

The Quarterly Feed



The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House

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Fall/ Winter Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mon, Fri. & Sun.: CLOSED

Grocery Distribution

Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Community Dinner

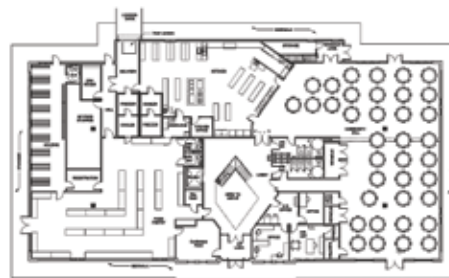
Wednesday 5.30 p.m.

Capital Campaign Off and Running



The new Anna's House offers a welcoming facade to the community.

The capital campaign for our new multi-service center is in full swing. Through significantly expanding our physical space in the new facility, we will be able to serve groceries to approximately twice as many families as we currently serve.



The main floor includes a commercial kitchen, community room, a dedicated food pantry area and office space.

The new space will include a commercial kitchen, adequate refrigeration for food storage, classrooms, and a

computer lab. In addition to expanding our grocery distribution capacity, the new facility will allow us to continue to expand our program offerings to aid our families.

In September, we mailed campaign information to all of our past supporters, many of whom have responded generously.

We continue to seek in-kind support for the building project. So far, we have secured in-kind donations of all of the concrete labor through Greystone Concrete, exterior walls from Thermocore, kitchen design services from C-T Design, and architecture services from Prince Alexander Architects.

We continue to develop relationships with organizations within the construction industry to help facilitate in-kind donations while seeking continued financial support.



It's a Wonderful Life

Thoughts from Julie Molloy

It's hard to believe that 2015 is coming to a close. Where did the year go? I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support of our mission to serve those in need. Anna's House and our many families

have been blessed by your kindness in volunteering your time; financially supporting our programs; donating food, school supplies, coats, and so much more; and in praying for the continued success of Anna's House.

We are so grateful too that you continue to believe in our mission and partner with us to achieve it! Since our last newsletter, we have continued to reach out to the construction community seeking in-kind donations of building supplies and labor for our new building. Our zoning was approved. We launched our capital campaign and we are confident that the future Anna's House will come to fruition with your help. Our website outlines many areas where you can be a part of our growth. We've had great opportunities to provide special activities and programs through partnerships with other organizations and special donations. You can see details of these opportunities throughout the newsletter.

So what is in store for Anna's House during the final months of 2015? As you might imagine, this is our busiest time of the year.

- November 2, we began serving breakfast 3 mornings a week. Although we serve breakfast to a

smaller number of people than in the summer, we are happy to provide a hot meal to mainly senior citizens and those living in homelessness.

- Our Adopt-A-Family Christmas program is in full swing. Through the generosity of many, we know that nearly 200 families will enjoy the magic of Christmas and there will be many happy children on Christmas morning.
- Thanksgiving dinner was served on November 25 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. We served a full dinner to more than 200 people.
- Next will be our fun-filled evening spent with Santa on December 12 from 4 – 7 p.m. On this night we will see nearly 300 children visit with Santa, have their pictures taken and then head to the toy room where each child will get to choose 4–5 items from an enormous selection of toys. They will also go home with a book and hat and glove set.
- December 23 will be Christmas dinner at Anna's House, and we expect that more than 200 individuals will join us again for a wonderful dinner.

We never slow down, and that's the fun of the work we do. It is always our hope that we provide families with services that lead them toward self-sufficiency and bring programs to children that encourage them to reach for the stars. In closing, please know that I am forever grateful for each of you and I wish you a blessed holiday season.

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Julie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stringtown by the Numbers...

- 44% of those over age 25 don't have a high school diploma
- 73% receive free or reduced-price school lunches
- 56% will graduate from high school

Our Year in Pictures



April 17: Never Say Never kicks off the capital campaign for the new Anna's House Multi-Service Center. Rick and Michelle Mayes and Pete Molloy are among more than 200 attendees at the Lucas Estate in Carmel.
July 23: Prime 47 hosts the first annual Angels & Athletes event, honoring former Colts players connected with Anna's House and releasing the Primed & Ready cookbook as a fundraiser for the capital campaign.



Tuesday, June 30: Dave Doyle delivers a newly-purchased used box truck to Anna's House, and Julie is overjoyed.



Thursday, June 18 & Thursday, July 9: Cathedral High School students hosted morning activities for students following summer breakfasts.



June 22 – June 26: Common Ground Ministries put on a week-long VBS program for neighborhood children while other members of the ministry helped neighborhood residents with home repairs.

September 19: Walgreens pharmacists came to Anna's House and provided 100 free flu shots.



July 30 & 31: Anna's House distributed 184 backpacks to prepare students for school.



October 10: Thanks to Samaritan's Feet we were able to distribute 250 pairs of shoes children and families.



August 4: Children enjoy the bounce house at the 7th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. Anna's House joins many other organizations in sponsoring a social neighborhood event designed to take a stand against crime.



All summer: Many groups came to help finish the establishment of a community garden with six raised beds and a picket fence surround across the street from Anna's House. Mr. Tim's Community Garden — named in honor of Tim Ingram, a neighbor, member of our Board of Directors, and regular volunteer who passed away January 19, after a long battle with cancer — is now ready to use in Spring 2016.

In Memoriam: Barb Parker

by Julie Molloy



Heaven gained an angel on August 6, 2015. Our dear Barbara “Barb” Parker, volunteer extraordinaire, joined our friends Betty DeWeese and Tim Ingram to guide our works from above.

