

BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

August 2009

Client Hours:

Monday 2:00pm-6:30pm
Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-11:30am

Office Hours:

Monday 10:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am-2:00pm
Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm

2nd Quarter 2009

Food purchased at
Feeding America :
169,254 pounds

Food purchased
Wholesale :
23,954 pounds

Food Gleaned :
154,701 pounds

Total Client Visits:
2,697

From the Director...

What happens when we drop a pebble into a pond? We watch the ripples that travel out. Each day we have a pebble in our hand and the things we do and say determine the ripples we leave behind. We have the opportunity to make a positive or negative difference in the lives around us. What type of pebble do you have in your hand?

As we serve here in the Community, our prayer is that our pebbles and the ripples we leave behind are filled with the fruits of the spirit.....love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. We do this only through the power of the One who loves us with an everlasting love, Jesus Christ.

The ripple effect, the possibilities are endless...

Blessings to you,

Shirley Ten Harmset

Food Bank Status

Buist Community Assistance Center has officially qualified for FOOD BANK status per the State of Michigan. This means if you make a donation to BCAC, you will receive a 50% tax credit* when you do your state taxes. A federal tax deduction is also available (15%) for married filers making between \$16,000 and \$65,000.

For example, a \$100 donation will purchase from Feeding America 700-900 pounds of food. After tax, the cost of donation could be only \$35. That same \$35 would purchase approximately 20-25 pounds of food for a food drive if purchased at retail.

A donation to a Food Bank is an excellent way to make your donation dollars go further in helping families during this economic downturn. If you have questions, please give us a call or stop in and visit us during our office hours.



*MI credit is 50% on \$200 max for single taxpayer or 50% on \$400 max for joint taxpayers on combined donations made to food banks, homeless shelters and public TV.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Gertrude Huisman who just celebrated her 79th birthday. Gert volunteers each Monday afternoon, packing up the groceries for our clients. Gert enjoys meeting people and serving the Lord. She says, "I do not care to be a couch potato, I try to be active. It's a privilege to be part of the team!" She believes in the ministry and the impact it has in the lives of our clients.

Thank you Gert, for being part of the team and serving with us!



Community Suppers



On Thursday, June 25, about 140 people enjoyed an excellent supper of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, coleslaw and apple pie for dessert.

Thank you to Byron Meats for their donation of the hamburger patties. Also, thanks to our chef, John Sprague, and our many volunteers from the community for this wonderful evening.

Join us on Thursday, July 30th for a fun menu of barbeque chicken, sloppy joes, baked beans, corn muffins and dessert. If you are interested in volunteering at this event please call 583-4080.

Our community suppers are held at The ROCK, 8425 Byron Center Ave., and are served from 5:30-7:00pm. The upcoming dates are Thursday, August 27, September 24, October 15, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day 12-2), and December 17. The suppers are free and all are welcome!

Blessings All Around

We were blessed with food donations and personal products from a birthday party! Two young women, twins from a local church, celebrated their birthday by not receiving gifts from friends but by having them bring products for our ministry.

We appreciate this uniqueness of giving, serving and benefiting..... blessings all around. Thank you for sharing!



*Remember, there's no such thing as a small act of kindness.
Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.*