

The Quarterly Feed



The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House

Fall 2015

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Fall/ Winter Pantry Hours

Mon.–Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesdays 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday & Sunday: CLOSED

Grocery Distribution

Saturdays 10:30 a.m.

Community Dinner

Wednesdays...5.30 p.m.

Inaugural Angels & Athletes honors George and Jackson



Athletes and VIP's in attendance at Angels and Athletes: Chris Lytle, Chef Eric Rogers, Sen. Jim Merritt, Danielle McGrath (Chief of Staff for Mike Pence), Michael Ayers, Dr. Chuck Dietzen, Julie Molloy, Michael Raby, Ryan Baker, Joe Staysiak, Marlin Jackson, Ryan Diem, Winnie Ballard (wife of Mayor Ballard), Jeff George and Mayor Greg Ballard

More than 100 guests joined us at Prime 47 Indianapolis for the inaugural Angels & Athletes event where we honored former Indianapolis Colts players, Marlin Jackson and Jeff George, for their community spirit and sportsmanship on and off the field. The event also kicked off the sale of the *Primed & Ready* cookbook which benefits our capital campaign. The cookbook features favorite recipes contributed by members of many top Indianapolis sports and news organizations.

During the event, Jackson recounted his own experience from childhood receiving food from a food pantry. He offered a shout out to all those who mentored him as he grew up, supporting him in his education and athletic career.

Upon receiving his award, George also shared some of his experiences (good and bad) that led him through

a 14-year NFL career, noting that his ability to give back was only as good as those who are the real heroes working the front lines, like Julie Molloy. He wrapped up his remarks with an official toast in her honor. George has been involved with Anna's House for more than a decade – most recently through financial sponsorship and helping with our Thanksgiving dinner celebration in 2014.

Celebrity attendees included Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, State Senator Jim Merritt, MMA fighter and Indianapolis fire fighter Chris Lytle, radio personality and former Indianapolis Colt Joe Staysniak and former Indianapolis Colt Ryan Diem to name a few.

Angels & Athletes will be an annual event, honoring those who use their public platform in the athletic world to improve the world outside of athletics.



It's a Wonderful Life

Thoughts from Julie Molloy

What a whirlwind couple of months it has been for The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House. We have seen so many good things taking place here. This summer we provided 2,152 breakfasts to senior citizens, adults, children and

individuals living on the streets. I can never say thank you enough to all who provided, prepared and served such wonderfully nutritious breakfasts. Once again this year, Common Ground Ministries and individuals from several states came to Stringtown to provide home improvement opportunities to numerous families. Many homes had painting, siding, yard clean up and repairs take place. In conjunction with this effort, Common Ground put on a wonderful week-long Vacation Bible School to some 50 area children. Our children look forward to this week for an opportunity to listen to Bible stories, sing songs, create crafts and enjoy fellowship with other children.

Although we are still seeking donations to offset our costs, we were fortunate enough to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to nearly 300 children on July 30 and 31. It's our goal to make sure every child starts the school year prepared to learn.

We started the awareness phase of our Capital Campaign at our Angels & Athletes event held at Prime 47 on July 23, where we honored former Indianapolis Colts players Jeff George and Marlin Jackson for their long-standing support of Anna's House. At the event, we launched *Primed & Ready*, our fundraising cookbook filled with favorite recipes from celebrity athletes and community leaders. Details about the cookbook and an online order form can be found on our website.

Progress continues on our building project: On July 27, the state released and approved our building design. Next steps include continuing to secure in-kind donations for the construction phase and receiving approval from the zoning board.

On August 4, we celebrated National Night Out Against Crime with our annual street party. The neighborhood gathered for food, games and music.

Seeing the neighborhood come together with local law enforcement in an effort to unite for the betterment of Stringtown is always an exciting event. This year, approximately 250 people joined in the celebration.

I hope you'll join me in the continued whirlwind of activity throughout the remainder of 2015.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie". The script is cursive and elegant.



For the seventh year in a row, The Lord's Pantry provided backpacks filled with the necessary school supplies as the children we serve returned to school.

This year, we distributed nearly 200 backpacks. Families were asked to register ahead of time and came to pick up pre-filled backpacks with the school supplies required by their schools on Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31. Backpacks were stuffed with notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue, scissors and binders.

Built on a vision

Anna's House is built around a vision: to provide positive resources in our community. Our new multi-service center will enable us to expand our ability to provide our current programs: groceries, prepared meals, English classes, thrift store, Christmas with Santa and backpack distribution. Even better, it will enable us to begin offering programming that will further enhance the lives of the children, families and adults whom we serve: tutoring and mentoring programming, arts education classes, cooking and nutrition classes, a computer lab with classes offered.

In support of these important efforts, we are asking for your help. We truly believe that all have something to offer. Here are just a few ways you can help turn our vision for the Stringtown community into a reality:

Capital campaign contributions:

The capital campaign for this new facility is in full-swing, and contributions can be made directly to the campaign through the "Donate" link on our website, by mailing a check, or through the purchase of our *Primed & Ready* cookbook or a personalized brick for the new building.

Connections:

Many corporations provide sponsorships for employee service, matching donation funds, or grants that require employee nominations. We'd love to connect with your employer. Please let us know if you or someone you know works for Eli Lilly and Company, Enterprise Holdings, Cisco, Duke Energy, Interactive Intelligence, John Wiley & Sons, GE and many, many more!

Many other organizations require members to nominate organizations or programs for grants. Please let us

know if you or someone you know is a member of the Kiwanis Foundation or any organization that offers member-sponsored grant opportunities.

Program-specific financial contributions:

You may make targeted donations to any one of our many programs or to our general operating expenses. Just make sure to note your request at the time of your contribution.

