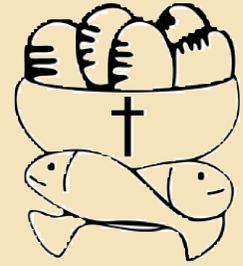


The Quarterly Feed



The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House Newsletter

Spring 2014

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Julie Molloy
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Office

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



Christel House Academy West Welcomes Residents of Stringtown

Christel House Academy West, a replication of the highly successful Christel House Academy South, will open in August of 2014 as a kindergarten through second grade elementary school and will grow one grade level per year. Authorized by Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, this tuition free state-of-the-art charter school located at 55 N. Tibbs Avenue represents a choice for all parents who seek a better education for their children, not just those living in a specific area or within a school system boundary.

West campus staff members will be attending numerous community events and meetings, including Wednesday evening community dinners at Anna's House, to share information about this new school and answer any questions parents may have.

If you are interested in learning more about Christel House Academy West or would like to enroll your child, please contact Leticia Juarez at Anna's House for assistance in scheduling a meeting with school representatives. ■

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's happening...the property I have been working on and waiting for has passed all testing and is on its way to closing. Before long, Anna's House will be the proud owner of property located at 223 Lynn Street. This very large piece of property is just around the corner from our current location allowing us to stay in the heart of the community we serve. I couldn't be more excited.

This property will allow us to grow and better assist the families we serve with programs that lead to self-sufficiency. Knowing this, we know that it will not be possible without you. There is a long road ahead of us in erecting a new building to house an industrial kitchen, larger dining hall and greater dedicated food pantry space. We understand that all good things take time, but we are quite eager to begin the work.

I am equally excited to announce that our newly expanded Board of Directors is in place and has already had their first meeting. Collectively, we are eager to lead The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House into the future. I could not be more pleased with the members and their ideas of growth and outreach. Please join me in welcoming both familiar and new faces to the Board of Directors including Tim Eldon, Cindy Gardner, Laura Green-Lenet, Chris Hutson, Greg Iacobucci, Tim Ingram, Kim TeKolste, Elizabeth Szentes and Joanne Sprinkle.

As Summer fast approaches, watch for additional volunteer opportunities to arise. These opportunities will be posted on our Facebook Fan page with a link to Sign-Up Genius. Opportunities will include our summer breakfast program, ESL childcare, National Night Out street party and our bi-weekly Thrift store help.

As always, I welcome any and all feedback regarding the Pantry and the services we provide. Without your help, there would be no growth. ■



Volunteer Spotlight

Exploring our volunteer database to spotlight the selfless actions of our many volunteers is never an easy task simply because there are so many. However, 19-year old Indianapolis native, Derrick Johnson, has made the task much easier this time around.

"It's not at all surprising to hear that Derrick is one of your extraordinary volunteers. He's an incredibly focused worker, always striving to do the best job he can, whether it's at the Pantry or at school. He doesn't think twice about helping others and does so in a quiet, unassuming way," says Meredith Cummings, one of Derrick's teachers at Ivy Tech.

His hard work has paid off at Ivy Tech. He's about to complete a two-year liberal arts degree with at least a 3.5 GPA in just eleven months! In addition, he's earned a nice scholarship to attend Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa, next August where he hopes to pursue a masters degree in computer science. "I would like to work for a big corporation, like Google," says Johnson. This is no surprise since he spends much of his spare time playing video games, fixing computers or phones and making YouTube videos.

Johnson started volunteering for Anna's House in October 2013 as a class project and has since become an intricate part of Saturday operations according to Julie Molloy, Director of The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House. She adds, "Not only does he volunteer for grocery distribution, but he also goes along for home-bound deliveries. He seems to have found his place here and he knows what needs to be done. He takes on leadership roles with great kindness. It's refreshing to see young people engaged in who we are and what we do."

