



LETTER CARRIER'S FOOD DRIVE

May brings flowers, spring, mothers' day, and at the Samaritan Center the Letter Carrier's Food Drive. This food drive brings much needed supplies to the Samaritan Center, food to be distributed to those in need, food for children who will no longer have school lunch as the summer brings them home from school, food that allows the Samaritan Center to fill the need of food and to focus funds freed by the donated food to other areas of need such as energy assistance.



The Letter Carrier's Food Drive is the largest single source of donated food for the Samaritan Center. This year just over 26,000

pounds of food were collected. A drive of vital importance to the Samaritan Center, not just for the food collected, but for the timing. Summer brings increased need to the Center's door: increased utility usage due to summer heat, children home from school requiring food more often and someone to watch them, which often prevents parents from working. These normal trials are compounded with the influx of State employment cuts in our area and changes in Medicaid. All of these things weigh on families that already feel a heavy burden. They turn looking for help, needing more than normal, often they turn to the Samaritan Center.

The food is collected by Letter Carriers on their routes, as well as by volunteers. Collected food is then brought to the Post Office, where volunteer

drivers load it into trucks for delivery to the Samaritan Center.

At the Samaritan Center, a group of volunteers unloads, debags, sorts, weighs, and stocks the incoming food. They are fed with bratwursts and hot dogs,

grilled on-site by volunteer chefs and entertained by music provided by Cumulus broadcasting and hosted by Warren Krech.

At events such as this, one thing is predominant, while observing the army of busy hands, tending to the generously donated foods, there is among all these people a great sense of community. There is a desire to come together to help each other, to help those in need, and by doing so help themselves. This is what the Samaritan Center is all about, hands reaching out to help hands reaching back to receive. Receiving hands that give back in their own way.



MARYLYN'S MESSAGE

The Fleeting Days of May!

We cannot believe here at the Center that the school year has already passed. Some of our little people will be home alone this summer as their single parents try to keep the bills paid. We thank you for all the meals in a can, macaroni and cheese dinners, cereal and juices that you so generously gave in the Letter Carriers food drive. We worry about these children because they are home as latch key kids but we also worry that they have nutritious foods to fix for themselves. I was noticing the young folk walking home from school today. Little sisters with older brother and vice versa. We are so lucky to live in a town where our children can safely walk to and from school. The monies we have spent on sidewalks in our neighborhoods are funds well spent. Last weekend so many of the children showed up to work at the food drive. They worked so hard sorting and lifting heavy boxes. We did not hear one word of grumbling. They were here to help others in need. We saw many smiles and heard many jokes. In the down time there were sporadic games of football and catch.

The biggest need our little people will have this summer is having bus passes to go to the pool or to the mall. Sometimes donors buy movie passes and swim passes and give to us for our kids.

This month has been full of excitement. Our students from Helias have graduated and our students from Jeff City High had a party at Apple Creek Farm and some of those students graduated too. Of course the preparation for the food drive is always hectic. And plans are under way for Dinner Auction on Tuesday, July 19th at the Capital Plaza. We hope you can come and buy a table or ticket. It is always a pleasurable evening.

Our Volunteer Thank You Dinner will be held before you receive this issue. I just want to thank all of you again for being such a blessing to the Samaritan Center. We could never accomplish all the good things we do without each and every one of you. God Bless You All !!

I always like to share an experience with you before I close. Last week a family of six really needed a table and chairs for their kitchen. They had very little furniture. Someone donated a dining set and they were so excited. They had no car but a friend had a very old convertible. It was a sight to see them pulling out with that entire furniture stack in the back seat of that car. She has since called Jackie twice to thank us for the set. She said it is so nice that everyone has a chair to set down on and a table to share the food. When you and your family join hands in prayer around your dinner table keep them in mind and thank God for all the blessings he gives to us.

Take time to enjoy this wonderful time of year!

