



SANTA CLAUS FOR HALLOWEEN?

BOO! Did that scare you? No? Well how about this: **Christmas is less than 90 days away!** You think that is scary? **At Samaritan Center, Christmas is already here!** Preparation for Christmas programs began more than a month ago and sign up for adoption begins October 2nd. There are over 1,600 families and seniors who meet qualifications for adoption this year which means we are looking at a heavy load for Christmas. We need participation from as many potential adopters as possible to help ensure all our children have gifts to open and holiday dinners to enjoy.

In order to qualify for adoption, families must meet our financial requirements for assistance. They must have a child in their household who is under the age of 13 and they must be registered as a client prior to October 1st. Seniors must be 65 or older, meet financial qualifications, and be registered as a client prior to October 1st.

On average, adopted families are 2 adults and 3 children. Adopters are asked to purchase one clothing need and one toy for each child, each of these items will price around \$10.00, one gift for each parent, at an average of \$10.00 each and a gift certificate for food for Christmas dinner at \$15.00 per person. This brings the average cost for adopting a family to \$155.00. Many of our adopters go well beyond the minimum costs, especially with children's requests, but the families are told not to expect that.

Seniors receive a fruit basket, a gallon of milk, a gift card for a meal, and an optional gift valued at \$10.00. The fruit, milk and meal are covered by a donation of \$35.00 bringing the total cost for most senior adoptions to \$45.00. Seniors who have a spouse under the age of 65 or a disabled

dependant over the age of 13 would require additional funds to increase the gift card value and additional gifts. Seniors with dependants under the age of 13 will qualify for family adoption.

Many of you certainly are familiar with our adoption program and have helped make it a success in past years. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the adoption registration forms for 2006. Please complete the correct form for senior or family adoption and return it to Samaritan Center. You may mail the forms to:

Samaritan Center
PO Box 1687
Jefferson City, MO 65101

If you prefer, you may fax the forms to 573-761-5948 or just drop them off at 1310 East McCarty. Once your forms are received, they will be matched to the family and or seniors you have requested and the information will be forwarded on to you along with an adoption packet.

We encourage speedy return of forms to ensure all families are adopted in a timely manner.

Thank you for all your help and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Samaritan Center medical clinic is open to clients on Thursday evenings. The purpose of the Ossman Medical Clinic is to provide primary and preventive health care to persons who are without health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or other health coverage. The clinic is operated by volunteer doctors, nurses, and other support volunteers. Pat Forck is the volunteer charge nurse and has the responsibility of overseeing a variety of medical processes. This includes providing sample medications to patients and working with the doctors and other volunteers to insure that the patients get what they need and have all of their questions answered.

She has been volunteering at the Samaritan Center for three years. In addition to the hours Pat spends in the medical clinic weekly, she also makes baby quilts and donates them to the Samaritan Center. She makes around twenty five quilts a year and on average spends around three hours a week making them.

Prior to volunteering at the Samaritan Center, Pat worked as a nurse for 39 years at a variety of locations before she retired in 2002. Her first job was working with Dr. Miar and Dr. Ossman (who later generously donated the financial means to add the medical clinic to the Samaritan Center). She also worked at the as a nurse investigator at the Attorney General's Office, a Medicaid Consultant, and at St. Mary's in the Women's Clinic.

Pat and Ron Forck have four children who reside in Jefferson City, Kansas City, and Excelsior Springs. She has seven grandchildren. In her



free time, Pat enjoys quilting, sewing, gardening, fishing, and spending time with her family.

Pat began volunteering at the Samaritan Center three years ago after having a conversation with Marylyn DeFeo at church. Marylyn mentioned that the medical clinic could really use someone like her to oversee the other nurses and the medical processes. Pat decided to start volunteering and has been to the clinic every week since then. Pat volunteers at the clinic because she enjoys the gratitude of the patients and enjoys working with the team of volunteers. She stated that the team effort in the clinic makes every Thursday evening a wonderful and fun experience.

The Samaritan Center wishes to thank Pat for all of her hard work, time, and commitment to the Samaritan Center! Her efforts have helped the Samaritan Center to help many individuals and families in Cole county and surrounding areas.

HALLOWEEN IS ON THE WAY

The pumpkin invasion has begun! All it takes is a trip to the grocery store to see that Halloween is just around the corner and along with it, the annual costume drive at Samaritan Center. Through the month of October Samaritan Center distributes costumes and other Halloween supplies to children in need under the age of 13. Halloween is a very important holiday to children, and having a costume to wear is a strong reinforcement for their self esteem.

