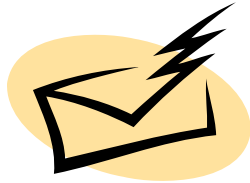


# Pantry Happenings Newsletter

*To engage our community in feeding and clothing our neighbors*

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## **Volunteer Surveys**

Just one more reminder to send back your volunteer surveys. We really do want your opinions.

## **Above and Beyond**

Our award this week goes to Lucy Landon. In addition to working several shifts a month and being a caring presence in the pantry, Lucy has been writing all our thank you notes to donors and recently became our pantry board secretary. Thanks, Lucy for all that you do!

## **Staying Warm**

We have had a little trouble with the heat in the pantry lately. As general advice, you are welcome to adjust the temperature while you are there (the little up and down arrows on the thermostat work fine for that). However, a couple of times the furnace has refused to come on. If this happens to you, first make sure the MOC doors are closed (especially the big garage doors); second, please write a note in the log, so we will know it is happening.

## **Staffing the Pantry Shifts**

We have been having some trouble staffing the pantry shifts. We need to get the schedule set before the month starts. We are trying several things to overcome this, including:

- If you currently work a pantry shift, we will be in touch with you to talk about scheduling. We need to get a better handle on when people can and can not work.
- If you have not worked when the pantry is open and would consider doing that, please let us know. Right now we have lots of behind the scenes people, who do a great job, but we need to have a few more working when we are open.
- We are training a lot of new people, which should help, but they will need some assistance getting oriented, so if you are willing to mentor, please let us know.
- Judy will be taking over scheduling for a couple of months to give Tina a break. We would welcome anyone else who has ideas or wants to try doing the scheduling.

## **Gifts for Babies**

We are starting a new project to provide gift packs for expectant moms. Each pack will include 3 outfits in different sizes (0-3 months, 3-6 months, etc.) as well as other items when available. We are collecting bags for these gifts. If you have paper bags with handles (gifts bags, store bags, etc.) in a medium size (large enough to hold 9-12 outfits) or decorative plastic bags, please bring them to the pantry and leave them on top of the frig in the "Baby Bags" box.

## **Please Take out the Trash**

If you fill either wastebasket while you are working, please take a minute to bag it and take it to the trash bin on the other side of the church. Please do not leave it in the large room of the MOC, especially if there is food in it, as the mice see this as a dinner invitation.

## **Help Wanted**

“Recycler” We need a person to take the cardboard to the recycling bin. This is not getting done regularly, and needs someone to take it on. Time commitment: 20 minutes each week

“Clothing Sorter” This involves sorting through boxes and bags of newly donated clothing and deciding what to keep. There are instructions in the manual, but Lisa P or Gretel B would be glad to talk to you about how to do this as well. Time commitment: 1-2 hours each week

## **Up-coming Meetings/Trainings**

02/20/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting  
02/27/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation  
03/01/07 – (6:00 pm) Operations Committee  
03/13/07 – (6:30 pm) Volunteer Support Committee  
03/20/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting  
03/28/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation

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