

November 2009

BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

From the Director...

Thankfulness is powerful and one of the keys to a more positive society. I have surveyed 100 people in the last couple of weeks and asked the question, "What are you most thankful for?" Here are the top 5 answers:

- Family - 44
- Health - 17
- God - 16
- BCAC - 15
- Wife - 3

Other comments...a stable marriage, friends, goodness & kindness, serving others, and freedom.

Wow, what great answers! You know, in the midst of these troubled times we could find a lot of negatives, but through this survey we see what is important to people and many said I can't decide, I have so much to be thankful for!

Those of us at BCAC are also thankful for many reasons. The opportunity to do ministry here in the Community, for seeing evidence of God's goodness in His provisions for us through the food we receive, the clients, the volunteers and all who partner with us.

II Corinthians 9:12 says, "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

To God be the glory, great things He has done and we wait in expectation for what is to come!

Blessings to you!

Shirley TenHarmse



Imagine That!

This past summer, we received:

- 15, 884 pounds of Watermelons
- 36, 644 pounds of Strawberries
- 2,350 pounds of produce donated
by local gardeners



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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...



No gift is ever too small! Breanna and Kyla stopped in on a Saturday morning in October, each with a baggie of quarters. They were able to see how their total donation was able to purchase over 120 pounds of food to help us provide for families here in Byron Center. Thank you girls!



Power outages can provide blessings.....four young people from Freedom Baptist School in Hudsonville were able to volunteer for us in October. They were scheduled to volunteer at another ministry but due to the power outage they had to scramble to find another avenue. BCAC was able to come through and we were blessed by their service!

Lose it for Good Campaign! The Weight Watchers group of Byron Center collected about 275 pounds of food and personal product for BCAC.

Thank you to our local group for partnering with us as we meet needs here in the community. Their loss is our gain!



We are seeing creative ways of giving & serving in our community!

-South Christian High School had students, for 1 week, bring a food or personal care item to any sporting event and they were able to get into the event for free.

-Ryan, a young man in our community, went out and collected food for BCAC. Pop can collections were donated to us as well as the food items.

-A young man rode his bike over to us and gave us \$2.00 in cash to help families.

-Many local gardeners gave homegrown produce.

Thanks so much, we appreciate all of you!



Community Supper

On October 15th, we enjoyed a potato bar with all the toppings, warm sour cream donuts, ice cream and hot caramel for dessert. We look forward to serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday the 26th, from 12:00 – 2:00pm. Please join us and enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

Future supper date – December 17th, 5:30 – 7:00pm