

BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



May 2015

From The Director:

We see and hear all kinds of stories at the BCAC. Everyone who comes through our doors has challenges in life...clients and volunteers alike. These words to this song speak to us all:

*"Come, Holy Spirit we need you,
come, sweet Spirit we pray.
Come in your strength and your power,
come in your own gentle way.*

*Comes as a rest to the weary,
come as a balm to the sore,
Come Lord, as strength to my weakness,
Fill me with joy evermore."*

Words from **Max Lucado: I Choose Joy:**
*"I will refuse to see any problem as anything less
that an opportunity to see God."*

Our prayer is that is on this journey of life,
we all find rest and strength and are filled with joy
through the power of the Spirit.

Blessings,

Shirley Ten Harmusel

Volunteer Spotlight:



Helen Frank is one of our devoted and dedicated volunteers. She is a hard worker, able and willing to serve in all areas.

Helen says, "I am so thankful to volunteer at the BCAC. Since I am retired it offers me a chance to meet and work with so many wonderful people and also give back to the community. Plus, it's great exercise!"

Thank you, Helen, for serving with us every Tuesday. Your hard work and kind spirit is appreciated!

Nehemiah 8: 10b

The joy of the Lord is your strength . . .

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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

Welcome!!!

We are blessed to have **Chad DeVries** join the BCAC family as our Warehouse/Operations Manager. He has been with us since early February. Chad provides much needed support to our faithful warehouse volunteers with the busy, busy goings on in the warehouse!



Chad comes to us with experience. In the summer of 2012, he was a volunteer here at the BCAC. Then in late 2012, was hired as Warehouse Manager at Feeding America West Michigan. Chad says, "My heart is here at the BCAC and I look forward to many years of service."

Welcome, Chad! Your upbeat personality, organizational skills and serving spirit are a gift to all!

BCAC Website

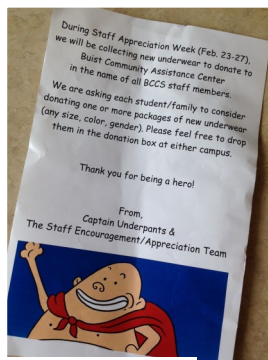
Have you looked at our website lately? It has a lot of information about our ministry, including our hours, location, contact information and our calendar. BCAC's current and past newsletters are posted on the website as well as links to various online job boards. Take a few minutes to learn more about our ministry at:

www.buistcac.org



Captain Underpants!

The staff at **Byron Center Christian School** was honored this past February for Staff Appreciation Week by holding an "Undie" collection for the families that are served at the BCAC. We have been able to share over 800 pairs to our clients. Thank you BCCS families for partnering with us in this fun, special way!



2015 Totals:

1st Quarter:

Food Purchased at Feeding America:	20,591 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	521,465 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	542,056 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to	
Other Local Pantries:	299,644 pounds
Total Families Served:	567
Total Family Visits:	1652