Time:

Our current programs still require significant manpower to operate, and we expect to have special opportunities available as we build our new programs. Check out our volunteer opportunities through the "Get Involved" link on our website.

Connections:

Do you own or work for an organization that organizes team-building volunteer days? Do you have any special skills? If you're looking to get involved in a special way, contact our volunteer coordinator, Emily TeKolste, at emtekolste@lordspantry.org for more information.

Donations:

We have many needs for in-kind donations, from food to office supplies — in fact, you can find an extensive list of our needs on page five of this newsletter as well as on our website under the "Get Involved" tab. We encourage you to also consider involvement with our *Adopt-a-Family* and/or *Christmas with Santa* programs. Again, you can find out more information about each of these programs on our website under the "Programs" tab.

Thank you for all that you do to help empower the residents of the Stringtown community!

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

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

Groups who gave their all this summer

This summer, we want to send a special thank you to the groups who stepped up to help out:

The wonderful crews who prepared and served breakfast:

- St. Jude Catholic Church
- Nativity Catholic Church
- St. Luke Catholic Church
- Cathedral High School
- Fairfield Friends Church

To the crews who worked in our garden and completed special projects within our facility or community:

- TeenWorks
- Jameson Camp
- Pro(ACT) Community Partnerships
- Starfish Initiative
- St. George Orthodox Christian Church
- Common Ground Ministries

Dave Doyle and Big O Tires

A big thanks to Dave Doyle and Big O Tires. Dave owns two locations of Big O Tires, one in Plainfield and one in Mooresville. After meeting Julie at a networking event through the Southside Catholic Business Professionals about two years ago, Dave volunteered to start fixing our vehicles. He's made numerous repairs to our box truck and our van, both of which are integral to our mission of providing food to our community.



This July, when it became clear that our box truck was no longer safe to drive, Dave stepped up to organize a group of friends to contribute \$9,500 to purchase the truck. He found a Ford F450 that would suit our needs and arranged for the purchase.

Dave, we are grateful for your continued support of our organization by ensuring that our safe transportation needs are always cared for!

Kid's Corner

On June 4, we took 11 neighborhood children to a **Celebrity Softball Game** at Victory Field. They feasted on nachos, hot dogs and ice cream, chased after autographs and mascots and enjoyed watching (mostly) Pacers® players attempt to play softball.



Arron Randolph, Nikkiah Estep, Emily TeKolste enjoy Celebrity Softball at Victory Field

June 18 & July 9, Cathedral High School students sponsored **"Fun Days"** for our children, including crafts, snacks, activities and lunch.

Camp Outreach returned June 22–26, providing **Vacation Bible School** for approximately 50 of our neighborhood kids. Common Ground Ministries provided breakfast

and lunch and ran a camp full of crafts, songs, activities and fun! 50 children from our community participated in the Wilderness Escape program.

On September 6, our neighborhood girls will enjoy **Frozen on Ice** at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

We have been gifted a suite that seats 20 for the show. We would love to be able to provide the full experience, complete with boxed lunches. A \$10 per child sponsorship would provide a meal and souvenir.



Moses shares with the children about his experience wandering the desert during Vacation Bible School.

A \$200 sponsorship would cover the meal and a souvenir for each child in the entire group.

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.

Wednesday Dinner Sponsor

We are looking for an organization to take over sponsorship of community dinners for the 4th Wednesday of the month. It's a 10-month commitment (excluding November & December) that includes sponsoring the food and supplies and bringing volunteers to help serve up to 100 people.

Frozen on Ice

We have received a donation of a suite for 20 people for *Frozen on Ice*. We are seeking sponsorship at \$10 each to be able to provide boxed lunches for those who are able to attend, for a total of \$200. We would love to be able to give our kids the full experience!

Winter Breakfast Volunteers

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

NCYC Volunteers:

November 18 – 21:
Set-up and monitor a booth educating Catholic youth from across the country about homelessness in Indianapolis.

Adopt-a-Family Sponsors:

Please visit our website (go to the "Christmas Program" page under the "Programs" tab by October 15 to sign up to be paired with a family to provide Christmas gifts.

Christmas with Santa:

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

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

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, we celebrated National Night Out Against Crime with our annual block party. More than 250 neighbors joined us to enjoy a DJ and dancing, a bounce house, face painting, basketball and corn hole. We had a cookout with barbecue chicken, hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy, sno cones and popcorn. State Senator Jim Merritt, honorary chair of our capital campaign, joined us and brought representatives from the Oak Street Health Clinic to promote their program offerings to our neighbors.

In keeping with the theme of a celebration against crime, we had IMPD officers from the Southwest District visit us along with Southwest District Community Prosecutor Tim Turner.



Representatives from Oak Street Health Clinic were on hand to discuss their program offerings (above). State Senator Jim Merritt enjoyed visiting with our neighbors during National Night Out (below).



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Calendar of Events

September

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.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30:
Community Dinner — The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal! 5:30–7 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25:
Grocery Distribution — Our weekly grocery distribution offers clients an assortment of non-perishable foods and fresh produce. 10:30 a.m.

October

3, 10, 17, 24, 31:
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:
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.

7, 17, 21, 28:
Community Dinner — The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal! 5:30–7 p.m.

November

3, 10, 17, 24:
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.

3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26:
Winter Breakfast — Our neighbors are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast. 9–10 a.m.

4, 11, 18:
Community Dinner — The Stringtown community is invited to enjoy a hot meal! 5:30–7 p.m.

7, 14, 21, 28:
Grocery Distribution — Our weekly grocery distribution offers clients an assortment of non-perishable foods and fresh produce. 10:30 a.m.

25:
Thanksgiving Dinner — Special community dinner to celebrate Thanksgiving. 5–7:30 p.m.

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.

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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 get to 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.



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