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BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

From the Director:

Spring is here and many of us are planning or have started a garden. Did you know that garden means "a delightful spot"? Just picture in your mind what that might look like, maybe Meijer Gardens or Tulip Time in Holland. You know though, a garden does not just happen. It requires a lot of work. We need to tend, care for, maintain and keep the garden. That reminds me of our lives, friendships, marriages, jobs...all require tending, maintaining and keeping.

At the BCAC, we desire for the Center to be "a delightful spot", a place where clients and volunteers are welcomed and loved. May we be faithful as we tend, care for and maintain this garden that God has called us to.

Isaiah 58: 8,9,11 from the Message says:

"If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. You will be like a well watered garden".

Shirley Ten Harmusel

2010 First Quarter Totals:

Food Purchased at Feeding America:	137,008 pounds
Food Purchased Wholesale:	9,859 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	177,683 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	324,550 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to	
Other Local Pantries:	53,597 pounds
Total Families Served:	831
Total Family Visits:	2,931

Check out our
new website!!!

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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

If you would like to receive our newsletters via e-mail,
please contact us at:
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Did you know???

We receive surplus food from area produce brokers and distributors. Due to the abundance of these donations we in turn donate to the *Helping Hands of Jesus Ministry* and they distribute the excess food to the following ministries:

- Baxter Community Center – G.R.
- Christ the Rock World Harvest Church - Montague
- Fishers of Men – Zeeland
- Hands of Jesus Food Pantry - Greenville
- Hope Lighthouse - Muskegon
- Hungry for Christ – Hamilton
- Jehovah Jireh – Forest Grove
- John Knox – Kentwood
- Lean on Me – Rockford
- North Kent Service Center – G.R.
- Riverside Tabernacle – Flint
- South End Community Outreach – G.R.
- Teen Challenge – Muskegon
- The Other Way – G.R.
- United Community Outreach – Wyoming
- Urban Family Ministry – G.R.
- Wayland Christian Neighbors—Wayland

We also provide food to these local pantries:

- Dutton Community Food Pantry
- Family Network of Wyoming
- Project Hope - Dorr
- Christ Community Cupboard – Jenison
- Kid's Food Basket—G.R.

Blessings happen at garage sales...a young girl from our community sold baked goods at a garage sale and donated the proceeds of \$16.27 to the BCAC!



Community Supper News:

We enjoyed a delicious ham dinner and assorted desserts at our April Community Supper. It's a great time for good food and fellowship with families in our community. Come and join us on May 27, June 24 and July 22 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Thank you to the 20's & 30's Group from 1st Byron CRC for serving at the April supper!

Please pray for:

- volunteers and clients as they job search.
- a new bread source.
- a volunteer gifted in grant writing.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Gene Wolters has been volunteering every week for the past 2 years. We shop at **Feeding America** each Tuesday and Gene is always ready and waiting at the Center when the truck arrives to help unload the product into the freezer, cooler or on the shelves.

Gene says, "Volunteering is a way of giving back for all the things that we have. Many people are struggling and have many needs. At BCAC we have been able to meet some of those needs with food and clothing. I am glad that I am able to contribute."

Thank you Gene! We appreciate you and your commitment to partner with us at BCAC.



"To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance." Jude 1