



COOL TALK

The Work, The Cause, The Hope, The Dream

Fall is quickly approaching and the shelves are bare at our pantries. We are serving 47% more people this year than last year with less funding. About half the food we distribute goes to children. Please consider a food drive for COOL. Call the Pantries Manager at 847-662-1230 for a menu of most needed items. If you have a desire to volunteer we need those with a little time to spare as well. Volunteers are needed for 4 hour shifts at the pantries in Waukegan and Ingleside. COOL no longer has a Maintenance Department for our Transitional Housing units so we need men or women able to do small repairs, painting, yard or unit clean up. To help, call the T-H manager at 847-662-1340.

COOL is truly a community effort. We've been working together for over 26 years to serve our neighbors in Lake County that need our help. Our service has been enormously successful in meeting the needs of those in crisis and we will continue to go forward.

The way we choose to live and care for each other in the here and now matters. Those closely associated with COOL are privileged to see the best kindnesses and generosity in the world come from volunteers every day. We are grateful for those who support and give for the sake of others. Our beliefs and values are made tangible through caring for the vulnerable in our midst.

U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy passed to eternal life recently. The Kennedy family ethic was something no one in America could miss. The children were taught at a young age to give their lives for the good of humanity. So many went into public service, but the younger generation is making a mark more behind the scenes, yet powerfully and effectively. In victory and defeat this family kept the torch illuminating their values burning brightly. The words Kennedy spoke in 1980 seem timeless and relevant for all of us no matter what our vocations in life happen to be.

"The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope rises again and the dream will never die".

Our dreams, ideals and life ethics are lived out at a price for most of us. It's not always easy to continue to strive for the goals we set for ourselves. The spiritual growth found in the journey is the greater height we all rise to when we make others a more important endeavor than ourselves.

Many Blessings,

Diane Weber, Executive Director



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COOL Food Pantry EAST

123 W. Water Street
Waukegan, IL 60085
847-662-1230

COOL Food Pantry WEST

25519 W. Highway 134
Ingleside, IL 60041
847-662-1230

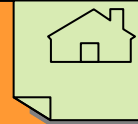
COOL Transitional Housing

127 W. Water Street
Waukegan, IL 60085
847-662-1340



FOOD PATRY

Transitional Housing



Greetings to all from Pantry EAST.

As summer comes to a close the pantry staff is busy preparing for the upcoming holidays. This year we are seeking individuals or groups that are interested in "adopting" a Pantry Family for the holidays. Families are chosen randomly according to the severity of their need as revealed to us throughout the year. Some have lost their jobs and are back to work but at a much lower rate of pay. Some have fallen ill and some are victims of domestic abuse. All families have in some way chosen not to let the hard times get them down. The Pantry Staff would like to "help those that help themselves". These families have been disabled by a disaster that has temporarily crippled them. We will assist by adding special Christmas gifts to help make a Happy Christmas for them this year. Please contact Amber Abbott at the pantry (847) 662-1230 if you or your group can lend a helping hand this Christmas to our neighbors by preparing a special basket.

I would like to congratulate everyone that worked so hard to make FOODSTOCK a success this year. This year has been the most fruitful yet. FOODSTOCK generated \$12,800 to make this the largest gift to date. God bless each and everyone of you for your efforts.

Pantry EAST and Pantry WEST are both seeing an incredible influx of visitors this year. There is a 47% increase of visitors overall. Unfortunately at the same time donations are down. COOL and your Lake County neighbors are in need of groups to hold "Food Drives" to stock our pantries. If you are interested please contact Amber Abbott (847) 662-1230. We would be happy to help you organize your food drive or help in any way we can.

As summer ends our wonderful college volunteers are returning to school. The pantry is seeking volunteers to fill 4-hour shifts at Pantry EAST. The hours are Mondays 1pm-5pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-2pm. Please contact the pantry at (847) 662-1230 to sign up.

*Blessings to all,
Amber Abbott
Pantries and Volunteer Manager*

PANTRY EAST HOURS:

Mondays
1:00-5:00 PM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays & Fridays
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
4th Saturday of the month
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

PANTRY WEST HOURS:

Mondays
1:00-5:00 PM
Wednesdays
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
4th Saturday of the month
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

FOOD DONATIONS

We accept food donations during regular Pantry hours. If you wish to deliver food at any other time, please call ahead to assure that someone is available to accept your donation. Call 847-662-1230 for both Pantry EAST and WEST.

