

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

The Grace Gazette

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Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

PANTRY HOURS

Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-12:00 pm
 (Located in back of Community Hardware)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISHES

Fans to cool the Food Pantry

Commercial Steel Shelving for the Pantry

Catsup, Egg noodles, Macaroni and cheese, Canned fruit, Canned spinach or greens, Evaporated milk

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is **\$1460** 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!



How Grace Center helped the Community in **SEPTEMBER**

- 246** Adults served
- 131** Children helped
- 137** Families helped
- 564** Bags of Food given
- 7** New Families Helped

Who can come to the Community Dinner?

EVERYONE

Special Holiday Dinner, December 8, 5:30-7:00

Board Members:

Tina Baugh, President
 Margaret Simmerman, Vice President
 Susie Johnson, Secretary
 Jeff Calabrese
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer

HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK

Grace Food Pantry's largest food partner.

Have you ever wondered where Grace Food Pantry gets all the food we distribute? Let us introduce you to Hoosier Hills Food Bank, also known as HHFB.

- A Food Bank is an organization that rescues damaged food that might otherwise be wasted, then redirects that food to those in need. Food Banks are the main collectors of donated food in a community. Working with individuals and community groups on food drives, food banks are the primary contact with food manufactures and distributors. They gather products in quantities that would overwhelm most individual charities. Food Banks then make their collected inventory available to local hunger-related charities.
- Grocery stores, food distributors, food service establishments, and restaurants donate excess, damaged, or unmarketable food that might otherwise be wasted. Community organizations, school classrooms, local churches, and individuals also help keep warehouse inventory stocked through 100 annual food drives.
- HHFB does not sell food, but collects a small maintenance fee from member agencies (such as Grace Center). The type and

quantity of food available varies from week to week at HHFB. On October 12, 2009 Grace Center was allowed 125 pounds of food drive food, filling about 4-5 milk crates. This amount fills 16-20 grocery bags. On Tuesday, October 13, the food pantry distributed 106 bags of groceries!

- HHFB collects, stores, and distributes food products for 94 non-profit organizations which provide free food programs that serve both ill and needy families in six counties. In 2008, Grace Center Food Pantry ranked 23rd in food distribution from HHFB.

Information provided by Hoosier Hills Food Bank

Grace Center estimates about two-thirds of the food on its shelves comes from Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

THANKS TO HHFB FOR PARTNERING WITH US AND HELPING STOCK OUR SHELVES WITH FOOD.



The Perry-Clear Creek Fire Department will be holding their Annual Boot Drive, Saturday, November 21, from 1-5pm. Look for the firefighters on the corner of Rhorer Road and South Walnut Street by Kroger South and help fill their boots with your cash donations. All donations will benefit **Grace Food Pantry** and the **Clothe-A-Child Program**.

JOHN AND MARTHA BASTIN SALUTED FOR HEARTFELT SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Martha and John Bastin are longtime residences of the Harrodsburg area. Martha was born in Harrodsburg, and worked for RCA for 42 1/2 years, retiring in 1990. John worked as a trouble-shooter for RCA for 42 years, retiring in 1992. After 56 years of marriage and raising two children, Martha and John have become valued volunteers, supporters, and "cheerleaders" for Grace Center Food Pantry and other varied community building activities.

Grace Center Food Pantry opened it's door in September of 2006 and John and Martha were among the first volunteers and contributors to the food pantry. They liked all the good they saw happening at the food pantry and continue to help when needed. When Grace Center started offering Euchre as an activity at the Harrodsburg Community Center, Martha and John were there to help get the activity organized and recruited others to attend. We now have a regular following that play Euchre twice a month. It was the same when Tuesday evening Community Dinners started. They were there to spread the word and always help where needed.

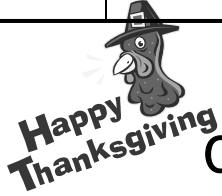

Over the years, the Bastins have contributed many hours of volunteer service with organizations such as Harrodsburg Lions Club, Harrodsburg United Methodist Church and the Harrodsburg Heritage Days Festival. Martha says, "We have always received far more from our volunteer ventures than we give. It means a lot to us. We just started out wanting to help people in the community."











Margaret Simmerman, coordinator of Grace Center Food Pantry says, "We need more volunteers like Martha and John. Volunteers who give so much of themselves make Grace Center a success!" *Thank you John and Martha for all the love and support you give the community.*



Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org		NOVEMBER			email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting at Community Hardware 7:00pm	4	5 Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	6	7	
8	9	10 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30	11	12	13	14	
15	16 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Contact Patty, 824-2611	17 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm WIC Nutrition Services and Monroe Co. Health Dept. Quit Smoking resources 10-noon (inside Community Hardware)	18	19	20	21 Perry-Clear Creek- Fire Department Boot Drive near Kroger South 1:00-5:00	
22	23	24 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30pm NO COMMUNITY DINNER THIS MONTH	25	26 	27	28	
29	30	↓	Remember, all events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.				


Grace Center will be combining the November and December's Community Dinners for our annual Holiday Dinner
Come Join Us for Dinner, December 8, 5:30-7:00


- GRACE CENTER SENDS SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:**
-  The Butcher's Block for donating meat to the food pantry.
 -  ALDI grocery for their generous donation of bread.
 -  Teresa Bounds for bringing in meat and canned goods.
 -  The United Methodist church for their continuing donations.
 -  Steve and Sherry Fichtner and family, Jim and Barb Stainbrood, Alan Simmerman, Marnise Miller, and Becky Snedegar for donating canned goods.
 -  Jade Riddle for his regular donations of produce.
 -  Laura Stull for donating fresh farm eggs.
 -  Jan Halla for donating produce.
 -  Florence Lawson for her cash and bread donation.
 -  Don and Charlene Allen for their continuing cash donations.

EMPLOYMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Joblinks Program of RSVP & Shalom...334-5728
 WorkOne-Bloomington.....331-6000
 Vocational Rehab. Services.....332-7331


Or go to:


www.workforce.in.gov or www.bmcjoblink.net

How Grace Center has helped in 2009

	Individuals Served	Children Served	Households Served	Bags of Groceries Given	New Families
Jan	230	98	71	253	2
Feb	204	78	77	289	3
Mar	284	106	107	374	1
Apr	231	93	83	349	4
May	245	89	89	358	6
Jun	367	116	134	524	9
July	414	161	140	588	9
Aug	296	92	110	478	4
Sept	377	131	137	564	7
TOTALS	2648	964	948	3777	45



When you volunteer, it not only benefits others, you benefit too.

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