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BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



From the Director...

*Out in the highways and by-ways of life
Many are weary and sad.
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife
Making the sorrowing glad.
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life, may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

These words written many years ago have a powerful message for today. We hear the news, read the papers, lots of doom and gloom. God calls us to be a blessing, bring sunshine, lift sadness, share the Good News. At BCAC, God is working! We are privileged to bring sunshine to the lives of our clients, not just with food and clothing but with the love of Jesus.

Wherever God calls us to serve, at home, school, work, or in the community, may Jesus shine in our lives and may we be a blessing to someone today!

Blessings to you,
Shirley TenHarmsel

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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*I will praise you O Lord with all my heart,
I will tell of your wonders.* Psalm 9:1

Volunteer Spotlight



BEN



DANNY



HANNAH AND DEBBY

The Cushman gang, Ben, Danny, Debby and Hannah are valuable members of the volunteer crew here at the Center. We can count on them each week to help stock shelves, sort food, etc. Thank you for helping get the job done!

We asked the question – why volunteer?

Ben: I am involved in Boy Scouts and that requires service hours, so I started helping at the Mobile Food Pantry and then also started working at the Center. I really have a lot of fun helping and meeting people.

Danny: I am involved in Boy Scouts and also needed service hours but found out it is really fun so I keep helping every week.

Hannah: My brothers enjoyed working at the Center so I asked if I could help, too. I enjoy the people I work with and am thankful for the opportunity to serve in the community.

Debby: My sister and brothers were helping so I wanted to join them. I enjoy the work and have fun.

Blessings All Around

Comments From Clients

“You don’t know what a blessing you’ve been in our lives! God has used you greatly.”

“We want to let you know how grateful our family is for your services. Your volunteers have treated us with such kindness. We enjoy seeing their smiling faces when we come regularly. God Bless You!”

“Thank you for showing God’s love, giving Hope, spreading Joy and the Peace that only Christ can bring. Thank you for all you do!”

Community Support

Thank you to all of you who support our ministry! Client numbers continue to increase due to job losses and work hours being cut.

We hear this comment all the time – “I never thought I would find myself in a situation like this”.

We value your donations! The food, clothing, personal products and monetary gifts are very much appreciated. Please continue to lift us up in prayer as we partner together to meet needs of families in our community.

Mr. Keller and **Mr. Bidigare**’s classrooms at Brown Elementary chose to do something different this past Christmas. In place of students doing a book exchange, they raised money for the BCAC. Together they gave almost \$400.00 for us to purchase food at the Second Harvest Gleaners. Mr. Keller’s class came in for a tour on an evening in December, accompanied by many parents.

We had a wonderful time sharing about what happens here at the Center, it’s exciting for us to see the interest the young people have for ministry. Mr Bidigare’s class, we hope to see you soon!

Thank you, students, Mr. Keller and Mr. Bidigare for touching lives through service!



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