

# The Quarterly Feed



The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House Newsletter

Summer 2014

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## Pantry Hours for Winter

Monday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Wednesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Friday - CLOSED  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Sunday - CLOSED

## Grocery Distribution

Saturdays 10:30 a.m.

## Community Dinner

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

## Thrift Store Hours

1st & 3rd Tuesday  
3 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Feeding  
the Body,  
Mind &  
Spirit

## Remembering Where It All Started

Before Anna's House was an actual house and before The Lord's Pantry was an actual pantry, one man transformed his passion to help others into a sidewalk ministry that fed the body and spirit of those living in Stringtown. Lucious Newsom was beloved by many and his dream lives on as we now embark on a journey to expand our impact in the community we serve. ■

## Our Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Let me be your  
eyes by seeing  
the need, let me  
be your hands by  
fulfilling that need,  
and let me be your  
voice by speaking  
with kindness and  
compassion to all.

Keep me mindful  
of the fact that  
no matter how  
tough my life may  
seem, there are  
many that would  
consider it a  
blessing to trade  
places with me.

I pray all of this in  
your name, Amen.



## Director's Note

### It's a Wonderful Life

Thoughts from Julie Molloy

It has been a busy Summer at Anna's House. We served breakfast Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. beginning June 16th with our final breakfast being served August 1st.

We were blessed to have the help of St. Jude Catholic Church, Nativity Catholic Church, St. Luke School, Cathedral High School and Fairfield Friends Church in providing, preparing and serving breakfast each morning. Many wonderful people came to help serve our families and I cannot thank each one of them enough.

Hardy, healthy breakfasts were served with bright smiles and loving hearts. In total, we served in excess of 2,500 meals, a record number of meals for Anna's House since beginning our Summer breakfast program six years ago.

Another record was also surpassed as we served our last breakfast meals of the season. July 31st and August 1st were extremely busy days for us as we provided our annual backpacks filled with school supplies to 285 children. Due to the generosity of so many, all of the supplies needed to start our children off on the right foot at school were donated. We know that through a good education, the possibilities for a bright future are endless. Thank you for being a part of such an important part of our children's lives.

August 5th proved to be our most successful National Night Out From Crime event to-date. Our neighborhood families enjoyed music provided by DJ (and IMPD officer) Brian Morris; a cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken; lots of kids favorites including nachos, cotton candy, sno cones and popcorn; plenty of activities such as t-shirt decorating, face painting, games, bounce houses and more!

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time to make this event such a success. Our children had the time of their lives and can't wait for next year's event. ■



## Volunteer Spotlight

Some of you have probably noticed Caitlyn Merrill's contagious smile when visiting the Pantry on any given Saturday morning. The 24 year old Indiana University graduate has volunteered at Anna's House since she was 15 years old while attending Lawrence Central High School. "I have always felt a very strong tie to the pantry. It has always been a very big part of my life since the first day I came there," says Merrill.

"Caitlyn is such a blessing to the pantry. Her youthful spirit, compassion for others and desire to serve, makes her one of the favorites here at Anna's House," says Julie Molloy, Director of Anna's House. She adds, "I first met Caitlyn as a young teenager volunteering on Saturday mornings during our grocery distribution. Her infectious smile was the first thing that caught my eye. It doesn't take long to see how that smile affects those who come for food. She has a special way of sharing her love with everyone who enters our doors."

As Caitlyn headed off to college, it was apparent that the field of study, in social work, was exactly where she belonged. Now, several years later, Anna's House is a recipient of her hard work and dedication to her field of study. As Caitlyn continues to dedicate her time and talent to Anna's House, we know that our future success lies in good hands with her and the youth of tomorrow. Merrill currently resides on the north side of Indianapolis and works for Becovic Management Group. ■

## After School Special

# The Girl Scouts Are Here!!

Sure, you know about the delicious Tag-a-longs, Thin Mints and other mouth-watering cookies that come around once a year, but do you know how the sale of the cookies can help your child?

Anna's House has been working hard to recruit third parties with opportunities to engage children in the Stringtown community in an effort to keep them off the streets and productive in their own community.

Over the years, we have brought in groups such as Camp Outreach Indiana and Common Ground Christian Ministries that engage our children in after-school or Summer programs. Starting August 20th, Anna's House entered a new and exciting relationship with the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana to offer an 8-week after-school program here at Anna's House. "It's Your World-Change It! A Leadership Journey" will offer girls in grades 4-6 fun activities where they can identify peers and adults who provide key support in their lives, look at the impact first impressions and stereotypes have on relationships, identify different types of peer pressure and how it influences them.

The FREE program will offer eight total sessions on a weekly basis. After this 8-week stretch, Anna's House will have the opportunity to reach girls in grades K-3.

If you have interest in stepping up as a local troop leader after these initial sessions, please contact Julie at your earliest convenience.

## Along the sessions, girls will meet seven Girl Scout outcomes:

- ▶ **Girls develop a strong sense of self.**
- ▶ **Girls develop critical thinking.**
- ▶ **Girls develop healthy relationships.**
- ▶ **Girls can resolve conflicts.**
- ▶ **Girls feel connected to their communities.**
- ▶ **Girls are resourceful problem solvers.**
- ▶ **Girls educate and inspire others to act.**

## Donor Spotlight

### By The Numbers

The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House is blessed to receive tremendous in-kind support from some of the city's most respected companies and organizations, including Indianapolis-based McFarling Foods, Indiana's largest 100% employee-owned food distributor. You can learn more about McFarling Foods by visiting them online at [www.mcfarling.com](http://www.mcfarling.com). Thank you McFarling Foods for your ongoing support of the families in Stringtown.

# 5,000

**pounds of chicken donated to The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House in a 12 month period.**

# \$3,000

represents the value of food donated to The Lord's Pantry in a one-year period. This value does NOT reflect additional costs associated with transportation, overhead, labor or operating expenses.

## Education Corner

English as a Second Language (ESL) for adults is expected to return in early October and continue through Thanksgiving. It will return again in January 2015. ESL classes are 8-week sessions taught by Alex De Gortari. Our classes are taught differently than most as we focus on daily living such as how to speak to the doctor, the banker, and the teacher or how to write a check and fill out a job application. Our classes are offered to our students free of charge and include free childcare for the children of our students. The goal of our class is to make daily life easier for our adults, in hopes that employment can be obtained with their new found language. ESL classes are open to everyone.

## Calendar of Events

V = volunteer opportunities exist

### September

6, 13, 20, 27 **V**

#### Grocery Distribution

Our weekly grocery distribution offers clients an assortment of non-perishable foods and fresh produce.  
10:30 a.m.

3, 10, 17, 24

#### Community Dinner

The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal! 5:30 p.m.

### October

7, 14, 21, 28

#### ESL Classes

Weekly ESL classes are free and open to anyone interested. Free childcare is available to our participating students. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **V**

#### Community Dinner

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4, 11, 18, 25 **V**

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10:30 a.m.

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#### Thrift Sale Closing

Come check out the best deals of the season as we close the doors on our Thrift Sale.  
3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### November

4, 11, 18, 25

#### ESL Classes

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5, 12, 19 **V**

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1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **V**

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10:30 a.m.

26 **V**

#### Thanksgiving Dinner

The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy our annual Thanksgiving meal. 5:30 p.m.

### December

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#### Santa is Coming!!

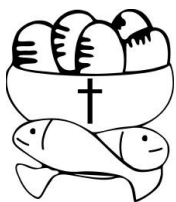
Save the Date for our annual day with Santa Claus! Details will be available soon.

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#### Christmas Dinner

Save the Date for our annual Christmas dinner. 5:30 p.m.

**To volunteer, please contact Julie Molloy at [jmolloy@lordspantry.org](mailto:jmolloy@lordspantry.org)**



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# Photo Gallery

Check out more photos at The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House on Facebook and Shutterfly

OH WHAT FUN WE HAD! Our annual National Night Out street party was a huge success again this year. Thank you to all who volunteered to cook, paint t-shirts, face painting, man the bounce

house, DJ the dancing, clean up, set up and overall everything. We estimate that more than 200 people were in attendance this year, including lots of anxious kids as well as those young at heart.

Additional thanks to our local law enforcement for sharing in the night, especially their participation in the popular "Chicken Dance" with many of our neighborhood children.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ribs were on the dinner menu along with all of the best party foods for kids, including popcorn, cotton candy, sno cones and nachos.

The children enjoyed a bounce house, air baseball, corn hole competitions, face-painting and yes, temporary tattoos! One of the most popular activities among the younger kids was the "design your own t-shirt" painting.

This is such a fun day for everyone. Each year, as Summer is about to come to an end and the kids are preparing to start back to school, the big question starts being asked by all the kids...When is that awesome party? One young man even told us it was his favorite day of the year. God is oh so good!!

If you would like to get involved in our 2015 National Night Out street party as an activity donor or a volunteer, please contact Julie at Anna's House by July 1, 2015.



## Kids Corner



### It's Back To School Time!

Can you imagine starting school with no paper, pencils, crayons, or backpacks? Neither can our children.

With the help of so many volunteers and donors, Anna's House was able to provide a backpack stuffed full of all of the supplies needed to succeed in school. This year, we provided 285 children with the supplies requested by the schools.

We believe this is one of our most important projects throughout the year as facts tell us that education is the quickest way out of poverty.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and/or participated in this important program. You have already made a significant difference in the lives of 285 children and their families.



## Wish List

The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House is currently seeking the following items to support their ongoing programs. If you are able to donate these items, please drop them off at 303 N. Elder Avenue on Wednesdays between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. (east entrance). For large deliveries or general inquiries, please call 317.631.5504.

### Holiday Items

- Stockings stuffed with trinkets

### Food Pantry / Kitchen Items

- non latex, non powder gloves in all sizes for food distribution

### Kids Pack Items *(single-serve portions)*

- fruit cups & juice boxes
- cheese or peanut butter & crackers
- microwave kids meals

### Equipment Needs

- Commercial grade vacuum
- Commercial grade floor scrubber

### Office Items *(new or gently used)*

- OfficeJet Ink (HP950, 951)
- Copy paper

### Upcoming Events *(in-kind donations)*

- silent and live auction items
  - gift certificates
  - jewelry
  - electronics
  - unique experiences
  - autographed memorabilia
  - fashion & accessories

### Facility Items *(in-kind donations)*

- 14' or 16' box truck with lift gate

Look for our next newsletter again in November 2014.

Want to share your ideas for the newsletter, e-mail [brad@lordspantry.org](mailto:brad@lordspantry.org)