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thursday May 26th the Samaritan Center will be honoring all of its volunteers with a dinner of appreciation. The dinner will be held at Sellinger Center at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Jefferson City. At the dinner there will be awards presented to key volunteers for outstanding service in their areas. These persons are: Chuck Rackers, Vera Schwartz, Ron Scheuler, Bill Anthony, Barbara Reichart, Don Schnieders, Jim Vossen, Bill Case, Bernie Fechtel, Laura Moynagh, Ann Yarnell, Allison Cafer, Pat Forck RN, and Warren Krech,

Also recognized for service on a corporate level will be Jeff-City Printing and Ron Irvin Custom Cabinets.

Thank you to these, and all the volunteers who keep the Samaritan Center functioning in its mission. Due to the scheduling of this event, no further information was available at time of press. Watch the June edition for more details!

MOVIN' ON UP

Samaritan Center's Legal Care program wishes graduating law student, Allison Cafer, best wishes but will miss her contribution to the legal program. Allison has participated in the Legal Care program since its beginning in March 2003. Faithfully every week she has taken time out from her classes to help those in need of legal assistance. While law school exposes students to law books, the Legal Care program offers students experience with real people, their lives and needs. Legal Care is "Realty Law School." From this Allison graduates with honors and will take her experiences with her as she begins life as a new lawyer.

When asked what she will take away from the Samaritan Center Legal Care program, Alison Cafer is quick to respond. "The people." She replies, "The real life experience of talking to people and helping them. Of having the opportunity to help people who really appreciate what you are doing for them. You can see in their faces, how appreciative they are." She wholeheartedly recommends that other law students follow in her footsteps, to volunteer in the Legal Care program. Beyond the rewards of interaction with people, she cites the vast realm of issues that are encountered, and the real world application that must be made of the statutes she studies. Sometimes she says, the legal issue is

not even known, that it must be uncovered through study of the situation, before the law can be applied to the issue. Detective work such as this cannot be synthesized into a textbook; it can only be experienced through real life. At the Samaritan Center she has been able to see this real life, and experience the good of society, how persons in need are treated with dignity and aided through the full spectrum, not just food and clothing.

Allison has left her voluntary service to the Samaritan Center as she readies for graduation from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Her smile and willingness to help whenever asked will be sorely missed. She hopes to move into a Missouri state position in a position as a government lawyer, and if able to return to the Samaritan Center as a professional to continue the work she began as a student.



NOTES FROM THE LEGAL CARE PROGRAM

Thanks to Mo. Supreme Court judges Mike Wolff, Stephen Limbaugh, Ray Price, Anne Stith, Richard Teitelman and Mary Russell for keynoting the special event May 11 at the Truman Building for all attorneys working in government.

Government attorneys were invited to a luncheon to acquaint them with pro bono opportunities in mid-Missouri. The event was organized by Samaritan Center Legal Care in collaboration with the judges and the Mo. Bar. The judges spoke to the attending attorneys about the ethical requirement to do pro bono work but also about how such work gives dignity to the persons helped and satisfaction to the lawyer.

Presentations on pro bono services were made by Lou DeFeo of Samaritan Center Legal Care, Ed Berg of Mid-Mo Legal Services and Jon Beteem president of Cole Co. Bar.

Prior to the enactment of SB 1247 last year, government attorneys doing pro bono work usually did so without malpractice insurance. This risk was a barrier to participation. A new door has been opened. Developing supportive management policies and practices within the various state agencies will be the next step in facilitating increased participation by government attorneys in pro bono work.

Because the demands of the legislative session many interested attorneys were unable to attend. Legal Care will hold a special presentation at the Capitol in June for these lawyers.

BRING FORTH YOUR POTTERY!

The Samaritan Center Annual Dinner Auction is scheduled for July 19, 2005. In addition to donations for the auction we are in need of earthenware pottery to be used in décor for the Tuscany theme. If you have any pottery that you care to donate please contact the Samaritan Center.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June	July
18 Kidsfest at Washington Park sponsored by KRCG call 896-5144 with questions	18-31 Closed for auction and repairs 19 Dinner & Auction

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