

# Pantry Happenings Newsletter

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

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## **IN-SERVICE TONIGHT!**

**Please come to our in-service 7pm tonight**

Learn about the Compassion Iowa Grant and the changes that will be coming to the pantry. Take part in making decisions.

## **Adding another Pantry Shift**

After much discussion in pantry teams it has been decided that we will add a pantry shift starting in November. We will be adding a shift on Tuesday mornings. Our new hours will be: Tuesday 10-12 and 3-6, Thursday 3-6, and Saturday 10-12. We are hoping some of the Tuesday families will spread out so that each shift has fewer families.

Please let Tina D. know if you will be able to volunteer for this new morning shift. We will also need additional volunteers as we continue to grow at the pantry. Please refer your friends, family, and neighbors. Our volunteers are our best advertisers.

## **Clothing Change Over**

Our clothing people have scheduled a date. We will be changing over from Summer to Winter clothing this Saturday, September 30, 2006. We will start work at 8:00 am and work until we're done. Please let Tina D. know if you will be able to help out with this changeover. Also, now that we will be changing to winter clothes please reiterate our policy of 4 items per family member per month.

## **Questions or Concerns?**

If volunteers have questions or concerns about something that has happened in the pantry please be sure to talk to Judy, Tina, Char, or Suzie about the situation. We want to be sure that the pantry is a nice place to be for both our families and volunteers. We appreciate everything you do!

## **Record Updates**

Our record update will start on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and continue for the first two weeks in October. If you are working a shift during the end of September, please give out info slips, so families will bring their IDs and come prepared to fill out forms in October. Also we could still use the extra help with the update process. All you have to do is sit at a table and ask questions as folks come into the pantry.

## **Boxes and flats**

We often suggest that people break down empty boxes and take them to the recycling bin on the other side of the church. We have 2 exceptions to that request:

- 1) We often need a few flats (those little cardboard pieces with 1 or 2 inch sides). We use them to put canned food on to make it easier to move and stack them. Please leave at least 20 when you are breaking down cardboard, so we will have them when we need them.
- 2) We need to save at least 30 boxes for the Dub Scout Food drive on 10/15, so while you can toss some, please do not break down all the boxes in the next couple of weeks.

## **Push that macaroni!**

Please encourage people to take macaroni as a pasta. It is the only pasta we are able to buy from HACAP these days. If you are sacking, please use at least 1 bag of macaroni per sack.

## **Help Wanted**

“Purchaser.” This person would purchase items such as markers and baggies for the pantry as needed. Please let Char C. know if you are able to help with this.

“Goodwill Transporter.” We need someone who would be able to check the pantry on a regular basis for items in the Goodwill bin. We would like the person to start out checking once a week and taking any items in the bin to Goodwill. If the bin were overflowing on a regular basis then it would be good to have someone checking twice a week.

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

09/26/06 – (7:00 pm – 8:30) **In-Service Training – Transformational Leadership Program**

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

10/11/06 – (6:30 pm) Administration Team Meeting

10/17/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting

10/--/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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