



HUNGER GETS SACKED

If Mid Missouri was a football player, your coach would be giving you one heck of a smack on the backside! "Way to get in there and mix it up!" he would yell. "That's what I'm talking about!" "WAY TO GO MID MO!" the cheerleaders would exclaim! You have heard the challenge and answered with spectacular form. Churches, schools, social groups, and individuals all played their part to help restock a dangerously low food pantry. Through your generosity, the light at the end of the tunnel has appeared. With your help the Samaritan Center has scored a touchdown and forced hunger to punt.

The mammoth generosity put forth by our community is truly inspirational. Your willingness to come to the aid of your neighbors in need is a testimony to the measure of each of you. Since the plea for help was issued a little more than a month ago, 30,417 lbs of food has been collected

and donated to the Samaritan Center. 30,417 lbs of food that will stay right here in Jefferson City to feed the people of Mid Missouri who come to the Samaritan Center in need.

We still do not know how long shortages due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will last. The approach of hurricane Wilma does not bode well for improvements. The need in the ravaged Gulf Coast will last for some time, possibly years. So even though Samaritan Center has the lead and the ball, all of that can change in a blink of an eye. We ask that you continue to think of us when you consider how to help those less fortunate around you. With the holidays approaching, there will be many worthwhile causes asking for help. We hope that the Samaritan Center, your hometown charity continues to be high on your list.

READY....BREAK!

Thank you to these groups all others and all individuals who have responded to our need!

Association of MO Electric Coop, Belair School, Blair Oaks Softball Team, Board of Realtors, Bridget's Alterations, Capital Region Medical Center, Cargill, CCDU, Columbia College, Concord Baptist Church, Corinth Baptist Church, DSP, Exchange National Bank, FCCLA (MO Family, Career & Community Leaders of America), First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Friends of Amtrak, Grace Evangelistic Church, Group One Health Source, Hawthorn Memorial Gardens, Helias Football, Helias High School Students, Immaculate Conception Parish, Immaculate Conception School, JC Football, JCMG, JCMG Community Relations, Jefferson City Public Schools, Jefferson City Soccer Club Parents & Players/PEO Chapter, Lawson Elementary, MCHR, Mid High Youth, Midwest Independent Bank, Mission Friends, Missouri Department of Education, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Insurance, Missouri Department of Revenue Customer Assistance Department, Missouri House of Representatives, Missouri Lottery, MoDoT, Nichols Career Center, OSCA Employee Committee, Preceptor Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Riley Chevrolet/Riley Toyota Scion Cadillac, River City Florist, Russellville United Methodist Church, Second Christian Church, Simonsen 9th Grade Center, Social Services, Southwest School, St. Joseph's Boy Scout Troop 104, St. Joseph's/Trusted Home Health Care, St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Joseph's School, St. Margaret's Parish, Osage Bend, St. Martin's, St. Mary's Health Center, St. Michaels Church, St. Peter's CCD, St. Peter's School, St. Thomas School, St. Thomas the Apostle School, Summit Lake Winery, Temple Beth-El, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Thorpe Gordon Elementary School, Trinity Lutheran, Unilever, Wal-Mart, Wardsville CYO, West School

GATHER SOME TOYS FOR GOOD GIRLS AND BOYS

It's coming! Can you hear the sleigh bells? Can you smell the cider and the fir trees? The holiday season is just around the corner! Here at the Samaritan Center the holidays are an extremely busy time of year, it is also one of the most rewarding. The one on one time with the youngest faces of those in need is most prevalent as the leaves fall and snow follows after.

During the month of December the Samaritan Center community meeting room is transformed into a little bit of the North Pole as chairs and dry erase boards give way to lights and toys. **Santa's Workshop is a program aimed at helping every child have a wonderful holiday.** Parents of children under the age of 12 are allowed to select two toys for each child. These families are those who were not adopted through our family adoption program. **Last year 988 children from 422 households were helped through Santa's Workshop.** It is a wonderful feeling to know that 988 children had something to open and gain joy from. 988 children that might otherwise had nothing to open on Christmas morning. **Nothing warms the heart more than seeing the joy of the children that come with their parents, or the relief on the face of a single mother who now knows Santa can visit her children.**

The toys distributed through the Santa's Workshop program are new. We do not give out used toys through this program. We believe building self esteem is essential to helping individuals out of poverty. It is in

this vein of thought that we give away new toys, feeling that **all children deserve something new at Christmas time.** We try to keep the toys at a price of

\$10.00 which helps ensure a good toy and that everything for the parents to choose from is on the same price level.

