



The Lord's Pantry

From the Desk of the Director

The month of May saw the Lord's Pantry dedicate the new walk-in refrigerator, generously donated by the Second Harvest Food Bank. The generous donations didn't stop there! Many people came forward and responded to other needs associated with our new refrigerator. As you can imagine, some electrical needs were identified. With the help of Carol Goedde and her Rotary Club group, that need was covered. A new fence was also required to protect our fridge. With the help of my "connections", I enlisted the help of my friend Tony Ortega and his fencing company. Tony donated all labor costs for the project. The new refrigerator also required a very firm base. Karen Hokanson and her family generously donated the funding needed for the base. Upon completion, we held a dedication ceremony on Sunday, May

19th. The completed project was dedicated in memory of Wayne Hokanson. The Lord's Pantry was near and dear to Wayne, so the new refrigeration project will serve as a fitting memorial.

The Pantry has also re-organized the Clothes Closet. During the remodeling, several areas were moved to accommodate our clients. The clients are now able to access the area and peruse the many items. They are assisted by a volunteer to help them with their selections. Since re-opening the Clothes Closet in May, we have seen 105 clients, many of them children. Our clients love being able to search for their own clothing. Even though summer is just beginning, we are accepting donations of gently used school uniforms. Our children and their parents will truly appreciate your generosity!

Fundraiser!

The Lord's Pantry and the Gloria Dei Early Learning Center are co-hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, July 27th, from 9-3pm. It will be a carnival/flea market theme (please, no fleas!) Proceeds will benefit both the Pantry and the ELC. If you are interested in renting space for the flea market, the cost is \$10.00 per space. Please contact Mary at 408-258-7563. If your interest lies with the carnival side, please contact Maria Nunez at 408-272-0321. Any and all help or donations are appreciated. Our carnival activities and goodies include face painting, hot dogs, snow cones and other things. It will be a great day for all!

Mary Dehart



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**SATURDAY JULY 27
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

“A generous person will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9



Stats for the months of:

APRIL

Total served:

Families: 832
 Adults: 1197
 Children: 369
 Seniors: 844
 Total ACS: 2410
 Homeless: 435
 Layettes: 9

Volunteer Hours

GA 144
 SA 70
 Court 49
 Community 5
 CalWorks
 Non-Agency 260
 Workfare 13

MAY

Total served:

Families: 803
 Adults: 1135
 Children: 222
 Seniors: 733
 Total ACS: 2090
 Homeless: 504
 Layettes: 16

Volunteer Hours

GA 124.5
 SA 61
 Court
 Community 9
 CalWorks 26.5
 Non-Agency 325
 Workfare 12

JUNE

Total served:

Families: 745
 Adults: 1021
 Children: 216
 Seniors: 664
 Total ACS: 1901
 Homeless: 467
 Layettes: 45

Volunteer Hours

GA 172
 SA 12
 Court 7.5
 Community 23.5
 CalWorks
 Non-Agency 46
 Workfare 54

GA = General Assistance Program
 SA = Sentencing Alternative Program
 CalWorks = Adult Independent School Program
 Non-Agency = All Volunteers not on a program

Baby Layette News:

During the recent remodel, we moved the Baby Room to its original spot so we could have space with this expanding ministry.

This year, between January and May, we've given out 37 layettes to agencies that are servicing children, so we're anticipating these numbers to grow.

We still need volunteers who are interested in working this program. If you or any of your friends are interested in helping us in the Baby Layette Program, please call us at: 408-258-7563 . . . Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

Homeless News:

During the month of May, the homeless number increased to 504 from 435 in April. Durign the summer months, we will see an increase in our numbers due to families moving in and out now that school is out. There's also been an increase in the number of homeless children we've been seeing. As of May, we have seen 17, ranging in ages 6 months to 5 years and more families are living in their cars.

Children hygiene kits hav been given out and the parents are so grateful that we care for the hygiene needs of their children . . . Please keep this ministry in your prayers!



Clothes Closet News

The Lord's Pantry is proud to announce the opening of the new Clothes Closet!! This helps us to carry out Matthew 25:35-36.

Since the Closet opened, we've served 65 clients and four of those needed clothes for job interviews. This helped them with their self-image.

The Closet accepts your donations on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri, from 9AM to 3PM . . . Please keep this ministry in your prayers!



DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

Urgent Need Request

The Lord's Pantry is in desperate need of a new Pallet Jack! We are raising funds to be able to purchase it as soon as possible.

We are requesting those of you who would like to give to The Lord's Pantry to please consider, in lieu of donating food or clothing, could you instead donate any amount of funds for this much needed item?



If you can help or for more info, call: 408-258-7563



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