



Community Ministry CHRONICLE

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Mission Statement

To serve the Lord Jesus Christ by helping to meet the needs of the people within the community who are experiencing economic hardship and related problems both physical and spiritual.

Come Walk With Us!

Community Ministry's Annual Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th starting at 9 a.m. from Bear Creek Park (Raleigh & Hampden). The walk is a five km path, that follows the Bear Creek Bike Path to the Platte River Bike Path and finishes at the Grant-Frontier Park (Evans & S. Platte River Drive). Walking, biking and roller blading are allowed. There will be a bike decorating contest, hot dogs and lots of fun with clowns, a face painter and caricature artist. This year's goal is to raise \$7,500.00 from



the walk and it can be accomplished with your help. The money raised from this annual event will help with the many outreach programs Community Ministry provides for those in need within southwest Denver.

Many churches, organizations and individuals participate in the walk.

For the past two years, the Colorado Freewheelers have contributed financially. Churches such as Christ the King are not only donating money to walkers and riders, but matching the money through one of the Lutheran organizations. Thank you in advance for making the annual walk a great success again this year.

Over 250 Children Benefit from School Supply Distribution and New Clothing

Community Ministry with the help of its member churches provided more than 250 children with back-to-school supplies and brand new clothing. Trinity Lutheran's congregation gave a generous donation from a bake sale they organized. Their contribution was matched by the Lutheran organization, Thrivet. The total donated was more than \$1,000.00 for school supplies! We were then able to purchase some of the school supplies that we didn't already have donated as well as 160 backpacks for the children.

Sixty children from some of the families we help through the food bank received \$60.00 worth of brand new clothing through the Caring Connection's annual back-to-school event. The families were able to go shopping for what their children needed at the K-Mart store located at Alameda & Broadway.

Thank you to all the volunteers, churches and organizations who made the school supply drive and distribution a success. A big thank you to Caring Connection and their donors for making the funds available for new cloths. This was the third year we've participated in the clothing program.



Important Information

Food Bank Mon-Thurs 10a-2p
Clothing Bank Thurs 9a-12p
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Food Bank: 303-936-0469
Fax: 303-975-9917
Email: Comministry@americanisp.net
website: comministry-denver.org

Volunteer Opportunities

- Food Bank
- Food Pickups
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- Canning
- Clothing Bank
- Coupon Clippers
- Clerical Work
- Computer Maintenance
- Newsletter
- Events
- Photographer
- Quilting Club (baby blankets)
- Graphic Art & Board Layouts
- Christmas in July Food Drive
- Back to School Programs
- Annual Walk
- Fund Raising Events
- Sharing Tree Children's Gift Program
- Souper Bowl Sunday (soup canned food drive)
- Volunteer Appreciation (planning)
- Board Retreat (planning)

We'd love to have you join our team!

Volunteers — Our Greatest Resource

Get to know Oleta Chew

There isn't much that Oleta Chew hasn't done for Community Ministry! She is one of our extraordinary volunteers, always lending a helping hand and willing to pitch in at a moment's notice. Oleta started out helping in the food bank and with the coupon program more than ten years ago. She still continues to help with the coupon program, the clothing bank, mailings, sharing tree and back to school supply distribution programs.

She is also responsible for collecting and counting the money donated for the annual walk. There really isn't much Oleta hasn't done for Community Ministry, and in turn her service has impacted thousands of individuals who have at one time or another needed the services that Community Ministry provides. Oleta is an active member of her church, Christ the King Lutheran. In addition to her

position as representative on Community Ministry's board from her church, Oleta has many other responsibilities. She is the head caller for their calling tree, part of the prayer chain, she writes welcome letters to new people in the neighborhood, and is part of the altar guild. One wonders when Oleta has any free time, but she assures us that she does have time to collect stamps and dog sit for her friends! She also collects butterflies and angels. She is definitely one of our angels and we appreciate her tireless and selfless giving of herself to others.

DEO Intern Begins

Last year Community Ministry was blessed with having an intern from the DEO program named Katrina Deiner. Katrina, became a valuable part of the volunteer team at CM. When we were approached again with the possibility of having an intern, we leaped at the opportunity. Becca Regier will begin her time with CM on September 8, and we look forward to getting to know her over the next nine months. Following is

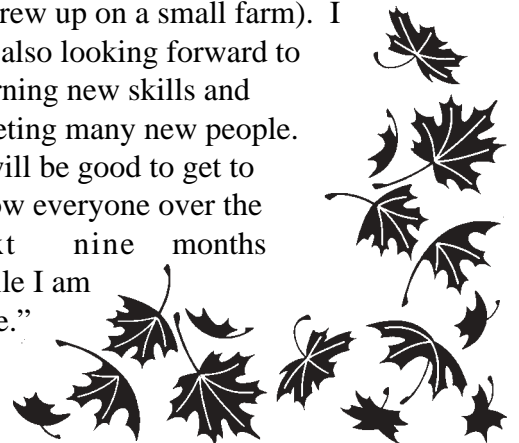
some information about her.

