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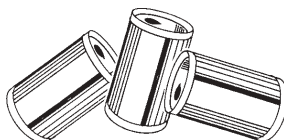
Mission Statement

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.

No Summer Vacation

There really is no summer vacation for CM or the people and organizations that support it. June starts the canning project. July begins with the *Christmas in July* food drive to resupply the Food Bank. July also brings requests for *School Supplies due by July 30*. Denver Public Schools start on August 16 this year so distribution of the school supplies will be on Friday, August 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. As soon as the kids are back in school the annual walk will be held. The walk is scheduled for August 28 this year so we can avoid rain and school sport conflicts. Then comes vacation until the food drives start for the Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes and the Sharing Tree. Don't slow down now - just keep going and rest in September!

Canning Project



Plan now to help can this summer and fall with the humanitarian canning project. Produce is donated by farms throughout the Rocky Mountain region and canned at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Cannery. The food canned by Community Ministry volunteers is given to our own food bank and helps us cut down our purchasing expenses. CM is scheduled to can on June 23, July 21, August 24 and October 27. This is a great group project that makes a big impact on CM. Financial donations to help cover the cost of cans and labels etc. are needed and appreciated. Contact the office at 303-935-3428 or your church representative for more information.



Coming Events

Cannery - June 23 afternoon
July 21 morning
August 4 morning
October 27 morning

August 6 - School Supply Distribution
August 28 - Annual Walk
September 21 - Governing Council
Nov. 18 & 19 - Thanksgiving Distribution
Dec 16 to 18 - Sharing Tree and Christmas Box Distribution

Walking Allowed



The 2004 5-kilometer walk is scheduled for **Saturday, August 28**. The walk will begin at Bear Creek Park in the parking lot at the South end of Raleigh at 9:00 a.m. and end at Grant-Frontier Park at Evans and South Platte River Drive at approximately 11:00 a.m. There will be food, balloon animals, face painting, and a caricature artist at the end of the trail at Grant-Frontier Park. You may walk, ride your bike or roller blade. Information will be coming to your churches soon, so get those legs in shape now because *Walking is Allowed!*

Important Information

Food Bank Mon-Thurs 10a-2p
Clothing Bank Thurs 9a-12p
Main Phone: 303-935-3428
Food Bank: 303-936-0469
Fax: 303-975-9917
Email: contact@comministry-denver.org
website: www.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
- Breaking Bread Program
- Sharing Tree Children's Gift Program
- Souper Bowl Sunday (soup canned food drive)

Thank you to the schools that volunteer on a weekly basis: Littleton Public Schools Special Needs Students and the Kennedy High School Special Needs Students

Volunteers — Our Greatest Resource

Volunteer of the Year

Sue Albers of the Brentwood United Methodist Church was recognized with the *John Bagwell Volunteer of the Year* award at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held April 23. Sue has been Vice Chairperson of the Board of CM for the past several years. Sue has been involved in various aspects of CM since it began! Currently she is the Vice Chairperson of the board and very involved with the coupon program and fund raising.

T-shirts

This year Clothing Bank and Coupon Clippers were surprised with customized T-shirts! The clothing bank t-shirts were purple and said "Community Ministry Clothing Distribution Specialist" while the Coupon t-shirts were blue and said "Community Ministry Clippers" with a picture of scissors on the front.

*Do not pray for easy lives;
Pray to be stronger people
Do not pray for tasks equal to your power;
Pray for power equal to your tasks
Then, the doing of your work shall be no miracle but you shall be a miracle.
Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.
God does hear every prayer.*

Mexican Fiesta

This year's volunteer luncheon was a Mexican Fiesta. The meal was catered by Elegant Touch and featured a delicious green chile. Entertainment was provided by dancers from Lisa T's Dance Academy who did a variety of Mexican and Spanish dances. Chuck Janssen was honored with a special award for helping at the front desk "at a moments notice" and Becca Regier was recognized for her service during her internship.

Get to Know... Ken

by Christy Ziembra

Ken Stamey is usually on the go even when he's volunteering for Community Ministry. He is on the road picking up donated food from various locations for the food bank. On a weekly basis he is picking up food from at least two different locations, and even more depending on who is on vacation. Ken has volunteered with CM for about nine years, and has also been Mountain View's CM representative.

