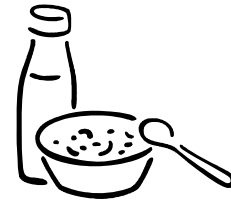


Pantry Happenings Newsletter

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2nd Annual Neighborhood Challenge Food Drive

Which North Liberty neighborhood will donate the most to the pantry? **Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9th.** This is our largest food drive of the year. Last year we brought in 3,000 pounds of food. This year our goal is to exceed 5,000 pounds. To make that happen, we need your help! If you are interested in any of these roles, there is a sign up in the volunteer cabinet, or contact Judy M.

We have several opportunities and we still need many volunteers:

- **Neighborhood Coordinators:** Help organize flyer distribution and food pickups for your neighborhood. All materials will be provided.
- **Flyers:** Distribute flyers in your neighborhood or others before the challenge.
- **Food Pick-up:** Help pick up food from 2-4 p.m. the day of the Challenge.
- **Shelving:** Shelve food in the pantry from 2-5 p.m. the day of the Challenge.

And, don't forget...Remember to put out food the day of the Challenge to help your neighborhood win!

New Computer Monitor: Care and Keeping

We have a new LCD flat panel monitor (screen). This monitor should **NOT** be touched. It should **NOT** be cleaned with glass cleaner. Please do **NOT** tape anything to the glass of the monitor (the small black portion on the edges is okay if something needs to be taped, but be gentle). There is special cleaner for these types of monitors. LCD monitors are very fragile and very expensive to replace. Please be gentle.

August In-Service: Day in the Life of Pantry Teams

Do you ever wonder just what a "practicum" student is, and why they are working with the pantry? Or, what Judy does (and doesn't do) in her role as pantry coordinator? Have you been thinking about joining one of the four pantry teams and want to learn more? Then the August in-service is for you. Join us at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 16th. Prizes will be awarded, so be sure to join us!

Shiny New Computer

Many thanks to Laura S. who helped us get a great price on the new computer! The pantry database should be much as it was before, but there are a few minor changes to running the machine:

- The screen size is larger, so the Family form doesn't take the whole screen. This will allow us to add fields in the future, so expect some additional areas in a few weeks.
- We have 3 user sections. Most people will be using the "Pantry staff" area.

- When you open the database, you will get a “Security Warning”. This is compliments of Microsoft and very hard to remove, so please just click “Open” and ignore the message. (If anyone has experience in shutting this message off, let us know.)

We have put several things on the desktop for your convenience, including the Pantry Manual, Admin Manual, Forms, and Recipes. One advantage is that you will be able to print forms or recipes more easily when you run out. We will be getting a new printer in the next couple of weeks. And for those who asked, the old computer went to Bev B. to use at home for bookkeeping.

Help Wanted

We are starting a new regular section of the Newsletter. Help Wanted is an opportunity for people to become more involved in the pantry. Often tasks can occur outside of normal pantry hours. Please let us know if you are interested or if you know someone who may be interested in helping out with these tasks.

The pantry has several tasks that we like to have someone take over. Right now we need:

- Someone to write short articles for the church newsletter to let them know what we are doing and what we need.
- Someone to mail the pantry newsletter to people who don't have email (should be someone who gets the newsletter on email – stamps, envelopes and mailing labels provided).
- Someone to enter records of new families in the database.
- Someone to read short articles and fill out questions about vegetables that come with our Local Foods share.
- Someone to enter volunteer time sheets into the database.

If you would be willing to do any of these, please contact Judy M. or Tina D.

Up-coming Meetings/Trainings

08/09/06 – (7:00 pm) Administration Team Meeting

08/14/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting

08/16/06 – (7:00-8:30 pm) **In-Service Training – Day in the Life of Pantry Teams**

08/24/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation

09/05/06 – (4:00 pm) Recipe Group Meeting

09/07/06 – (6:00 pm) Operations Team Meeting

09/09/06 – **Neighborhood Challenge Food Drive**

09/11/06 – (6:30 pm) Volunteer Support Team Meeting

09/18/06 – (7:00 pm) Mentor Training

09/--/06 – Stocking Training

09/--/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training – Volunteer Feedback**

10/--/06 – (PM) **In-Service Training – Review of Other Pantries**

11/--/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training –**

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