Shopping List

- . Rice
- . Pasta
- . Dried Beans
- . Cereal
- . Soup
- . Canned Vegetables
- . Canned Fruit
- . Tomato Sauce
- . Spaghetti Sauce
- . Beverages
- . Peanut Butter
- . Pork and Beans
- . Canned Meats
- . Tuna
- . Macaroni and Cheese
- . Diapers
- . Baby Food
- . Formula

I came to COOL in April of this year as Transitional Housing Case Manager. COOL Transitional Housing is a program designed to give families struggling with homelessness a chance to re-establish their lives, find better employment, obtain education, learn budgeting skills and save money for the future so they can truly become self-sufficient. Working with our Transitional Housing families is extremely rewarding work and a very busy job so far! Already seven of the eight families in our program have graduated into self-sufficiency and all of those have been replaced by new families seeking help in setting goals, taking responsibility for their lives, making life style changes and finding hope for a brighter future.

Families coming to COOL Transitional Housing for help have faced many hardships. Those currently in our program have had to endure homelessness, domestic violence, poverty and even gun violence. At COOL we offer counseling to the Mom's and Dad's and have recently contracted for additional counseling services for the children as well. This will provide them with an opportunity to talk through the issues that they have faced with a specialist skilled in helping them to adjust to the hardships they too have had to face in their young lives.

Another internal program designed to help children is our Rewards for Chores program. By participating in Rewards for Chores children do household chores appropriate to their age level and after successfully completing their "chores" for a month they receive rewards that they can enjoy. This program teaches children responsibility, work ethic and gives them an incentive to help out around the house which helps the parents as well! We will be issuing movie passes, gift certificates and restaurant coupon books for the children who participate in this program. If you would like to help us continue our Rewards for Chores program, donations to COOL can be earmarked for Chores for Rewards. Simply include a note with your donation letting us know you want to support this effort!

One of the biggest challenges faced by our families in this difficult economy is helping them to find good jobs! Each week we post new help wanted ads on our Food Pantry bulletin boards and pass out lists of job leads to those who are seeking employment. If you or anyone you know has a job lead which could help a COOL family to make a

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better life please email that information to coolhousing@poweruser.com.

Families wishing to apply for our program can call for an application at 847-662-1340 voicemail "2."

D. "Arlene" Thackston
T-H Program Case Manager

Volunteers in Action

Volunteers from Kraft Foods came out to help clean up around a COOL Transitional Housing site on August 11, 2009. They painted doors, dug flower beds, trimmed weeds, cut branches and removed debris. All their hard work and the time they devoted to helping out as volunteers is greatly appreciated. Thank You!! Check out their pictures below.

Volunteers are always needed, whether it is helping in the Food Pantry or working on Transitional Housing projects. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Amber Abbott, the Volunteer Coordinator, at 847-662-1230.



Volunteers from Kraft Foods helping with yard clean up at our Transitional Housing site in Zion.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pantry Volunteer I

Assist pantry staff with sorting, packaging, and distributing food to visitors.

Pantry Volunteer II

Assist pantry staff with unloading truck, moving boxes, and general support for large pick-ups and deliveries. Heavy lifting required.

Times vary.

Unit Prep Crew

Individuals or groups to assist in preparing housing units for new guests. Times vary based on need. Tasks include cleaning and painting units, lawn care and minor repairs.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check our web site at www.coolministries.org for the latest information on upcoming events.

**COOL Transitional Housing Families
Christmas Celebration
December 12, 2009**

**Annual Choir of Angels Concert
Board Fundraiser—Public Invited
Winter 2010**

**Spring Plant Sale
Board Fundraiser—Public Invited
Bethel Lutheran Church, Gurnee
May 8, 2010**

**Annual COOL Golf Outing
Board Fundraiser—Public Invited
June 3, 2010**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The staff is honoring various board members at the close of this fiscal year. Dave Ross, our President, has made a tremendous contribution of leadership. We want to recognize his efforts in leading the board forward with the REACH Grant goals and contributing so much time and effort to bring our board forward.

Rick Gottman has contributed 40-hour weeks to COOL heading up our Maintenance Dept. He has recruited many others who have helped in bringing our buildings into good repair. Many, many thanks, Rick.