Collection of costumes and supplies are already underway. You can help by bringing costumes, trick-or-treat bags, decorations, candy, flashlights, or even pumpkins to the Samaritan Center. Over 2,000 children are served monthly by Samaritan Center's pantry. Their parents will most likely not be able to afford costumes for them, many of them will have opportunities to wear costumes to school, please help ensure they can enjoy this rite of childhood.

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MARYLYN'S MESSAGE

All God's Children at the Samaritan Center Need Food!!

With all of the summer abundance it is hard to imagine that the Center is nearly out of food. We continue to buy meat, eggs, margarine, cheese and milk with our donated funds and grant funds. However, our canned goods have dwindled until we only have enough for one month. We are out of meals in a can, canned vegetables, fruits, beans and pasta. One school has brought us backpacks that we stuff with wholesome foods that are easy for kids to fix and eat over the weekend because there is no food in their home. The economy for our families did not improve over the summer and our census increased enormously. Many of our heads of house have come down with cancer and other diseases that cause them to have to be off work for weeks at a time. They go back in weakened state and often cannot work full weeks.

One of our mothers of four has colon cancer and had to be in treatment most of the summer. Her 12 year old daughter has done all the cooking and kept the household together. She has had to grow up in a matter of days. We help keep the lights and water connected. Paid the rent and gave them food. Mom is in treatment and her sick leave has run out. The ten and eight year's old boys have paper routes and cut grass in the neighborhood to help out the little they can. They are only one example of the many families in our community who have hit hard times. They will make it through the hard times because the mom has given them good tools and a strong faith in God. Pray for them and the others who so desperately need our help. If you can drop off some groceries or mail us a check for food we will be very grateful.

On the lighter side remember our little ones who will want to go to the school parties in costume and trick or treating on Halloween. We are collecting costumes for kid's kindergarten through 5th grade. If you have used costumes that are in good shape or wish to buy one new and drop it off at the Center you will make a Princess, Spiderman, Superman or a Ballerina very happy. I love buying who I would like to be if I were five again. For me it's a close tie between a Witch and Wonder Woman. I don't know what Dr. Freud would say about that but I would say there is a lot of Peter Pan in me. I still think that tiny fairies live under toadstools in my yard.

God love you all for the many, many kindnesses that you do for the Center and the people it serves. Let's keep each other in prayer!

FOOD NEEDED

The warehouse at Samaritan Center is dangerously low. Record numbers of persons served are taking their toll on supplies. Staple can goods are all but exhausted. This includes fruit, vegetables, soups, beans, and meals in a can. These items are essential to Samaritan Center's ability to feed persons in need who come to us for help.

We encourage anyone who can to collect can goods for our pantry. Offices, churches, schools and clubs please consider holding canned food drives for us. Samaritan Center has information

and tips to help organize drives. Call 573-634-7776 to speak with a staff member for more information. This is an immediate need that will continue through the next few months. This is the busiest time of year for Samaritan Center as the holidays bring many people to our doors.

One way to help is support food drives in our community. One such drive is through Hy-Vee in Jefferson City. They plan to hold a "Pack the Sack" food drive during the first two weeks of October.

DEER HUNTERS SHARE THE HARVEST IS COMING!

As the 2006 deer hunting season gets into full swing we hope successful deer hunters in central Missouri will donate venison to the Share the Harvest Program sponsored locally by the Central Missouri Chapter of Safari Club International. Thanks to central Missouri deer hunters 19,800 pounds of venison was donated last year. The Samaritan Center is one of 12 charities participating in the program. Safari Club members distributed 3,200 pounds of venison to the Samaritan Center last year, enough for 12,800 meals for clients served by the center.

Hunters wanting to donate need to have their deer processed at one of the processing plants participating in the program. The plants in this area processing some of the venison that goes to the Samaritan Center includes Hartman's Custom Meat Processing, New Bloomfield, Russellville Locker, Russellville, and Clennin's Meat, California.

Other plants participating and serving other charities include Crane's Meat Processing, Ashland, R & R Processing, Auxvasse and Swiss Meat and Sausage Company, Hermann. All hunters need do is tell the processor the amount they wish to donate, from one pound to a whole deer.

The program is authorized by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Processing costs for whole deer donated are paid by the Conservation Federation of Missouri and the Safari Club. For additional information contact Earl Cannon, Coordinator of Sportsmen Against Hunger Program, Central Missouri Chapter of SCI, phone: (573)636-4292, e-mail: cannonedc@yahoo.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 2 Christmas Sign Up Begins
- Halloween Costume Distribution Begins
- 2-16 Pack the Sack at Hy-Vee
- 9 Columbus Day CLOSED

November

- 10 Veterans Day CLOSED
- 15 Christmas Adoption Forms Due
- 22-24 Thanksgiving 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-4:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am-6:00pm Tuesday Thursday

