ones each month. Mark your calendar, everyone is welcome!

The Indian Creek Lion's Club donated 75 pounds of food and presented Grace Food Pantry with a check for \$100.00.

Prairie Farms Dairy will be donating milk to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank until the end of May. Providing milk, eggs, and bread every week is one of our goals at the food pantry. This generous gift of Prairie Farms allows Grace Center to purchase other food instead of buying milk. Show your support to Prairie Farms and other companies that share with those in need.

Grace Center is indeed grateful for all of this continuing support. Thank you everyone!



Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-1:00 pm
(Located in back of Community Hardware)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISHES
Commercial Cookware for the Community Dinners
Commercial Steel Shelving for Grace Food Pantry
Dry or Canned milk, catsup, egg noodles

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update
Grace Center is \$245 away from Kroger writing us another check. Keep reloading those cards. Use your card to buy groceries and gas! What a great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



Grace Center volunteers, Susie Johnson, Angie and Georgia Cushing, and Barb Stainbrooke provide food pantry information to the community at the 2009 Harrodsburg Heritage Days Festival.

Stay tuned to the July Newsletter to read more about the Heritage Days Festival

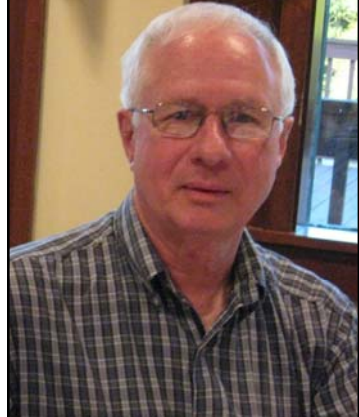


How we helped our Community in April
231 Individuals served
93 of those are Children
83 Families helped
349 Bags of Food distributed

Who can come to the Community Dinner?
EVERYONE

Board Members:
Margaret Simmerman
Tina Baugh
Jim Baugh
Susie Johnson
Jeff Calabrese
Georgia Schaich
Steve Fichtner

FEATURED VOLUNTEER, GORDON SIMMERMAN



In 2008-09 Grace Center collected, stored and distributed almost 3,478 bags of food, yet we do not have a single paid employee. You might ask yourself, how is this possible? One simple, but very important answer,

volunteers. At the Grace Food Pantry, volunteers are our lifeblood. We are able to accomplish our mission only via the generosity of our volunteers' hard work and efforts. A volunteer who we would like to single out for praise is **Gordon Simmerman** of Harrodsburg.

Gordon has graciously volunteered at Grace Food Pantry since February 2007. Gordon's work ethic is amazing. Most weeks, he volunteers several days, and no job is too large or too small. Just to name a few of the tasks, Gordon makes weekly food runs to Hoosier Hills Food Bank, stocks the pantry

shelves, and assembles new cabinets and shelving when needed. He is simply a workhorse, the type of volunteer every agency dreams of. He is there helping and anticipating what needs to be done.

Gordon will be embarrassed by this extra attention, and that too, is a reflection of his true charity and integrity. He does not volunteer for recognition or thanks. He volunteers to make his community a better place, and he is certainly accomplishing that goal. We offer our heartfelt thanks for all that he does for the Grace Center Food Pantry.



Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org

JUNE

email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 	1	2 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting 7:00pm	3	4	5	6
	8	9 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30 Youth Art 3:30-5:00	10	11 Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	12	13
14	15	16 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm WIC and Smoking Cession, Health Dept. 10-noon* (inside Community Hardware) Adult Art 6:30-8pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm	24 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Contact Lloyd at 824-0071 for location	25	26	27
28	29	30 Food Pantry 10:00am-1:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner, 5:30-7pm				

Grace Center activities meet at the Harrodsburg Community Center unless stated otherwise

* WIC Program & Monroe County Health Department Smoking Cessation program is at Grace Center Food Pantry the THIRD Tuesday of each month from 10 to noon. Stop by to get information on signing up for the WIC program or sign up for a smoking cessation class. Other community services referrals provided for a variety of needs. Gina and Mary will be available if you have any questions.

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

- Thanks to the Newsletter Gang that volunteers at every Community Dinner! Shirley and Kenneth Willis, Barb and Jim Stainbrook, Betty and Don Schackmann, Joan and Andy Ray, Martha and John Bastin, Clarissa Hawk, Donna Hobbs, Georgia Schaich, Della Smith, Maxine Swango, Jo Sowders, and Connie Sowders all share the work of folding, taping, and stamping your newsletters. Thanks Gang! New members to the Newsletter Gang are always welcome!
- The Community Dinner of Chicken and Noodles was brought to you by Joel Hearth and his helpers: Sue Hearth, Carol Moore, Gordon Simmerman, Barb Stainbrook, Sheila Sparrow, and Tom Gillian
- Thanks to our regular contributors, United Methodist Church, for bringing in 63 pounds of canned goods.
- Judah Heritage Foundation contributed 28 pounds of food after their Chili Supper.
- Don donated 50 pounds of potatoes and 50 pounds carrots.
- Thanks to The Butcher's Block and Ralph Calabrese for regular in kind donations. Our pantry families enjoy the meat and fish too!



“There is no better exercise for your heart, Than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.”

Bernard Meltzer



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

ARE EXPENSES HITTING YOU HARD?

"It seems like every expense is hitting this month. The medical bills are starting to come in, the car isn't running right and we have no groceries to speak of. Beans and pasta are getting old. If we had a little relief, we could get back on track. If we had some groceries I could go ahead and pay the electric bill."

Sound familiar? Have you considered visiting Grace Food pantry? This visit could be just the relief you're looking for. Maybe you need the services one time, maybe for six months. Whatever the case, volunteers are here to help you, many of them have found themselves in this same place. This community is working together to help each other. Grace is alive.

GRACE CENTER TRIBUTE FUND

You can honor or remember a loved one, friend, or volunteer with a contribution to Grace Center, Inc. An acknowledgement will be sent to you and to the person you designate. Names of those honored will also be listed in the next newsletter. Funds will be used to support direct services.

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