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BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

From the Director:

"In the morning O Lord, you hear my voice. In the morning, I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Psalm 5:3

What a great vessel! What a great way to begin your day. Imagine the requests that the Lord hears from His loved ones. Requests for healing, patience, a job, food, finances and friendship, just to name a few.

Our clients are experiencing tough times. All of us have something going on in our lives. Even in the midst of these struggles and challenges, let's embrace them and lay them before the Lord, eager to gain the blessings hidden in the difficulties.

We have experienced God's favor and He is using us to bless others. We look forward with expectation to what He has planned for us in 2011.

Blessings to you!

Shirley TenHarmel

2010 Totals:	4th Quarter:	Year to Date:
Food Purchased at Feeding America:	175,900 pounds	706,129 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	183,239 pounds	867,181 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	359,139 pounds	1,573,310 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to		
Other Local Pantries:	83,835 pounds	331,159 pounds
Total Families Served:	857	1364
Total Family Visits:	2,883	11,320

Pantry 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

Blessings All Around!

Blue Care Network - personal product drive
 Byron Fun Spot - food drive
 Integrity School of Dance Arts - coat drive
 Center Mfg. - food donations/gift cards
 Adventure Child Care - winter fun packs
 Knights of Columbus - coat drive
 Carlisle United Methodist Church - hats/mittens, food drive
 Metro Health Radiology Dept. - personal care drive
 Amvets #23 - food drive
 Amvets # 126 - food drive
 Chemical Bank - food drive/gift cards
 Heritage CRC - coat drive/gifts
 Brown School - Mr. Keller/Ms. Merrihew classes - coin drive
 Masterpiece Flower - jean day charity fund
 River Valley Orthopedics - personal product drive
 Sunrise Foods - food donations
 Serv-U-Success - food donations
 Request Foods/Holland - food donations
 Dr. Keith Combs, DDS- toothpaste
 Byron United Methodist Church - hats/mittens
 Cook Funeral Home - blankets/coats
 Byron Township - jean day charity fund
 Spartan Stores - food/bags
 Family Fare - assorted food
 Hearty Fresh - produce
 Helping Hands of Jesus - assorted food
 Hungry for Christ - assorted food
 Kent Butcher Supply -repacking bags
 Polaris - jean day charity fund
 Community Business Alliance - monetary donation
 Watkins, Ross & Co. - monetary donation
 Individual families - partnering with a family at Christmas
 Coca Cola - juice boxes
 Gourmet International - assorted food
 Website/Online - monetary donations

This is a sampling of the donations and gifts we have received just in the past 2 months. We are abundantly blessed by individuals, businesses, churches and members of this community throughout the year! Thank you for partnering with us as together we:

"Touch Lives through Service"!

Upcoming dates for the
Community Suppers @ The ROCK:
 February 24 & March 24
 5:30-7:00 PM
 Free to All

Volunteer Spotlight:

Lois Carter is 84 years old. She faithfully serves with us twice a week. She even braves the weather when the roads are questionable. Here is what Lois said when asked why she volunteers....

"After my husband died two years ago, my life was empty. Yes, I had children and grandchildren, but I really felt that I needed to be needed somewhere. God has blessed me so much and I had a strong feeling that I wanted to help others. Volunteering at BCAC is filling that need and I wouldn't miss my time there each week. I fully believe that this is what God wants me to do."

We agree! We appreciate you Lois... thank you for serving with us!



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Soup Mix Assembly:

Our soup mix has made it to Haiti! Groups come in and put together this mix which costs about 30¢ for 5 servings. The Byron Community Business Alliance members, with family and friends, recently had fun assembling over 800 packets for our clients and other pantries.

