

Community Resource Program of Door County, Inc.  
**FEED MY PEOPLE / CLOTHE MY PEOPLE**

**NEWSLETTER**

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

**SUMMER 2004**



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**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
Monday.....3-7p.m.  
Tuesday.....10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Wednesday....10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Thursday.....3-7 p.m.  
Friday.....10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!  
YOU HAVE OUR THANKS!**



Since the beginning, you have been supportive of our mission to help those in our community who are needy. Now we need your support more than ever.

For some individuals, their unemployment benefits are coming to an end. For others, they have employment, but their wages don't cover their family's needs. We also see individuals and families who earn too much to qualify for government assistance, but they still need our help. Maybe they are overwhelmed by a car repair, medical bills or the costs of their prescription drugs. Gasoline prices are soaring higher than they have ever been. These translate to extra costs to all of us, but especially for those who continue to live on the brink of despair.

Requests for food have increased over the past several months, but we have been able to provide food for everyone who came through our door. Our shelves would be empty without community support. Please continue your donations through churches, Boy Scouts, mail carriers and your personal contributions.

**SUCCESSFUL POST OFFICE  
FOOD DRIVE**

Thanks to all who left a food donation for their mail carrier to pick up. Feed My People received 7,000 pounds of food through the Post Office Food Drive, which was 2,000 more pounds than last year.

**CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Canned Fruit  
Jams & Jelly  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Dish Soap

Rice  
Canned Soups  
Mayonnaise  
Shampoo



Our shelves get pretty empty during the summer time and early fall. There is quite a gap in time between the Spring Post Office Food Drive and the October Boy Scout Food Drive. Please consider doing a summer food collection for Feed My People or making a cash donation.

**FEED MY PEOPLE JOINS  
SECOND HARVEST**

Second Harvest is a national food distribution center that sells food to pantries like ours at far below market prices. The average cost of food at Second Harvest is 16 cents per pound, and some food is "free". This "stretches" the money that you donate for food. It also increases the variety of foods that we are able to provide individuals and families.



We salute the many faithful volunteers who help with the sorting of clothing, the stacking and distribution of food and the maintenance of the building and equipment. We are planning a Recognition Picnic this summer for our volunteers.

**HELP WANTED**

*Volunteers to sort donated clothing on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

## NOTEWORTHY

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A fundraising concert was held this Spring at Sweet Lou's in Jacksonport. It was sponsored by Peter Thelen. Music was performed from 2-6 p.m. by: Mike King, Bill Fritch, Kim Waters, Hans Christian, Jeff Adams, Bud Haberli, Steve Dubick, Troy Therrien, Mike Grovogel, Lucy Hagen, Jody Wuollett, Charlie Baumgarten, Pat O'Boyle, Mark Raddatz and Pete Thelen. All donated their time and talent. They played and sang, Folk, Blues and traditional Country.

Joe and Nancy Miller managed the fundraiser from tickets to soliciting gifts from over 40 businesses for silent auction and door prizes. Plans are to do it again in 2005.

Thanks to Sweet Lou's for hosting us and for everyone who supported the concert by purchasing tickets, donating gifts for the raffle and door prizes and volunteering.

## CLOTHE MY PEOPLE ATTRACTS SHOPPERS

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Since last summer Clothe My People has been selling clothing at very nominal prices, while still continuing to provide clothing at no charge to anyone in need.

The proceeds from the sale of clothing are used for the purchase of food, maintenance of the building and paying the mortgage on the building.

This change in policy is attracting new clients to Clothe My People. There are many who feel more comfortable paying a small amount for clothing. It must be working, because there are always people waiting for the door to open.

## 200+ HOUSEHOLDS & 300+ CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM COMMUNITY DONATIONS

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Special food baskets donated by the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club, Door County Memorial Hospital, Knights of Columbus, Econo-Foods, Rotary Club of Sturgeon Bay and individual donors were delivered to 209 homes during the holidays. Gifts received from many organizations and individuals were given to 345 kids at Christmas.

We distributed over 300 winter coats, along with some boots and snow pants during our annual "Coats for Kids" program. All the coats were cleaned by DeJardin Dry Cleaners and Tip-Top Laundry prior to distribution.

Please donate new or gently used children's coats this September and October. If you are able to launder the coats yourself, you can also drop clean coats off directly at Clothe My People on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue during our regular hours.

## BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

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We installed new lights in the clothing area to make it easier for the volunteers who sort the clothing and for those who purchase the clothing. We are in the process of replacing worn doors that access the food area.

***Thank you again for your continued support through your giving and your prayers***

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Community Resource Program of Door County, Inc. is a community based, volunteer program that exists to provide food and clothing to residents of Door County who are in need, both on an emergency as well as long term basis, in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere, with respect and dignity to each person.



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