

Pantry Happenings Newsletter

To engage our community in feeding and clothing our neighbors

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ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE FOOD DRIVE

This weekend flyers should be delivered around the neighborhoods. Please let Judy M. know if you would like to help out. Food pick-up will take place on September 9th, 2006.

Limited Items

The operations team has moved the "limited" items (toiletries and meat). The limited items are now on the left of the pantry right next to each other. This will allow for easier explanations to families who are shopping regarding our limits, since these are the only two items we limit. Please take a look around the pantry on your next shift so you can see where everything is.

Help Wanted

Thanks for all of the offers we received from last week.

This week we need:

- A set-up person to prepare the library before in-services. Arrive about 30 minutes before the in-service and set up the room.
- Someone to complete Local Foods survey questions (involves reading a few short articles on vegetables and filling out questions).
- Someone to make pantry signs (knowledge of clip art recommended, can be done at the pantry or at home).
- A supply purchaser. Items such as office supplies and baggies.
- Someone who is very comfortable with the computer who would like to make videos and DVDs for our in-services.

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

Things We Would Not Want to Give Up

At the last in-service everyone stated something that they would not want to give up about the pantry. Everyone had great ideas. Which ones do you feel are most important? Here is the list:

Respect for families

We don't ask a lot of questions of the families

Never charge people for anything

Involve the community

Involve families in the pantry

Church and pantry connection

Sense of ministry in the community

Shopping – respect

Getting to know the people who come into the pantry

Shelves always stocked, never seeing the pantry close due to a lack of food

Everybody pulls together when we need something

Looks like a “normal” shop not a hodge-podge garage sale

ID Checks

We are seeing a lot of new families this month, so we need to make sure that when they fill out the Family Record, we ask them to show ID. It doesn't have to be a driver's license. It can be anything with their name and address on it (like a utility bill). This is especially important, since North Liberty people will not be allowed to shop unless they have shown ID. If they do show ID, please remember to check the box on the form. Otherwise we have to ask them again the next time they come in.

Up-coming Meetings/Trainings

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
09/13/06 – (7:00 pm) Administration Team Meeting
09/18/06 – (7:00 pm) Mentor Training
09/19/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting
09/20/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
09/26/06 – (7:00 pm – 8:30) **In-Service Training – Transformational Leadership Program**
09/--/06 – Stocking Training
10/--/06 – (PM) **In-Service Training – Volunteer Feedback**
10/23/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
11/--/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training – Review of Other Pantries**
12/05/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation

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