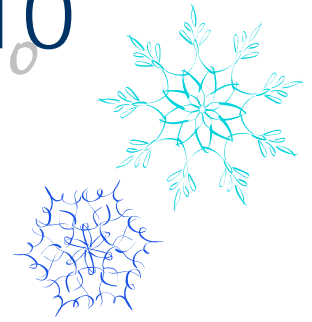


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BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

From the Director:

Another year of *Service*

Another year of *Progress*

Another year of *Praise*

Another year for *God...*

We thank God for blessing us in 2009 and anticipate a wonderful year of service, progress and praise in 2010. God leads and guides us and we follow in humble obedience.

Blessings to you...

Shirley Ten Harmel



Looking back at 2009:

Food Purchased at Feeding America :	638,123 pounds
Food Purchased Wholesale :	91,825 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated: (from farmers, businesses & community)	<u>580,748 pounds</u>
Total Incoming Food:	<u>1,310,696 pounds</u>
Gleaned Food We Donated to Local Pantries:	180,124 pounds
Total Family Visits:	11,687

Upcoming dates for the
Community Suppers @ The ROCK:

January 28, February 25 & March 25

5:30-7:00 PM

All Are Welcome ~ No Charge!

If you would like to receive
our newsletters via e-mail,
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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...



Dancers from Integrity School of Dance Arts in Byron Center held a coat drive for the Center in December and collected a huge boxful of coats, hats, and mittens. Compass Church also held a coat drive for us and collected 87 coats! All of the coats have already found new homes!



The K-2 classes from Byron Center Christian School arrived for a tour of the Center with arms full of food and personal product, totaling 600 lb. Also, \$296 was donated in honor of the staff, allowing us to purchase an additional 2100 lb. of food!

Encouraged from their employer to volunteer their time on a work day were Susan, Connie and Karen, from One Communications. Connie said, "I didn't know that volunteering could be so much fun!" Thank you for partnering with us!



Mr. Keller's class from Brown Elementary collected \$371.28 in change this past Christmas season. This enabled us to purchase 2600 lb. of food! Also from Brown, Mrs. Antvelink's class donated \$82.25, which allowed us to purchase 574 lb. of food from Feeding America. Mr. Keller's class had a great time touring the Center!



Looking forward in 2010:

Another year of *Service*- Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am, send me."

Volunteers are vital to our ministry. Our volunteers put in approximately 350 hours of work every week! They come from all walks of life...retirees, students needing service hours, unemployed men & women, clients and teens who come in after school and on Saturdays. Men and women of all ages who are called to serve...it's fun, exciting and rewarding!

Volunteer opportunities:

Stocking ~ Clothing Ministry ~ Maintenance ~ Sorting food ~ Shopping ~ Pickup/delivery ~ Lunch prep for volunteers ~ Wash vehicles ~ Community Supper ~ Sponsor a family at Christmas ~ Grow and donate produce ~ Gleaners Group

Connecting:

We have developed great relationships with individuals and businesses in the community who provide excess product for our clients. Who do you know that might have a service or product that can be used at the BCAC? A few ideas: food, clothing, shoes, personal product, etc. Please stop in or give us a call for more information.

Another year of *Progress*- Isaiah 54:2 "Enlarge the place where your tent stands."

- Fine tune our food pantry service.
- Connect with local businesses.
- Recognize client needs and build relationships.
- Inform and promote what is happening at the Center.

New for 2010! A Soup Mix that we can put together for about 30 cents for 5 servings. We are looking for groups to sponsor and assemble the soup mix.



Another year of *Praise* - Psalm 145:2 "Everyday I will praise You."

- With Thanksgiving, with Joyful Hearts
- Filled with the Holy Spirit and splashing Living Water on those we serve.

Another year for God - Isaiah 58:11 "I will guide you always."

- Asking ~ Believing ~ Following ~ Trusting ~ Walking in Obedience

