



SCOUTING FOR FOOD: OUR COMMUNITY DOES A GOOD TURN

The Boy Scout Slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily." This is exemplified in the effort of Boy Scouts through the Scouting for Food program. The first Nation-wide Scouting for Food was held in 1988. One million Scouts collected an estimated 65 million cans of nonperishable food. In 2005 the tradition continues.

Area scouts collected 20,757 pounds of food for the Samaritan Center.

This was an exceptional year for the food drive. Last years total was exceeded by over 5,000 pounds and the previous record intake was topped by over 2,000.

Food always has and will continue to be the principle service of the Samaritan Center. No one should be forced to go hungry, to choose between the cost of food and other needs like electricity and medication. To this end hundreds of families come monthly to receive important, nutritious food. In 2004, **\$185,945.62** was spent out of general funds for the purchase of food. Approximating an average cost of one dollar a

pound, this food drive amounts to a donation of **\$20,757.00**. That is not bad for a days work. Without the generosity of our supporters and organizations like the Boy Scouts, the Samaritan Center would not be able to function. All food collected and brought to the Samaritan Center

stays in our community, helping the people in need right here in our hometowns.

Area grocers permitted the placement of barrels as drop points as did Missouri River Regional Library. This allowed outlets for persons who lived in neighborhoods not covered by the Boy Scouts. Warren Krech of Cumulus

Broadcasting was on hand with music and

live updates of the food total through the day. Under clear blue skies an outstanding contingent of over 100 volunteers worked through the day to unload, sort, weigh and shelve the donated items. Volunteer grill-masters kept the workers well nourished with hot dogs and bratwursts as well as donated home-baked cookies.



MARYLYN'S MESSAGE

Spring Its Blessings and Challenges!

Where have all the months of bare boned trees and brown grass gone? We look out and see the new life springing forth and thank God for all His wonderful gifts. Here at the Center so much has been going on since our last visit. You all started bringing in Easter Baskets and money to purchase Easter hams for our families on the first of the month. We wish you could see all the beautiful Easter Baskets that have been given for our little people. They are a far cry from my Easter basket as a child that was filled with chocolate marshmallow eggs, maybe a chocolate rabbit and jelly beans. We know these kids must squeal with delight when they see all the toys that are included in the baskets. The families are so pleased to have a whole boneless ham for their dinner. We know Jesus is pleased with all your generosity.

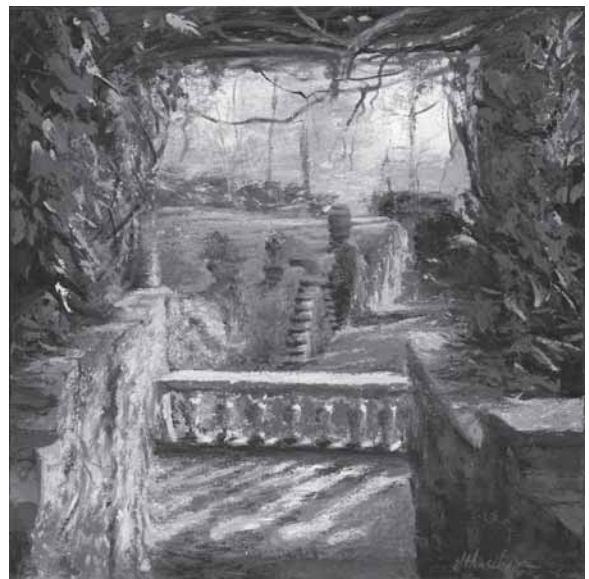
At the end of February we were included in the Rotary's Art Show and Auction. It was a pleasant evening with many lovely works of art purchased by many friends. The proceeds after expenses will be split between the Samaritan City and the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center. We are very grateful to the Rotarians for again choosing us as a participant.

Last Saturday was a perfect spring day for the Boy Scout Food Drive. Many young men and their leaders scoured the city to bring in all the wonderful food left by our neighbors on their porches. So many volunteers came to help. We are always humbled by the outpouring of people and their gifts.