When asked why he chose Anna's House to volunteer his time for, he replied, "I had so much fun. I have made some friends with others who volunteer as well. Doing this has taught me to understand that there are others who struggle to make a living. I am really thankful for volunteering here." ■

Nutrition Notes

Planting the Seeds for Better Nutrition

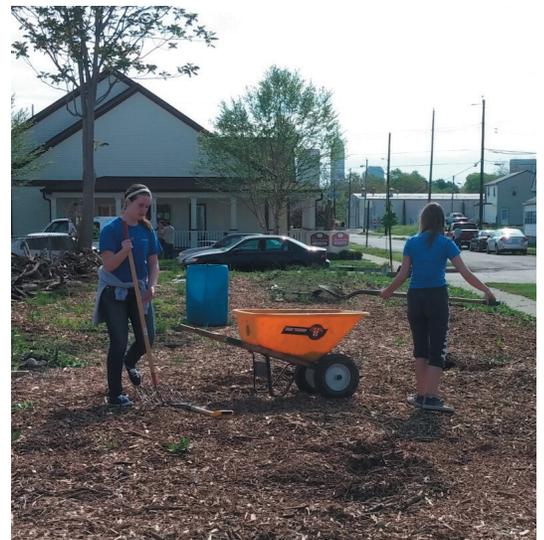
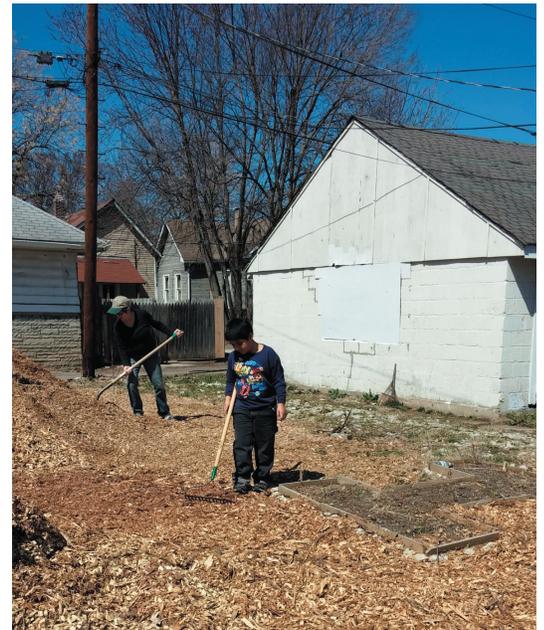
by Emily TeKolste

It may be a little plot of land, but we have great big plans for the lot across from the front door of our space: Raised beds overflowing with tomatoes, eggplant, spinach, peppers, and maybe even strawberries someday; community members coming in to grow and harvest their own food; kids who are able to tend to a plant that will eventually feed them and their families, and truly fresh food – straight from the ground. Yes, it's a community garden.

Of course, making this vision a reality is never quite as easy as it seems. Last year, our supplies didn't come as promised, and we made do with what we had. This year, we will be purchasing milled lumber for the beds as well as topsoil and compost, building on our work from last year. We will gather crews to build the beds, fill them with soil, and plant fruits and vegetables.

We already have registrations coming in from Stringtown residents who want their own space in the garden. If you are interested in participating in making this vision a reality or maintaining your own garden bed in this space, please contact Emily TeKolste at 317-833-3760 or emtekolste@gmail.com.

Emily TeKolste is an 8+ year volunteer with The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House that has become an entrepreneur of all thing "community" here in Stringtown.



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 Second Helpings who works to transform lives through the power of food. You can learn more about Second Helpings by visiting them online at www.SecondHelpings.org. Thank you Second Helpings for your ongoing support of the families in Stringtown.

39,709

pounds of food donated to The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

\$61,946.04

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

For the third year, we are offering English as a Second Language (ESL) to adults. These are 8-week sessions taught by two wonderful men, Alex De Gortari and Chris Gautier. 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

May

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.

6, 13, 20, 27 V

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.

