

Pantry Happenings Newsletter



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PLEASE LET US KNOW

Are you ready to take a seat at the table?

The Compassion Iowa Grant will be helping us plan for the pantry. Let Judy know if you are ready to help complete this planning.

Recipe Group

Thank you for all of the work the group has done to find and release recipes. The samples that were provided to families last week were also a big success! Thank you for all of the hard work you have been doing.

We're Not Giving Away Diamonds

We have had some questions about enforcing the pantry rules and policies. We want to have great relationships with the families who come to the pantry. We want to help and support people, and families may not feel comfortable if we are inflexible about our rules. It is more important to have great relationships rather than have the policies "right" every time. Remember we are giving away food and clothing – not diamonds.

If there are concerns about a particular family's use of the pantry please let Judy or one of the team leads (Tina, Char, or Suzie) know and we will help you figure out how to manage the situation.

Training Opportunities

As part of the Compassion Iowa grant, we have given the opportunities to attend a number of one-day trainings on a wide variety of organizational topics, including Building Effective Boards, Volunteer Recruitment and Management, Marketing Strategies, and many other topics. These are offered at various places and dates and are free to anyone associated with the pantry who is interested in attending. There are brochures in the volunteer cabinet that give more info and have registration forms. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity if you want. If you have questions, you can contact, Judy, Tina, or Char about the program.

Plastic Sacks Needed

We are getting low on plastic sacks. Lots of you have offered to bring some in, so we are cautiously encouraging you to bring some in this week. We use 100-150 a week, so hopefully we can get a supply going and not get overrun. (I don't know about your house, but I think they multiply on their own in mine.)

Up-coming Meetings/Trainings

07/06/06 – (6:00 pm) Operations Team Meeting
07/10/06 – (6:30 pm) Volunteer Support Team Meeting
07/12/06 – (7:00 pm) Administration Team Meeting
07/18/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting
07/19/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
07/24/06 – (10:00-11:30 am) **In-Service Training - Local Foods Connection**
08/06 – (pm) Recipe Group Meeting
08/16/06 – (7:00-8:30 pm) **In-Service Training – A Day in the Life: What Other Volunteers Do In the Pantry**
08/24/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
09/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training – Volunteer Feedback**
10/06 – (PM) **In-Service Training – Recipe Group**
11/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training – Review of other Pantries**

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