

# Pantry Happenings Newsletter

To engage our community in feeding and clothing our neighbors

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*It takes time to succeed because success is merely the natural reward of taking time to do anything well. - Joseph Ross*

## **Please Count**

Please continue to be generous with clothing through the end of September, however, please count all items that have been distributed. We report this number at the end of the year and want to have an accurate number.



## **Upcoming In-Service - TLP**

Come to learn about what we have been learning from the Compassion Iowa Grant trainings. What are the next steps to help the pantry continue to grow to meet the need? What part do you want to play in the continued growth? How do we reach our mission? Come to the upcoming in-service on September 26, 2006 to talk about these topics.

## **Help Wanted**

We need someone who is able to set-up for in-services about 30-45 minutes before the in-service. This would include things such as setting up chairs, preparing drinks (usually water/tea/or coffee), and preparing the large t.v. in the library if there will be a power point presentation. Please let Tina D. know if you are able to help out with these tasks.

## **Reflections on our pantry**

Lucy and Judy went to a food pantry conference Monday and Tuesday, and I (Judy) wanted to give you a bit of feedback. We met a lot of people from food pantries and food banks (HACAP-type organizations) in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. They all care about the work they do and the people they serve, but we were really proud of some of the things we do that are unusual, and we think serve our families better, things like:

- Only a few pantries let families shop for their own food as we do.
- Very few pantries let people come once a week as we do.
- Many families require a lot of information from the families before they can receive food, which we don't.
- Most families have food costs between \$5 and \$9 per visit. Ours is about \$1.20.
- Very few pantries do as much as we do with volunteers as the backbone of the organization.

So take a minute to pat yourselves on the back, and realize that you are doing a great job and are part of a program that provides a real benefit to the families we serve!

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

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  
10/02/06 – (4:00 pm) Recipe Group Meeting  
10/02/06 – (6:30 pm) Volunteer Support Team Meeting  
10/05/06 – (6:00 pm) Operations Team Meeting  
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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