

July / August 2010

BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

From the Director:

As I write this devotional this early morning, I'm thinking about our day to come at the Center. We will serve about 90 to 100 families on this hot and humid day. Each of these families has "stuff" in their lives, you know what I mean, otherwise they would not be coming here. We provide food and clothing, but it's more than that. It's about relationships, hearing where they're at, what's going on, listening, and that's not always easy in the midst of the busyness.

On an extremely busy day, or any day for that matter, it's important that we guard our hearts. Matthew 12:34 says, "out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks". If we store up good things in our hearts, our words and actions will follow. Those are wise words for us to follow, not only as we serve at the Center but in our daily walk, at home, at work, all the time. Is that easy to do? I'll let you answer that.

Let's think about these questions

Am I loving more deeply? Not perfectly, but increasingly...

Am I obeying more faithfully? Not perfectly, but increasingly...

Am I living authentically?

Can we say, my heart is tender to the Lord and He's growing me?

In just a little while, the doors will open and the busyness will begin. My prayer is at the end of the day I can say that our hearts were overflowing with God's love, not perfectly, but increasingly.....

Blessings to you~

Shirley Ten Harmset

Did you know???

We had 965 client visits in June.

Our clients are blessed at each visit with an average of 108 lbs of food.

Hearty Fresh, from Byron Center, donated 38,950 pounds of fresh produce.

You can visit our website and donate to the ministry online...www.buistcac.org.



Find us on **Facebook!**

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



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Blessings All Around...

We are always amazed and grateful at the outpouring of support we receive:

Countryside Elementary – “Girls on the Run” collected pop bottles and change from family and friends...their gift totaled \$90.75!



Sam’s Club - “10 for 10 Event” Each month, 10 clubs have a fundraiser and choose a non-profit to support in the area. We were chosen in April and received a check for \$814.00!

Corinth Reformed Church – Every penny counts! We received a check for \$571.91 from the penny contest at the Vacation Bible School they held this past June.

Thank you to all for partnering with us as together we continue to meet the needs of families in the Community!



Because of you....

Our clients are dressed to the nines!

Our clients are enjoying your Christian cassettes and CD’s!

We see evidence of God’s goodness!

Community Supper News:

A roast beef dinner with all the fixin’s was enjoyed by many at our May supper. Our dessert was a real treat, vanilla and chocolate Moose Tracks ice cream, donated by a family from Byron Center. Thank you to Compass Church for serving with us!

Hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill, salads, chips and soft serve ice cream were enjoyed by over 225 people at the June 24th supper. Thank you to the businesses from the Byron Center community who donated to provide for this delicious supper! Also, many thanks to inSpirit Church for set-up, serving and cleanup!

Upcoming dates for the
 Community Suppers @ The ROCK:

July 22, Aug. 26, & Sept. 23

5:30-7:00 PM



Volunteer Spotlight:

We celebrated our volunteers by having an Appreciation Picnic at Bi-Centennial Park in June. From those serving 1 hour or many hours, each person brings with them exactly what’s needed. Thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work, your commitment, and especially your serving spirits!



“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23