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BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



From the Director...

How often do you ask yourself the question, "Is what I'm doing really important in the Kingdom of God?" As we have devotions here at the Center, we are reminded by God's word that He calls us to serve and to do Kingdom work. Romans 14:17b from the Message says, "Your task is to single-mindedly serve Christ."

We are marking our one year anniversary this month. Many changes have taken place this past year. We've grown in several areas: space, clients, volunteers and community support. Pray with us that God continues to bless our ministry as we provide food and clothing, but more importantly as we build relationships and touch lives through service. Thank you to all of you who partner with us as we single-mindedly serve Christ.

Blessings to you,

Shirley TenHarmsel

First quarter of 2009

Food purchased at Feeding America (Formerly Second Harvest Gleaners)	172,600 pounds
Food purchased wholesale	27,169 pounds
Food gleaned	29,771 pounds
Families served	2,670 families

Hours:

Monday 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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*In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song...*

Community Suppers

Our first community supper is scheduled for Thursday, April 23 at The ROCK 2456 84th Street (corner of Byron Center & 84th St.)

Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 7:00pm. All are welcome. No charge!

We have a supper scheduled for these Thursday dates:

May 28	June 25
July 30	August 27
September 24	October 15
November 26	December 17

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and cleanup.

If interested, please call 583-4080.

Volunteer Spotlight



We appreciate Dustin and Guadalupe Groth! They are committed to helping out on Saturday mornings.

This is how Dustin feels about volunteering: “I enjoy volunteering at the Center because it is a very inviting

atmosphere with other volunteers who enjoy helping as well. I have always felt that God was calling me to help others, now I can truly give and help those that need it. Buist Community Center has been great with my family and many other families that come here for help. I enjoy being a part of something that is bigger than myself, it is about reaching out and showing the love and compassion of Christ.” Thank you Dustin and Guadalupe for your service!

Blessings All Around

Community Support

We received many cans of soup and boxes of crackers thanks to the students at Byron Center Christian School. In February, they had “Souper Staff Week” honoring the staff at BCCS and, in turn, blessing us with the wonderful food donations. Thank you BCCS families!



GEMS

Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior blessed us with personal care packages filled with soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and washclothes to distribute to our clients.

We continue to receive donations weekly from many of you in the community. Thank you for serving with us!