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BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

From the Director...

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV)

As the seasons change,

Remind us –

To love

To trust

To be aware

To be teachable

To be thankful

To be filled with wonder

To not forget you in the busyness

Remind us –

That you desire for us to be changed, to be like you

That you are an unchanging God..

Blessings to you...

Shirley TenHarmset



Third Quarter 2009:

Food Purchased at Feeding America :	155,987 pounds
Food Purchased Wholesale :	20,408 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated: (from farmers, businesses & community)	<u>166,238 pounds</u>
Total Incoming Food:	<u>342,633 pounds</u>
Gleaned Food Donated to Local Pantries:	46,192 pounds
Total Family Visits:	3,176

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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...

This picture of a skid of chicken might look boring to you, but for us it is an answer to prayer. I'm sure many of you have driven by and seen all the activity going on at BCAC. We serve anywhere from 225 - 250 families each week. The families leave here with about 100 pounds of food, which includes meat and personal product.

Last month we were running low on meat. On a Monday, during our opening devotions, we prayed and asked God for meat. On Tuesday morning, at our Board meeting, we asked God again to provide meat and bring us exactly what we need. Mark 11:24 says, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Tuesday mornings are a shopping day for us at Feeding America, where the majority of our food is purchased. I received a call from Judy, who was shopping. "They have chicken, how much do you want?" My question back was, "How much can we receive?" A whole skid! My goodness, that skid had 55 - 35 pound cases of chicken thighs, totaling 1,925 pounds! The next day we were able to pick up another 420 pounds, and the following week, we added another 2,900 pounds of assorted meat, for a total of 5,245 pounds of meat! Trusting and asking God for our needs, we are reminded daily of His goodness.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



WOW! Families in Byron Center love clothes and our clients benefit from it. Our clothing room is a busy place with volunteers sorting and stocking, and with clients shopping. About 400 - 500 pieces of clothing leave this place each week. Just last week a client came in and said, "The outfit I'm wearing came from BCAC." and she looked great! Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Reminder: We are accepting new or gently used clean fall & winter clothing at this time.



Volunteer Spotlight

"Hi, my name is Jenna Regan, and I have been volunteering at BCAC for almost a year. Mr. Buist has an amazing ministry and I look forward to every Wednesday when I can join BCAC in blessing others! Aside from volunteering, I stay busy with home schooling, raising my dairy goats, learning homemaking skills and being with my family."

Jenna is one of our many wonderful volunteers and having her serve with us certainly is a highlight each week. Thank you Jenna. We appreciate you!

Community Supper

On Thursday, September 24, about 260 friends and neighbors from the community were treated to a tasty Taco Bar supper. A craft area was available for the children, so while they were being creative, parents could enjoy a cup of coffee and dessert. The dessert this month was a delicious brownie sundae!

Thank you to everyone who serves with us at these enjoyable evenings!

Future dates: October 15, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day, 12:00 - 2:00pm)
December 17. The dinners are served from 5:30-7:00pm.

