

September/October 2010

BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



From the Director:

What kind of crop are you reaping? If you don't like the crop you're reaping, check the seed you are sowing. That's a good idea.

Galatians 6:7 says, "a man reaps what he sows". Here at BCAC it's important for us to take a look at the seed, and the harvest. Are we planting seeds of love, serving with a heart of compassion, and seeing others through God's eyes? Are we striving to be our most excellent? I hope so! Galatians 6:8 from the Message says, "But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life."

May God's spirit be evident here as we serve, and may the harvest be abundant as we touch lives through service.

Blessings to you,

Shirley Ten Harmset

2010 Second Quarter Totals:

Food Purchased at Feeding America:	214,579 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	228,517 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	443,096 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to	
Other Local Pantries:	91,952 pounds
Total Families Served:	801
Total Family Visits:	2,699

GLEAN (v):

definition: To gather after the regular reapers or gatherers.

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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

Community Supper News:

We want to thank HighPointe Community Church's Men's Group and a Growing Points Group for volunteering at our July and August suppers.

It takes many people to make our suppers come together. Cooking, setup, greeting, serving, cleanup, each job is important. As we continue with the suppers each month we hope that as you come you not only enjoy a wonderful meal but are meeting new friends from the community.

Thank you to a member of our community for a generous monetary gift for the Community Suppers.

Upcoming dates for the
Community Suppers @ The ROCK:

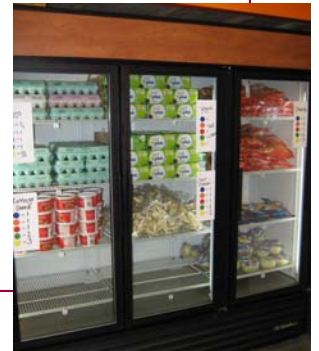
October 28 & December 16

5:30-7:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day 12-2 PM

Did you know???

- We received 17,400 pounds of watermelons in August.
- We purchased used self serve coolers and a self serve freezer for easier flow while shopping.
- It takes about 350 volunteer hours each week for the pantry to run smoothly.
- You can donate to our ministry by visiting our website at: www.buistcac.org



Blessings all around...

- Twin girls from Byron Center recently celebrated their birthday and in place of gifts, asked friends and family for donations of personal items for BCAC!
- A monetary donation was received from a delivery company in Zeeland. The recommendation came from one of their employees, who lives in Byron Center.
- We are blessed by the families and individuals who financially support the ministry each month.
- A company in Wyoming, MI donates plastic bags that we use for repackaging.

Volunteer Spotlight:



We are blessed by the number of faithful volunteers at BCAC! The volume of food that we receive is incredible and it takes many hands to get the work done. We started with a van for pickups. Now we have two large delivery trucks, a large refrigerated truck and a box truck that holds twelve skids. We also use the refrigerated truck for storage to keep produce and refrigerated or frozen product at the correct temperature.

From picking up food, to unloading, to sorting, to stocking and then getting the food out to our clients, the process continues each week. That's just the food! We also have the clothing room that requires daily sorting and restocking, and our facility that needs to be cleaned.

Everyday, we have volunteers that do the work and we appreciate each one. Thank you for serving with us!



*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."
Galatians 6:9*