While we can offer the workshop, we need elves to fill it. This is where the generosity of our community is needed. We need your

help to bring the joy of Christmas to these children. If the amount of children in need stays the same, the cost for this program will be near \$20,000.00. It is a sure bet that there will be more children this year than last. **We are serving more than 1,300 families a month which is a monthly increase of over 200 families from this time last year.**

You can help by making personal donations, by starting a toy drive at your workplace, church, or school, and by encouraging others to help. Some ideas are: having a dress down day and collecting toys or funds to participate, hold contests between departments to see who can raise the most and reward the winners with a pizza party. **Santa's workshop runs December 5th - 15th. We ask that funds and toys be in by November 28th to reach the most people in need. For more information please contact the Samaritan Center at 573-634-7776 or visit our website: www.midmosamaritan.org.**

WELCOME DR. JACKSON

The Samaritan Center Ossman Free Dental Clinic is pleased to welcome Dr. Ernest Jackson to the ranks of our volunteer dentists.

Dr Jackson is a 1988 graduate of the School of Dental Medicine at Southern Illinois University. He is the first African American board certified forensic odontologist worldwide. Dr Jackson also holds a Masters in Criminal Justice and is certified in many fields including clinical immunology and interpretation as well as forensic pathology investigation. Dr. Jackson has worked with the United States Justice Department, the Air Force Special Investigation Office, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and as the Washington D.C. Forensic Dentistry Consultant.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Jackson as he brings his wonderful skills to people in need through the Ossman Free Dental Clinic.

MARYLYN'S MESSAGE

Ask and you will receive!

A few short weeks ago we were wondering where we were going to get enough food to feed our monthly count of 1,300 families.

We had been asking the state workers for their support in the State Employees Charitable campaign. We were asking for Halloween costumes and trimmings for our little people, we had sent out letters asking for Christmas adopters for our families and seniors and then Katrina hit us below the belt with a loss of 80% of our second harvest food that we receive from the food bank. We prayed about our situation and then went to the community to ask for help.

So very many of you have held food drives at work, schools, churches and families. Some of you brought us money from rummage sales; grocery stores gave us food and put barrels in their stores and just folks walking in a bag or box of food. Many downtown businesses have done promotions encouraging their customers to bring in food.

It has been such an affirmation to us who work here that you the community knows we do a good job with your gifts. My fear is that the Katrina event will last far into the winter and we will have to keep asking for help. We hope you don't reach fatigue with our asking so frequently. We only do ask when it is absolutely necessary. Our families were really worried as they hear the news too and thought there would be a shortage of food for their families. One lady called in to thank us and asked what she could do for us. She said she could sew so now she is making baby clothes for our clothing room with the fabric someone had donated. God bless all of you for hearing our plea and answering it with overwhelming generosity!

Come join us for a special event presented by
Summit Lake Winery

"The Spirit of Giving"

Raise your glass to raise awareness for the
Samaritan Center!

*Monday, November 14, 2005
6:00-11:00p.m.*

Featuring Mike Michelson

Summit Lake Winery cordially invites you to join us for an evening of spectacular wine, food, and entertainment! We are closing our doors to the general public and combining forces with the Jefferson City Samaritan Center to raise money to benefit our local families

Sponsorships

Eberbach Sponsor

\$50 Minimum Donation

Chardonel Sponsor

\$100 Minimum Donation - Receives room recognition

Legend Sponsor

\$250 Minimum Donation – Receives 2 tickets to attend the event, room and program recognition.

Norton Sponsor

\$500 Minimum Donation – Receives 2 VIP tickets to attend the event (free alcoholic beverages), room and program recognition.

Port Sponsor

\$1,000 Minimum Donation – Receives 4 VIP tickets to attend the event (free alcoholic beverages), room and program recognition.

Black Tie Optional

Ticket inquiries call (573) 896-9966

LAISSEZ LE BON TEMP ROULER!

Are you in the mood for gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, or catfish? American Legion Post 5 will be holding a Cajun supper Saturday November 5th at the American Legion Hall 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd Jefferson City.

Patrons will be served from 4:00 PM-7:00PM. Dinners will be available for dine in or carry out. Live musical entertainment will be provided along with dinner.

Funds raised by the dinner will go to Samaritan Center. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from any Legion member, at the Samaritan Center or by contacting Joe Meadows at 893-2249 or 635-9501 after 5:30.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

1 Thanksgiving turkey distribution begins
11 Veterans' Day CLOSED
15 Family Christmas adoption cutoff date
23-25 Thanksgiving CLOSED

December

2 Samaritan Center Holiday Open House
16 Senior Holiday delivery
16-January 1 Christmas break CLOSED

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Hours of Operation

Open to Public: 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday
4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday

Medical Clinic: 4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday

Dental Clinic: by appointment Only,
call (573)761-3473 for information

Staff Office Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

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