

# May / June 2011

## BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



### From the Director:

I wake in the morning thinking there are so many people to pray for, so many issues going on in our lives. It feels overwhelming sometimes. In the gospels we read all about Jesus and the miracles he performed.

John 21:25 from **The Message** reads:

"There are so many other things Jesus did. If they were all written down, each of them, one by one, I can't imagine a world big enough to hold such a library of books".

What a reminder to us that Jesus is all around, working out the details of our lives. It may be overwhelming for us, but not for Him. Our prayer is that we pause long enough to pay attention to the power of this awesome Savior...to do the work that He has called us to.

Blessings to you,

*Shirley Ten Harmusel*

### 2011 First Quarter Totals:

Food Purchased at Feeding America:	178,081 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	83,813 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	261,894 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to	
Other Local Pantries:	35,578 pounds
Total Families Served:	798
Total Family Visits:	2,754

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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

## Why Clients come to the BCAC:

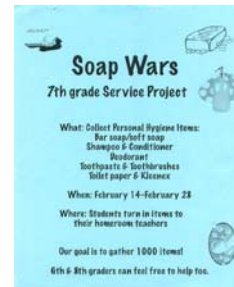
- "Working minimum wage..."
- "Just unemployed – health/injuries..."
- "Not always able to work because of chronic asthma and stomach problems..."
- "Because of health insurance higher deductibles..."
- "I'm the only one working, rent is high and does not include utilities..."
- "I'm a painter and sometimes get some side work, but very slow thru the winter months..."
- "No longer get food stamps..."
- "Paying off medical (BIG) bills from cancer treatment...."
- "Total income - \$ 1200 per month for the 2 of us..."
- "Many doctor bills..."
- "Looking for work, barely making ends meet..."
- "Car expense (car keeps breaking down)..."
- "Going through a divorce..."
- "I was just taken off food stamps..."
- "Low hours at work..."

## Please pray for:

- Clients who are experiencing many different health issues,
- cancer, chronic diseases, etc.,
- A client's friend who has been diagnosed with lung cancer,
- Family of clients and friends who are serving time in prison,
- A young mom who's experiencing suicidal thoughts.

## Blessings all Around:

A youth group from **Frontline Bible Church** worked here on a Saturday morning recently. They helped take down winter clothes in our clothing room so that we could put out new spring clothes. Thanks for your help!!!



7th grade students at **Riley Street Middle School** in Hudsonville had a service project recently and collected personal hygiene items for us. They collected 715 items in 2 weeks....great job kids!

## Volunteer Spotlight:

We look forward to Tuesday mornings...that's when Marge Ellens volunteers each week. She spruces up the Center and it looks and smells great when she's done!



Marge says, " When I retired, I wanted to give of my time and energy to the community. I look forward each week to helping out and spending time with the BCAC family. When you see the needs of others you realize how blessed you are. I appreciate the opportunity to work at the Center."

Thank you Marge! We value you and your service to our ministry!

Ethan, a 6th grader at **Nickels Intermediate School**, started a collection at his school. They collected 484 pounds of product. The class who brought in the most won an ice cream party. Way to go, Ethan!!!



Upcoming dates for the Community Suppers @ The ROCK:

May 26, June 23, July 21

5:30-7:00 PM