7, 14, 21, 28

Community Dinner

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

June

3, 10, 17, 24 V

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4, 11, 18, 25

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July

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 V

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2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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5, 12, 19, 26 V

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10:30 a.m.

August

5 V

National Night Out

Bring the family and come to Anna's House for National Night Out. We will have a bounce house and games for the kids as well as plenty of food & beverages for everyone! Special thanks to Stringtown Neighborhood Association for their support.
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact Julie Molloy at 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

Camp Outreach-Indiana, a program of Common Ground Christian Ministries, brings together like-minded people who are committed to being a blessing to others. For one week, participants

gather to renovate the homes of those in need including the elderly, widows and/or the fatherless. During the week-long effort, volunteers also take time for fellowship and sharing faith-based principles during Kids Camp, a tradition that has become quite popular with the kids and their parents.

In 2013, Camp Outreach-Indiana moved into Stringtown (pictured right) to help renovate the home of Rob Whobrey at 283 Miley Avenue while also hosting Kid's Camp here at Anna's House (pictured left).

According to Julie Molloy, Director at Anna's House, representatives from Camp Outreach came to her more than five years ago asking if they could engage the kids of Stringtown with positive activities. "I was elated to receive such a request," says Molloy.

It was after the first year collaborating with Camp Outreach, Indiana that Molloy found an opportunity to enhance the experience. Through her relationship with St. Jude Catholic Church, a new set design (specifically St. Jude's Vacation Bible School set design) was and continues to be generously loaned to Anna's House for Kids Camp which has only helped engage the kids further.



Community Outreach



Dear parents:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Rick Hunt, and I will be the new principal at Christel House Academy-West. This will be a brand new school at a brand new state of the art facility on Indy's west side.

As a father of three daughters, I know how much a parent worries about your child's opportunities in life. Will they be able to live out their dreams? Will they be able have the career that they want and that provides them with the money to have a comfortable life? Will they be good citizens and have the moral character that we all dream of for our children? In short... will they be happy?

I also worry if my daughters' schools are giving them what they need to be successful in life.

As a parent or guardian, you should have a choice as to the school your child attends. You shouldn't be bound by a particular boundary area in a school corporation or because you cannot afford a private school's tuition. A good education is the great equalizer, something that gives our children the chance to fulfill their potential and their dreams. That's why it is important to have school choice. The opportunity for parents to pick and choose the school that best meet their child's needs.

You have a choice! You can chose to enroll your child in a charter school.

We at Christel House Academy-West believe that choosing our school would provide your child the very best in educational opportunity. We are a tuition FREE charter school. While, Christel House Academy – West is a brand new school, our curriculum and programs are a replication of the Christel House Academy-South school. Our award winning South campus has been helping students achieve at the highest levels for over 10 years.

I hope you will join the Christel House family. I would love to have the opportunity to talk to you more about our school and our programs. Please feel free to call or email me any time.

Sincerely,

Rick Hunt
Head of Elementary
rhunt@chacademy.org
317-783-4901

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.

Back to School Items

- Gently used or new school uniform (no logos) for kids, grades K through 8.
- Khaki or Navy Pants
- Red, Light Blue, Navy Blue or White shirts
- Gently used or new school uniform (no logos) for kids, grades 7 through 12.
- Khaki or Black Pants
- Black, Purple, Navy Blue or White shirts

Kids Pack Items *(single-serve portions)*

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

Thrift Store Items *(gently used)*

- dishes, small appliances & furniture
- bed linens & home accessories

Office Items *(new or gently used)*

- 3 or 4 drawer file cabinet

Upcoming Events *(in-kind donations)*

- National Night Out
 - Bounce house
 - 10x10 EZ Up tents (2)
 - Cotton Candy machine
 - SnoCone machine
 - Generators

Look for our next newsletter again in August 2014.

Want to share your ideas for the newsletter, e-mail brad@lordspantry.org