"Hi, my name is Becca Regier and I'm from Newton, Kansas. I am with a program called DEO which stands for Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach. DEO has three phases, and my internship with Community Ministry is part of phase two. I'll be doing a lot of what Katrina did last year, but I'll also be trying different things to see what fits best for me. I'm looking forward to something a little

Students Return

Community Ministry is looking forward to the high school students from Littleton Public Schools, Kennedy High School and Lincoln High School volunteering again this year. Last year approximately 3-4 students from Littleton Public Schools and Kennedy High School volunteered every week. They helped bag rice, flour, sugar, beans and other items that come in bulk. This year Lincoln High School students will also be volunteering with on a weekly basis. The work the students accomplish every week not only helps fulfill a vital role at the food bank but teaches the students some basic job skills. Welcome Back!

different than what I'm used to (I grew up on a small farm). I am also looking forward to learning new skills and meeting many new people. It will be good to get to know everyone over the next nine months while I am here."



Coming Events



September 13 - Walk

October 1 - Beginning of sign up

for individuals and families for either a Thanksgiving or Christmas Food Box or Sharing Tree gifts.

Nov. 20 & 21 - Thanksgiving distribution

Dec 18 & 19 - Sharing Tree and Christmas Box Distribution

Holiday Help Wanted!

The holidays are one of the busiest times at Community Ministry. Your help is desperately needed with the upcoming holiday projects.

- Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes
- Nonperishable holiday food items (starting in October)
- Sorting the canned goods and making the holiday boxes
- Sharing Tree Program
- Christmas gifts for children (babies to teenagers)
- Wrapping the gifts and distributing them

Thank you

Thank you to the many churches and individuals who donated food items during the Christmas in July drive. The shelves were getting bare. Thank you to those who donated school supplies during the Back-to-School Drive. Each child received \$15.00 worth of school supplies.

Colorado Rapids & COMPA Food Drive

The Second Annual Colorado Rapids & COMPA Food Ministry Food Drive is scheduled for September 13th. If you would like tickets for the soccer game, call COMPA at (303) 294-0272. Bring two cans of food to the game. Community Ministry receives free food from COMPA on a weekly basis.

Clothing Bank

The Clothing Bank continues to provide clothing for a tremendous number of children each month. In August alone 101 children received clothing. In July of this year we begin keeping a detailed inventory of the clothing that comes in and goes out of the clothing bank. We began with about \$2,000 worth of clothing priced at \$1.00 each or less. We do not charge clients for the clothing, but use this nominal price to value the inventory. Weekly we receive and disburse an average of \$200 worth of clothing. That amount does not include the adult clothing that comes in which we don't keep track of, or the soiled and torn clothing which we discard. Just a reminder, as winter approaches, we will need warm coats for adults and children. Donations can be brought in during the hours the food bank is open.

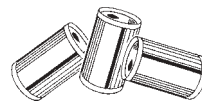
Prayer Team

It seems as though we spend most of our time reporting on time and money donated to keep Community Ministry going. We can not ignore that without the continuing prayer support from so many people none of this would be possible - Thank you!



Canning Project

Thanks to the combined efforts of Community Ministry volunteers and volunteers from other agencies, this summer's canning project was successful. Beans, potatoes, carrots and apple sauce were canned at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Cannery which donates funds, facility and equipment for canning. This summer new labels were introduced making the product more colorful. Next year CM hopes to have more canning dates and product donations. CM sent the largest number of volunteers to the cannery. This will benefit CM by allowing it to receive more canned products



Supporting Churches

Alameda Heights
United Methodist
All Saints Catholic
Atonement Lutheran
Bear Valley Christian
Bethany United
Methodist
Brentwood United
Methodist
Christ
Congregational
Christ Lutheran
Christ The King
Lutheran
Denver First
Wesleyan
First Assembly of
God
Garden Park
Mennonite Brethren
Good Shepherd
Lutheran
Harvey Park Baptist
Harvey Park
Christian
Light of the World
Catholic
Mountain View
Community
Reformed
Southwest Baptist
St. Andrew
Presbyterian
St. Peter and St.
Mary Episcopal
St. Philip and St.
James Episcopal
St. Rose of Lima
The Church in South
Denver
The Light of Christ
Anglican
Trinity Lutheran
Victory Outreach -
Southwest
West Side Christian

What WE NEED at Community Ministry

Job Information

Many of our clients are out of work and need information on where to look for a job. If you see a job flyer, notice a job poster or own a business that is in need of new employees, you can help by passing that information on to us at 303-936-0469.

Supplies - the shelves are getting low!

- Paper sacks
- Ramen noodles, fruit & vegetable canned goods, canned whole tomatoes, pasta sauce, canned soup, misc. packaged goods (such as cake mixes, cookies, etc.), sugar, hygiene items (toilet paper, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, etc.)
- Personal hygiene items

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People

- Help with clerical and data entry
- Drivers for pick-ups and deliveries
- Quilters (call Daisy Mason at 303-922-5265)

Donations

If you would like to donate to CM or have your church become a sponsoring church, contact Christy Ziemba at 303-935-3428.

If your workplace provides the opportunity to give to charities and you're interested in donating to Community Ministry, you can do so by looking for us in the Caring Connection booklet. Our number is 1033.

Grants

Thanks to Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation (CEAF) for the extra grant money for this month and next. Thanks also to the Emergency Food & Shelter Program National Board Program for the extra grant money to purchase food for our food bank. Thanks also to Denver Foundation Season to Share Schlessman Family Foundation and the Anschutz Family Foundation for their continued support.

*Community Ministry is
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