

# BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



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## From the Director:

Rooted.....

We have been serving families in our community since 2008. Seven years, and we thank God that we are firmly established, not only in the community but rooted and grounded in God's Word.

Colossians 2:7 says:

"Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."

We see God at work here every day. Through our clients, volunteers and the goodness of all who support the Ministry. Gratitude fills us as we continue to serve God:

Rooted, built up, established, abounding...

We wait in expectation to see what God has planned for us in 2015!

Blessings,

*Shirley Ten Harmesel*



## Volunteer Spotlight:

We are blessed to have Doc & Cheryl Van Solkema as two faithful volunteers. Doc has many jobs...a weekly trip downtown to pick up product and keeping the floors clean at the pantry 2-3 times a week. He also works at the 74<sup>th</sup> St. Buist warehouse sorting the many products we receive.

Cheryl volunteers weekly in the busy clothing area, sorting and organizing the never-ending clothing donations. She also greets clients and checks them in on the second Saturday of each month.

Together they also lead work groups at the 74<sup>th</sup> St. location in a variety of areas. Thank you, Doc and Cheryl, for your hard work and commitment to the Ministry!



## Did You Know???

We are thankful for the many people that make things happen here. Ken Seif, a farmer from Caledonia, is one of them. Ken comes weekly, or more if needed, to pick up product that is not client worthy, but is a delight to the farm animals!

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### Pantry Hours:

Monday 2:00pm-5:30pm  
Tuesday 10:30am-1:30pm  
Wednesday 10:00am-2:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-11:30am  
(2nd only)

### Office Hours:

Monday 9:00am-2:00pm  
Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm

## Warehouse Volunteers

Food, drinks, product overflowing...thank goodness we are able to utilize Buist Electric's 74<sup>th</sup> St. warehouse! At this location, we store thousands of pounds of donated product. This product will eventually come through the doors of the pantry.

We are thankful for the work groups that volunteer from churches, organizations and businesses in the community. They help us sort, organize, and get product ready for our clients and other pantries that we serve in the surrounding communities. A big thank you to everyone who serves!

InSpirit Church Go Group



Girl Scout volunteers



It's tradition for Mr. Keller's 4th grade class from Brown Elementary to come and visit us at Christmas time! Every year for the last six years, Mr. Keller and his class do an amazing job raising money for us and this year was no exception...they collected over \$800! On a cold night in December, the kids and their parents toured our facility. We had a great time showing them what we do here and appreciated their questions and interest.

Thank you, Mr. Keller, for continuing this awesome tradition!

Here is the latest improvement to the pantry that we are so excited about...an automatic door! This will make it so much easier and safer for our clients to get in and out with a full cart of groceries.

This project was made possible through the generous donation of Chemical Bank from the Byron Center 5K run/walk that took place this past summer. Before the start of the race, Joel Rahn, Regional Bank President, presented a \$5,000 check to Buist Community Assistance Center.

Thank you Chemical Bank! We appreciate your generosity!



2014 Totals:	4th Quarter:	Year To Date:
Food Purchased at Feeding America:	33,035 pounds	180,694 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	730,361 pounds	2,243,174 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	763,396 pounds	2,423,868 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to		
Other Local Pantries:	410,935 pounds	1,052,406 pounds
Total Families Served:	638	1006
Total Family Visits:	1952	8082



Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV