

The Quarterly Feed



The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House Newsletter

Winter 2014-15

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Pantry Hours for Winter

Monday CLOSED
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.



Giving Thanks for an Incredible Year

We are so very blessed to have had the incredible support of countless individuals and companies in 2014. Together, we have shown the growing number of families in need that Anna's House is not only a place to come when the cabinets are bare, but a vital community resource that works hard to help families become self-sustaining. We would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers, donors and community partners for making this possible. ■



Director's Note

It's a Wonderful Life

Thoughts from Julie Molloy

During this time of year, as we pause to remember our blessings, we at Anna's House remember you and give thanks for your continued support of our mission to serve those in need. Your love, prayers and donations have allowed us to continue to provide much needed help to over 200 families each week. This year, Anna's House has seen many changes, some good, some hard, some beyond our wildest dreams. I would like to take a moment to share some of the changes.

The Good:

- We provided grocery and financial assistance to more families this year than ever before. Through the generosity of so many, we were able to offer fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, meat, eggs and non-perishable items. We were also able to help with paper products, toiletries, diaper and formula.
- We held a twice monthly thrift sale to those in need, allowing families the opportunity to purchase at a very minimal cost; clothing, shoes, household items, furniture and toys. It is our belief that this allows families to take measures to become self sufficient in providing for themselves. All proceeds from the sales filtered back to the pantry to provide educational programs.
- We served a hot breakfast five days a week this summer to, on average, 100 people each morning. We were blessed by schools, church groups and individuals who provided and prepared breakfast each day.
- Dinner was served each Wednesday night, without fail, to as many as 150 people. Thank you to St. Jude, Cathedral High School, St. Barnabas, Roncalli High School, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Garfield Christian Church for providing and preparing such wonderful hot meals each month.
- More than 200 children received backpacks filled with school supplies just days before school started.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes saw 15 students throughout the year attend class to improve upon their English or learn it for the first time. These classes help the adult students to better communicate in an effort to seek employment, speak with their children's teachers, doctors, etc...
- Through the generosity of Marian University and our dear friend Jeff George, former quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner was enjoyed by some 500 individuals.
- Nearly 150 families were adopted for Christmas, thus many children woke Christmas morning to the magic of the season.
- More than 250 children shared their Christmas wishes with Santa, had their picture taken and then chose special gifts to take home. This made possible by many of Santa's "elves" aka "YOU".

The Hard:

- More children than ever entered our doors with their parents each Saturday to receive a Kids Pack to supplement their food supply while out of school and away from the breakfast and lunch program.
- The increased number of homeless and displaced individuals joining us for breakfast and dinner.
- More families sought assistance at Anna's House than ever before. Some long term, some short term.

The Beyond our Wildest Dreams:

- A new fence along our park given to us through the kindness of an Eagle Scout candidate, Matthew P.
- Record donations from groups, individuals and business who support our mission including, Indianapolis Fruit, Entenmanns, Pepperidge Farms, Kroger, McFarling Foods, Second Helpings, and Midwest Food Bank.
- Three acres of land donated within two blocks of our current location to build a larger facility. Thank you to Health and Hospital Corporation, Near West Community Development and our dear friend Senator Jim Merritt who was extremely instrumental in the transition.

As you can see, so much has happened this year. None of which would be possible without you. May you know that each day we give thanks to God for each of you. You make it possible to open our doors each morning ready to serve a community in need. Wishing you and yours a blessed New Year filled with the love of family and friends. ■

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11

Photo Gallery

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

GIVING THANKS is something we do on a daily basis, but when we reach the last Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday, Anna's House nearly bursts at the seams to host the hundreds of

individuals and families that take part in our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Countless individuals show up during the popular holiday to lend a hand and feed someone in need, while others come simply to enjoy a hot holiday meal with their family.

While the need to feed our families is there for the other 51 weeks of the year, the week of Thanksgiving always proves to be one of the most generous weeks of the year and 2014 was no exception.

This time, the special dinner event was a little extra special when former Indianapolis Colts QB, Jeff George showed up with his family to spread some holiday cheer.

Jeff and his family have been long-time advocates for the needy, especially during the Thanksgiving holiday and Anna's House was blessed to benefit from their kindness and generosity. In addition to donating their time, they also made a substantial financial contribution to support the efforts of Anna's House through the 2014 holiday season.



Kids Corner



Naughty or Nice...it's a Day with Santa!!

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through Anna's House, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse....that's because everyone headed over to an Oliver Street facility (donated by Jobsite Supply) to see Santa!!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Roncalli High School students and faculty, Southwood Assembly of God, Beck Service Center, IMFA and numerous individuals who donated toys, books and time all of the children served by Anna's House were not only able to meet the big guy, they also walked away with a few of their favorite toys and stockings stuffed with goodies.



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.

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



Weekly volunteer opportunities exist! Please call (317) 631-5504

Volunteer Spotlight



Can you imagine preparing dinner for 200+ in your family-sized kitchen? Not possible. We are so blessed to have Marian University prepare and deliver the most delicious, hot and ready-to-serve dinner at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Just thinking about the turkey, ham, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, rice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie make me wish it was Thanksgiving and Christmas all over again. Yummy!!



How can we ever express how grateful we are to Don and Courtney Toon for spending Santa Day with our families and taking the most wonderful pictures. For the past several years, they have made Santa Day a father/daughter project and we can't thank them enough. Our families look forward to being gifted a free family memory photo of the visit with Santa. Thank you both for your loving spirit.

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 Pepperidge Farm, a company with nearly 80 years dedicated to quality breads and snacks. You can learn more about Pepperidge Farm by visiting them online at www.pepperidgefarm.com. Thank you Pepperidge Farm for your ongoing support of the families in Stringtown.

1,000

loaves of bread and/or buns donated to The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House every week.

\$33,800

represents the value of other non-bread items such as crackers, cakes, cookies and specialty breads 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.

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.

Calendar of Events

V = volunteer opportunities exist

January

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 V

Grocery Distribution

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

7, 14, 21, 28 V

Community Dinner

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

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Souper Bowl Saturday

Come meet Joe Reitz from the Indianapolis Colts and get your bag for the big game!
10:30 a.m.

February

3, 10, 17, 24

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.

4, 11, 18, 25 V

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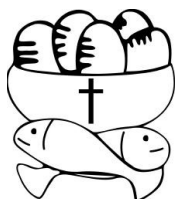
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17 V

Never Say Never..

An Evening in Monte Carlo
Save the Date for our new fundraising experience! Look for details on Facebook and our website.

To volunteer, please contact Julie Molloy at jmolloy@lordspantry.org



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