We want to honor Jan Heikkila, who has been a board member for 23 faithful years. She has sold more "house pins" to fundraise for COOL than anyone! Jan will be taking the leadership of the Advisory Board in January 2010. Hats off you, Jan! You are an outstanding woman!

If you would like more information about serving on the Advisory Board or Board of Directors at COOL, please call Dave Ross, President, or Diane Weber, Executive Director, at 847-662-1340, voicemail "1".

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

Transitional Housing needs volunteers for the following:

Furniture Pick Up Team: 2 or 3 persons needed to pick up furniture donations one day a month using the COOL Truck.

Back-up person needed for small repairs in Transitional Housing units when our regular maintenance volunteer is not available.

If you can help, please call D. Arlene Thackston, T-H Case Manager at 847-662-1340, voicemail "2" or email her at coolhousing@poweruser.com.



Board of Director

Dave Ross	President
Mary Barry	Secretary
Shannon Ferguson-Munns	Treasurer
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Harold "Rick" Gottman	
Tana Hamm	
Tammy Hoeksema	
Jan Heikkila	
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Joe Labellarte	
Diane Luosa	
Judy Perryman	
Diane Rammelsberg	

COOL Board Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of each month at Bethel Lutheran Church on Grand Ave in Gurnee.

COOL Staff

Diane Weber	Executive Director
Linda Morgret	Executive Asst.
Cathy Melville	Finance Manager
Amber Abbott	Pantries/Volunteer Manager
Gayle Olson	Pantry Assistant
Adelaida Lopez	Pantry Aide
D.Arlene Thackston	TH Case Manager
John Gonzalez	Grant Writer
Judi Best	Pantry WEST Site Coordinator

MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFT TO COOL

We are always seeking new and additional ways to fund our services. Does your employer provide any of the following?

- Matching funds for contributions that you make to a non-profit organization.
- Contributions or grants to community organizations for which you volunteer.
- A foundation that provides grants to community organizations.

If the answer is YES, then please consider COOL as the recipient of your employer's generosity. We are willing to provide assistance, if needed, in making the application to your employer. Please let us know if your employer has a foundation that requires a formal grant application. *During 2008, COOL received \$15,500 in donations through corporate employee giving campaigns and company matching fund programs.*

Assistance may be obtained by contacting Diane Weber, COOL Executive Director, at (847) 662-1340, mailbox "1" or dianeweber@poweruser.com.

The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Giving Plus® program will add \$1 for every \$2 of your donation to COOL, up to a maximum of \$300 per year. If you are a Thrivent member, we encourage you to make the most of your financial donation to our ministry through the Giving-Plus® program. *During 2008, the GivingPlus® program raised \$2,600 to help sustain the food pantry and transitional housing ministries.*

**GivingPlus® donation forms may be downloaded from the
COOL website - www.coolministries.org**

**A copy of our most recent 990 may be viewed on the COOL
websitesite: www.coolministries.org**

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Fall is here!! That means that the holidays are not far behind! The COOL Food Pantries are getting ready for the hundreds of families in Lake County who will come to the pantries seeking food assistance for Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving menu for fall 2009 is as follows:

Thanksgiving Food Basket

- ✓ Butterball Turkey Coupon can be found at -www.giftcheckprogram.com
- ✓ Canned Cranberry Sauce,
- ✓ Turkey Gravy
- ✓ Stuffing
- ✓ Canned Corn
- ✓ Muffin Mix
- ✓ Dessert Mix

The COOL Food Pantries have plenty of refrigerator and freezer space to store frozen meat. Please consider feeding a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Together we ARE making a difference in the lives we touch.

Holiday food donations may be dropped off at the COOL Food Pantry EAST during regular business hours. Call 847-662-1230 for hours. Please drop off all donations by November 23, 2009.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

COOL IS A 501-3C NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT IN SUPPORT OF COOL MINISTRIES!

___\$30 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___Other

To Support ___Food Pantry ___Transitional Housing ___Area of Greatest Need

Given ___In Honor of ___In Memory of: _____

Please Notify:

NAME and ADDRESS (city, state and zip)

PLEASE MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:

COOL, 127 WEST WATER STREET, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085.