I leave you with a little story of one of our families who came to us for food. The mother of four came to ask for groceries because the check this month did not cover the food. She said I hate to ask but my kids are hungry. I am down to bare bones at home and after hearing about the kindness of the Samaritan Center I thought I could ask for a little to get us through to the next payday. I spoke with her son while she was here and asked what he had for lunch. He said a mustard sandwich and water. I said do you like mustard sandwiches? He said, sure lady we have them everyday for supper. We loaded that family up with lots of soups, meals in a can and fresh meat, eggs, milk and cheese. You just never know what folks are enduring until you ask their kids. God bless all of you for giving us the food and monies to help families like this that really are hungry!
Have a wonderful Easter and remember to pray for our families.

ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION UPDATE

The third annual Samaritan Center Dinner & Auction will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. This year's theme is An Evening in the Tuscan Garden. The event raises funds for the Samaritan Center Foundation, the goal of which is to help ensure the existence of the Samaritan Center in years to come. Having outgrown the Undercroft at St. Joseph's Cathedral, the event is moving to the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Input is welcomed for prospective attendees and auction items. Contact the Samaritan Center at 573-634-7776





When a friend or loved one passes and you would like to leave a memorial to the Samaritan Center it is very easy. Send a note with your check with the deceased person's name, and the persons name and address that you would like us to notify. We will send a thank you in your name and explain that their loved ones name will be permanently displayed on our Memorial Wall in our Jack & Georgia Clark Community Room. The gift amount is up to the giver. Drop by and see the Memorial Wall for yourself when you are in the neighborhood it is very beautiful.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

No one likes to think of death, it isn't a very pleasurable subject, but it is a fact of life and an event that comes to us all. How we are remembered after our death is reflective of what we do while we live, including the legacy we leave behind. Persons blessed with financial security are able to work as benefactors for those who do not have the comfort of wealth. Your will gives you an opportunity to speak from beyond death, to direct your legacy and reinforce values that were important to you in life. Leaving a charitable bequest in your will is an excellent way to accomplish this. When you remember the Samaritan Center in your will, you are making a testament to your belief in our mission. You are extending the support you provided during your lifetime. This investment in the future is a truly selfless act. It is a gesture that recognizes your commitment and ensures that your legacy will live on into the future. There may also be tax benefits for yourself and your heirs. There are different options and methods to leaving a bequest. A fixed dollar amount is one method or a percentage can be left, which allows the amount to change with your estates net worth.

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There are restrictions which can be placed on the gift for what it may or may not be used for. That is only for food or medical, and not any other service or only for capital improvements. Gifts without restrictions work best, because we are able to apply them to the greatest needs. Trusts allow you to leave funds to care for a loved one while they live after you; once that person passes the remainder of the trust would pass to us. There are many options within a trust that allow for different levels of care to the survivor and tax benefits that vary as well. The needs of the Samaritan Center will exist as long as there are those in need of our services. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that the poor will be with us always (Matthew 26:11) so we do not expect to close our doors anytime soon. The best way to set up charitable bequests and trusts is to consult with a financial advisor and attorney. The Samaritan Center can work with these agents to ensure your legacy is carried out the way you intend it to be. Please contact us, or stop in to visit. We will be happy to provide you with any information necessary.

ROTARY ART AUCTION

Once again the Samaritan Center was a beneficiary of the Jefferson City Rotary West art auction. An outstanding attendance and gracious bidders helped generate \$2,500.00 for the Samaritan Center. Thank you to the Rotary, donors, and guests who helped make this event a success. Those who took advantage of tremendous deals on the high quality artwork were able to help us while gaining a fine piece of art for themselves.

THANK YOU

The Success of Boy Scout Food Drive is a reflection on the community and the generosity it possesses.

The Samaritan Center would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for helping to make it such a positive event.

- The Boy Scouts
- The Community
- Our Volunteers
- Valeria Acosta and the Great Rivers District
- Warren Krech and Cumulus Broadcasting
- Area Grocers
- Missouri River Regional Library
- Dr. Pepper - 7up
- Coca-Cola

DATES TO REMEMBER

<p><u>April</u> 4 Start distribution of Spring Cleaning Kits 18-22 Volunteer Appreciation Week</p>	<p><u>May</u> 2-13 Distribution of Mother's Day Baskets 8 Mother's Day 14 Letter Carriers Food Drive 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. 30 Memorial Day Samaritan Center Closed</p>
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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

