



Promise

A Newsletter From The Hope Food Pantry

"Within the face of hunger there is a glimmer of Hope."

February 2009

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Hours Of Operation

Hope Food Pantry is open on Thursdays & Fridays. Clients need to be at the pantry no later than 9:45 AM. We are closed on most holidays to allow our volunteers time with their families.

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WELCOME STEPHANIE HUMPHREYS AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!!!

I am pleased to announce that Stephanie Humphreys will take over as Executive Director in mid-February! She has volunteered with the pantry picking up groceries from the Capital Area Food Bank since August 2008. Stephanie has a Masters of Public Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gettysburg College. She is the Vice President of Petite Ecole Internationale and was instrumental in its evolution to a non-profit. She also was the Spanish Coordinator at Bryker Woods. Prior jobs include Assistant Director/National Trial Competition Coordinator with the State Bar Association of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, Consultant at Carnegie Mellow University. She also worked at the Association of the Wall & Ceiling Industries as a Consultant and as a Meetings Coordinator Registrar. Her leadership, organizational and communication skills will be an asset to the food pantry. She is passionate about helping others and dedicated to the mission of the pantry. Please welcome her to the team. Her email is stephaniehumphreys4001@yahoo.com and her phone number is 512-524-1636.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!!!

I am also pleased to announce that Jerri Morales will become volunteer coordinator and handle scheduling. She will begin at the end of February. Jerri has volunteered with the food pantry for several months. Her email is jmorales73@austin.rr.com and her cell number is 512-225-4791

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON!

Feb. 21st, 11:30 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church. Please RSVP to Earley Ullrich at swdolphins@yahoo.com or 512-587-0714 no later than

Next Board Meeting

2/20/2008

Board Meetings have changed to the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:30 PM @ Trinity United Methodist Church

600 East 50th Street
Austin, Texas 78751

Board Members:

Mary Lett, Secretary

John Henrickson, Treasurer

Rosayn Curry (Trinity UMC)

Joanne Holladay (Trinity UMC)

Linda Norelli (Community)

Sid Hall (Trinity UMC)

Kathryn McNeely (St. John's UMC)

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Tuesday, Feb. 17th. Hope to see you there!

A NOTE FROM EARLEY

I want to thank everyone for your dedication to the mission of Hope Food Pantry. I have enjoyed working with each of you. It is amazing how by the grace of God everything always comes together and we are able to provide hundreds of people with groceries each month. I will still be involved as a board member. The need in the community is high so we have a lot of work ahead of us. Peace & thanks, Earley Ullrich

HUNGER MEAL

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Hunger Meal. We raised \$1788 for the pantry!!! Special thanks to members of the hunger meal committee: Mary Lett, Elizabeth Newell, Jerri Morales, Rosayn Curry and Joanne Holladay. Also thanks to the Trinity UMC Confirmation class, Laura McMorris, Zada Doherty, Karen Barnes, Mike Holladay and Mark Lett for volunteering at the event. We appreciate St. John's UMC for allowing us to use their beautiful church to have the dinner. If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize now. Peace, Earley

Tarrytown UMC Fundraiser

Pam Autrey, from Tarrytown UMC, suggested that we take a sample of groceries to the church when we sold tickets for the Hunger Meal between their services. We displayed how much it costs to get \$5 and \$12 worth of groceries from the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB). We placed a basket in front of each group of groceries and people donated cash or checks. It is incredible how much food we can get for \$5 or \$12. We pay a shared maintenance fee to the CAFB of 15 cents per pound. When the CAFB has groceries, our money stretches a long way. When they do not have groceries, we have to pay regular store prices which cost 6 to 7 times more for the same amount of groceries. We raised \$400!!! Thanks to everyone at Tarrytown for their generosity.

RENEE ZIEGLER & HER AMAZING BIRTHDAY PARTY!!

Renee Ziegler decided to have a bowling party for her birthday. In lieu of birthday gifts for herself, she asked her friends to donate food. Her idea was to bowl, but also fill bowls. She encouraged her friends to bring their favorite non-perishable meal, share with the group what it was and donate it to Hope Food Pantry. Renee understands that the entire nation is

having a tough time, that more and more people are in need and that there fewer people donating to pantries. Thanks to the Holden family, the Jackson family, the Wethingtons family, the Jones family, the Umlauf-Cheesar family, the Mitchell family and the Whiteaker-Lewis family for participating in Renee's party! Together they donated 37 pounds of food! Consider using Renee's idea and host a birthday, dinner or holiday party and ask guests to bring donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, baby products, etc. or monetary donations. Thanks to Renee for her inspiring idea and thoughtfulness to people in our community that are less fortunate than us.

STATISTICS

January 170 Households (new 43)
 429 Adults (new 106)
 456 Children (new 94)
 885 Individuals (new 200)
 1204.5 Pounds of groceries donated

Prayers

We still need representatives from other partner churches to serve on the Advisory Board. The following churches do not have a representative: Koenig Lane Christian Church, St. Luke UMC, Tarrytown UMC, 1st Unitarian Universalist, First English Lutheran Church. Please contact Stephanie if a member of your church can be an advisory board member.

Grace


VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

We appreciate all of the following people who volunteered their time at the pantry:

Jane Wise

Don & Billie Glenn

Jeri Morales



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| Christine Kraemer | Virginia Haberman | Martha Ward |
| Pat & Bob Cloud | Kelley Marie Brown | Lindsay Indlet |
| Stephanie Humphreys & Kevin Lucas | Shirley & Richard Mackin | Debra Bailey & Susan Redden |
| Austin District Board of Missions, Inc. | Hyde Park Christian Church Outreach | Koenig Lane Christian Church Women's Fellowship |
| Matthew Healey & Melinda Eckhardt Healey Beibei Zou | Katy Koonce & Paige Schiltz | Suzanne & David Whitworth |

Without all of you the food pantry could not survive!

"The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty." Martin Luther King, Jr.