YOUR GIFT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WILL BE SENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.COOLMINISTRIES.ORG

OR CALL OUR OFFICE AT 847-662-1340.



Tributes and Memorials
April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009

**Donations in honor of Lucille Tolonen (75th birthday) and
Walter Maki (90th birthday):**

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald R. Lepisto
Michael and Virginia Antony
Rev. & Mrs. Willard C. Blomquist
Carol Bonnes
Mary Brown
Neil and Maripat Chertack
Loren and Margaret Congdon
E.R. Constantino
Arthur and Michele Crowley
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Dennis
Martha De Tonge
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Drake
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Lempi Ebach
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Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Falkinham
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gregory
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hakamaki
Norma Hakamaki
Mr. & Mrs. William Hervoy
Sylvia Kangas
Mrs. Bonnie Kinunen
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kutzler
Mr. & Mrs. William Lee
Diana Osburn
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ostman
K. Neil and Bridgette Otterbacher
Helena and Paavo Pelkonen
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pezzetti
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Plinke
Allison and Dennison Pryor
Elaine Purdom
Ann C. Roberts
Bertha Saari
Mr. & Mrs. Kendall Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Anton Stefanic
Carol Suomu
Carol Taylor
Bella and Adriano Urgena

Lillian Sybrandy
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Trygar
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Winter

Carol Bonnes in memory of Harold Swanson
Carol Bonnes in memory of Pastor Robert James Voss
Mr. & Mrs. David Ross in memory of Richard J. White, Sr.
Suzanne Dolan, given on behalf of C.H.A.T.T. (Grace Lutheran,
Libertyville) in memory of Bill Fischer
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Julian in honor of Paul and Alice Byers
celebrating their 60th anniversary in September 2009
Alpha Delta Kappa Beta Pi Chapter in memory of Terry Hadsell,
brother of Sally Katalinich
Andrea B. Rupert in memory of Eve and Leo Kennedy
Gurnee School District 56 Board of Education and administration
in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Phillips
Debra Vandrees in memory of Chester Lowiec
Allen & Doris Anderson in honor of the members of
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Gladys Babich in memory of loved ones
Mr. & Mrs. John Krueger in memory of Donna Heyer
Jan Heikkila in memory of Donna Heyer
B.A.G. Rentals in memory of Willie James Perry
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Galgan in memory of John W. Otto
N. Noreen Bickel in memory of Willa Peterson
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Falkinham in honor of "Aunt" Doris Voight's
100th birthday
Mr. & Mrs. John Krueger in honor of Ron and Fran Kloss on their
50th wedding anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Trnovec and Diana Ulrich in memory of
Mike Morris, Jr. and Sandy Wode
Michael Mallory in memory of Phyllis Wilkinson
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fischer in memory of James Dolan
Mr. & Mrs. George Ross in honor of Dave & Cheryl Ross on the
occasion of their 34th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. A. Lewis Landry in memory of Stanley Schmidt
David & Barbara Clark in memory of Pastor Stanley Schmidt
Irene Slettum in memory of Rachel Mareno
Mr. & Mrs. John Krueger in memory of C. B. Cox
Rev. & Mrs. Willard Blomquist in honor of The Women of
St. Mark's Lutherans Church
Richard Hegg in honor of Linda's birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Joaquin in honor of Betty Bickham
Mr. & Mrs. John Krueger in honor Robert and Elizabeth Zwicke
on their 50th anniversary

**Donations in honor of Ida & Alan Dudleston's 50th
Wedding Anniversary:**

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ostman
Edith Larsen
Mr. & Mrs. John Krueger
Ann C. Roberts
Bridgette Otterbacher

**Donations in honor of Rev. & Mrs. Willard Blomquist's 60th
Wedding Anniversary:**

Jane Asperheim
Carol Bonnes
Bridgette Otterbacher
Helen Binning
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ostman
Michael Dolan & Family, Kathleen Rubenstein & Family, and
Robert Dolan & Family in memory of father, James Dolan
Lucille Tolonen and Walter Maki
Irene Slettum
Martha L. De Tonge

Donations in memory of Margaret Clausen:

Betty Bickham
Ruth Buehrer
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fortney
Janet Serdar
Janice Heikkila
Linda Morgret
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Ross

Mr. & Mrs. John Thenell in memory of Margaret Clausen and
Leona Wedge