

Summer 2011

BUIST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER



From the Director:

Are you enjoying the sounds of summer? I hope so! The news is full of tragedy and sorrow and the trials of life are all around us. In the midst of that, let's not forget the God of wonder who created this world. He speaks to us continually: through sights, sounds, loved ones, and His Word. As you read the words to this song, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, listen and remember...

"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies. For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child. Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely given. Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!"

Blessings to you!

2011 Second Quarter Totals:

Food Purchased at Feeding America:	192,451 pounds
Food Purchased at 20% of Wholesale:	9,600 pounds
Food Gleaned/Donated:	242,722 pounds
Total Incoming Food:	444,773 pounds
Gleaned Food We Donated to	
Other Local Pantries:	94,397 pounds
Total Families Served:	807
Total Family Visits:	2,787



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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

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Service...



Lynn and Diane, members of inSpirit Church in Byron Center, had taken a week off of work to go on a mission trip, but it was cancelled. They decided they still wanted to serve so they chose to work with us at the BCAC on Monday through Thursday. Whatever job we gave them, they completed in record time...many tasks were accomplished! It was wonderful to have them partner with us... thank you!!!

Please pray for:

A volunteer starting kidney dialysis.
A client dealing with a cancer diagnosis.
Clients continuing to struggle financially.
God's protection of our ministry.

Look at What's New!

A local grocery chain donated a bagging station to the BCAC. Apart from being a lot of fun, this is a great help to our baggers! By having our clients load their own groceries onto the belt, it greatly reduces the amount of bending and lifting that our baggers have to do.



This makes a big difference when we have 80-100 clients within a 5 hour span! God continues to bless us in all sorts of ways!

Did you know???

- On Wednesday, July 6, we served 113 families in 5 hours!
- In May, 11 skids of juice boxes were donated to us, weighing a total of 21,000 pounds.
- 3,500 – 4,500 pounds of bread is donated to us each month.
- In July, we received 17 skids of dry goods from a business in Caledonia.
- Our refrigerated truck has been running since November, filled with frozen product.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Wednesday is a client shopping day and **Barb Sterk** is at our produce/dairy area ready to serve our clients. She enjoys greeting the clients each week and helping make sure the produce and other products are ready to go. We asked Barb why she volunteers and she tells us that she knows what it's like to need a helping hand and she wants to give back. Barb says that best of all though, is meeting the clients and just sharing life with them.

We are blessed and very thankful for Barb's faithful service to BCAC!

