

FEED MY PEOPLE/CLOTHE MY PEOPLE

Newsletter

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Spring 2006

2005 HIGHLIGHTS

This was our busiest year ever. For food services, we served on average 62 households per month, by providing 5000 food items to 95 adults and 70 children each month. That's up by over 20% from 2004. We were blessed by cash donations, food donations, and cash sales in our thrift shop to meet this growing need. We THANK YOU for your continued support and partnership as we continue to ensure that no one goes without food and clothing in our community.

Annual food drives were conducted by Boy Scout Troop 1002 and the Postal Carriers in Sturgeon Bay. Our food shelves were supplemented by individuals and cash collections by numerous church, civic, and school groups as well as the generous donations of local businesses. We continue our relationship with Second Harvest to stretch our dollars by purchasing bulk food items from this national food program.

In the spring of 2005 we conducted our 3rd annual fundraiser, netting over \$5000 from admission fees and the silent auction. The event was held at Sweet Lou's in Jacksonport and over 75 businesses donated merchandise or gift certificates for door prizes and silent auction items. Live music was provided by a number of local music groups and bands. As a result we were able to pave our parking lot, purchase a new "used" pickup truck, and develop "signature" magnets for communications and outreach.

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast we distributed food and clothing to 20 households who found temporary housing in Door County.

The annual "Coats for Kids" program in the fall brought over 200 free coats to children who needed them. Special thanks to DeJardin Dry Cleaners and Tip Top Landry for their help.

For Thanksgiving we provided meals to 119 families. We couldn't have done this without the support of Door County Memorial Hospital, Family Video, the Breakfast Rotary, and the Corpus Christi School.

In December we started an outreach program for the northern Door peninsula by establishing a drop off point for people to pick up food pantries.

For Christmas we provided Christmas baskets of food and gifts to over 600 people, including 125 families and 75 seniors. Food was provided by the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club and the Knights of Columbus. Gifts were provided by 45 businesses and hundreds of individuals who bought gifts for a family, a child, or a senior. Many thanks and blessings to all of you generous people!

Our mission can only be accomplished with the generous support of the community volunteers who organize and conduct the activities on our behalf, those that participate in the activities, those that make cash and in kind donations and those volunteers that work in the food and clothing areas of FMP/CMP.

Sadly we suffered the loss of one of our board members, Dr. John Cullinan. John and Sarah also worked as volunteers in our clothing area. A tree has been planted in front of our building in John's memory. We also lost a loyal friend and staunch supporter, Joan Hislop, who had made significant contributions over the years.

2006 NEWS

The number of people coming to us for help continues to be on the rise as heating costs are doubling and gasoline prices remain at increasingly high levels.

We offer HEARTFELT THANK YOUs to the following who have made special contributions this year:

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| -Jacksonport Polar Bear Day | -Sunset Kindergarten | -Econo Foods |
| -East Maplewood 4H Club | -The Hislop Foundation | -Sawyer School |
| -Garnet Rogers at White Gull Inn | -Egg Harbor Orchards | -CROP Walk |
| -Interlake Steamship Company | -Main Street Market | -Pick 'N Save |

Clean, usable clothing and small household items can be brought to the back door of our facility during our hours of operation. Unfortunately, we do not have room for large appliances or furniture, and we cannot accept computer equipment. Food donations can be taken to our side door during our normal hours of operations.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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| -Canned fruit | -Canned goods |
| -Jams and jellies | -Potatoes (can or box) |
| -Pancake mix and syrup | -Mayonnaise |
| -Chili beans | -Dish soap |
| -Rice | -Shampoo |

CURRENT WISH LIST

- Lowering of the ceilings
- Adjustable tables for the sorting area
- Plastic trash bins
- CD Player for 5 CDs and intercom system
- Plants and flowers for outside the building
- Commercial freezer and/or refrigeration units

Look for more information about a Summer Open House at the Feed My People/ Clothe My People facility. Save July 15th for us-- we would like you to visit our facility including our thrift shop.

We continue to need volunteers to work in the clothing area, especially on Thursday from 3-7pm.

Thank you for your continued support, donations and prayers.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday.....3-7pm
Tuesday.....10am-2pm
Wednesday.....10am-2pm
Thursday.....3-7pm
Friday.....10am-2pm