I have been with The Lord’s Pantry at Anna’s House for 17 years and cannot remember a time when Barb was not here

helping others. The relationships she built, especially with our senior citizens, were incredible. She knew them all by name, knew what their needs were, and strived to meet their needs as best she could.

She knew if someone was diabetic and made sure to hold back a sugar-free dessert for them. She knew if they had been sick and always took the time to check on them and see if she could help them in any way. She had those special seniors who would tease her about being their girlfriend. She met everyone with a smile. When she spent the winters in Florida with her family, her presence was truly missed. Barb’s passing has left a hole in our hearts that can never be filled. She will forever be missed. Thank you, Barb, for your years of dedication to The Lord’s Pantry at Anna’s House.

Caryn and Dan O’Sullivan

Caryn and Dan have been involved at Anna’s House through our Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas for several years. This year, Caryn reached out inquiring about additional sponsorship opportunities, and we arranged for her family to sponsor our winter breakfast program. Their contribution will provide the food for breakfast to approximately 20 people three days per week throughout the winter.

This program mostly provides food to seniors and those living on the streets, giving them a chance to warm up and enjoy a hot meal.

Roncalli High School



We’d like to say a special thank you to Roncalli High School for sponsoring a toy drive to support our Christmas with Santa event and to all of the Adopt-a-Family sponsors who are helping our families to have a truly merry Christmas!

Kid’s Corner



Thursday, September 3, we took 16 high school boys to attend a pre-season Colts game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana came to run an 8-week program on healthy living for our girls during the months of August – October. This was the second multi-week program they have operated for us.

September 6, we took 15 girls to enjoy Frozen on Ice at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.



We are looking to extend the benefits this program offers by establishing troops for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Please contact Emily Tekolste at emtekolste@lordspantry.org if you are interested in exploring a role within one of the troops.

On Halloween, we took 14 children and 2 neighborhood parents on a farm tour at Traders Point Creamery. The kids were able to feed and pet the pigs, pet the cows, and walk on the nature trail along Eagle Creek in Zionsville.



Wish List: Time, Talent & Treasure

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

Winter Breakfast Volunteers

November 3 – February 25,
Tues. – Thurs., 8-10:30 a.m.

Christmas with Santa:

December 12, 4 – 7 pm: seeking toy donations and elves to help children choose their gifts.

Garden Supplies

- Compost, leaves, or high-quality topsoil
- Gardening tools

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 who would consider it a blessing to trade places with me.

I pray all of this
in your name.
Amen

Food Pantry Items – *traditional size items, please no industrial/commercial sizes*

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly (Grape & Strawberry)
- Dried beans and/or rice in bags
- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Pasta/spaghetti noodles
- Pasta sauce in jars
- Cake mix & frosting mix or prepared frosting
- Crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Fruit and/or pudding cups
- Juice boxes
- Cheese or Peanut Butter and Cracker sandwiches
- Microwave kids meals
- Individual cereals, oatmeal and toaster pastries

Equipment Needs

- Commercial-grade vacuum
- Commercial-grade floor scrubber

Office Supplies

- OfficeJet Ink (HP 950, 951)
- Copy paper

In-kind donations

- Construction materials and/or labor

Text to Donate!



Just text "annashouse" to 24700 and make a donation in the amount of your choice! You can also visit our website to donate through PayPal® or JustGive.org

Samaritan's Feet

In September, an organization called Samaritan's Feet approached us about partnering to provide 300 pairs of shoes to the children we serve.

Because of their generosity, we were able to reach out to Enlace Academy and Christel House Academy – West to offer shoes to their students as well.



In all, we gave out approximately 250 pairs of shoes on October 10. Samaritan's Feet partners with organizations around the world to provide shoes to those in need. For a typical shoe distribution, they come in with a group of volunteers to wash feet and put a new pair of socks and shoes on the recipient.

Partners for the distribution:

- St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Fishers
- Mr. Stan Crisci
- RBC Financial Wealth Management (matching gift)
- Joe and Jill Reitz.

Volunteers for the distribution:

- The Lids Foundation
- St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Fishers
- St. Louis de Montfort Catholic School, Fishers
- Colts' Wives Bible Study Group

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Calendar of Events

December

1, 8, 15, 22, 29:

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

1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17:

Winter Breakfast — Our neighbors are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast. 9-10 a.m.

2, 9, 16:

Community Dinner — The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal. 5:30-7 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26:

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

12:

Christmas with Santa — Families bring their children to visit with Santa and choose a gift. 4-7 p.m.

21:

Second Annual *Miracle at 47* to benefit Anna's House at Prime 47.

23:

Christmas Dinner — Special community dinner to celebrate Christmas. 5-7:30 p.m.

January

6 - 31:

Indy's Souper Kitchens — Dine out and help support The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House. Details coming soon online!

5, 12, 19, 26:

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

5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28:

Winter Breakfast — Our neighbors are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast. 9-10 a.m.

6, 13, 20, 23, 30:

Community Dinner — The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal. 5:30-7 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30:

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

February

2, 9, 16, 23:

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

2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25:

Winter Breakfast — Our neighbors are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast. 9-10 a.m.

3, 10, 17, 24:

Community Dinner — The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal. 5:30-7 p.m.

4:

Indy's Souper Kitchen — Join us at Anna's House on National Homemade Soup Day and sample some amazing soups prepared by Anna's House, dedicated volunteers and Indy area restaurants. Details coming soon online!

6, 13, 20, 27:

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

6:

Souper Bowl Saturday — St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Joe Reitz, and other Colts players host a cookout and provide special bags of game-day party supplies to our families during grocery distribution. 10:30 a.m.



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