When he isn't volunteering, Ken and his wife, Doris are traveling in their fifth wheel trailer from coast to coast visiting their children and grandchildren as well as great-grandchildren. Ken retired from the refrigerator equipment business several years ago. He was self-employed for about twelve years, and before that worked in the same industry

for some thirty years. He spent most of his time traveling in the Midwest and Southwest and enjoyed being on the road.

Ken was instrumental in getting CM's walk-in cooler installed. He was able to get a great deal on the walk-in frame and components, and the installation of it through *Brrr Refrigerator*. It helps keep the produce fresh for a longer period of time as well as allowing us to receive more donated perishable items.

Ken and Doris are in the process of selling the home that they have lived in for 34 years. They're planning to move to the Broomfield area so they can be closer to their children and, of course, grandchildren. We thought that might mean that Ken wouldn't be able to volunteer with us because of the distance, but he still plans to volunteer and we're glad about that.

Governing Council

Meets

The governing council for CM met for the second time on June 15 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Reports were given by the various committees and the board of trustees. Members were encouraged to become active in recruiting and promoting CM. The minutes will be mailed soon. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Harvey Park Baptist Church.

Prayer Concerns

Several volunteers are struggling with health problems right now. We encourage you to pray for them and their families.



Francis Saunders, Oleta Chew, Walt Weideman, Arlene Woodson

Thank you

We would like to thank the following stores for donating gift certificates for us to purchase school supplies for our annual drive.

Target (Sheridan & Warren)
King Soopers (Evans & Clay)
Bear Valley King Soopers (Dartmouth & Sheridan)

In the Spotlight

We would like to welcome Maricela Bahena to Community Ministry. She will be working this summer in our food bank and with other services. Maricela comes to us from the The Denver Area Youth Services or D.A.Y.S. program, which sponsors and pays for youth to work 4 – 5 hours, 5 days a week during the summer months. The program helps economically disadvantaged youth (ages 14-18) to get experience, training and opportunities to earn money and learn financial responsibilities. A young man will also be joining us as part of this program to help with stocking and inventory in our food bank. If you would like more information on the D.A.Y.S. program, contact Christine Aragon at 303-936-0469.

Undie Sundie

The Undie Sundie children's underwear drive is proving to be very successful. Thank you to the churches who have already contributed. This April the clothing bank hit a record service high with 115 children being served. You can help by bringing in clean children's clothing especially sizes 2T - 7. Adult clothing is no longer accepted. Clothing may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Sponsoring 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
Denver Grace
Brethren
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
Catholic
The Church in South
Denver
The Light of Christ
Anglican
Trinity Lutheran
Victory Outreach -
Southwest
West Side Christian

Food Bank Statistics

The number of clients seen by the food bank continues to increase. The statistics are listed here for comparison:

	April 2004	May 2004	May 2003
Families	514	416	378
Individuals	1,779	1,460	1,384
Gas	15	15	14
Bus Tokens	330	370	245
Incoming Food	\$28,150	\$21,211	n/a
Out Going Food	\$40,825	\$28,023	\$25,210

It's not what you know, but who you know!

Sometimes it doesn't matter what you know but who you know that can make a big difference at CM. Christy Ziemba recently called a friend from The Salvation Army and told them about the need for more food. As a result nine pallets of food were delivered on June 15 to the food bank that The Salvation Army had in surplus! If you know of someone or an organization that might help CM, don't hesitate to say something. The results may surprise you.

New Collection Sites

The King Soopers (Evans & Clay) will have a donation bin set up in their store to collect school supplies through the month of July for CM.

The Bear Valley King Soopers (Dartmouth & Sheridan) will have a donation bin set up throughout the year collecting donated food for CM.

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City Life West Counseling

Kimberly Baldwin, MA, LPC, NCC and Lauren Sullivan, MA Pscyotherapist, are the new counselors working with Denver Area Youth for Christ in the facility.

Kimberly specializes in play therapy for children with many types of personal and family problems. Lauren works with adolescents, adults, premarital and marital counseling. Counseling fees are on a sliding scale and by appointment only. Kimberly can be reached by calling 303-589-1225. Lauren can be reached by calling 303-767-0057.

Grants

In addition to the financial assistance received from churches and individuals, a significant portion of the funding used to operate CM comes from foundations that give grants including:

Denver Foundation
Energy Outreach
Colorado
Emergency Food &
Shelter Program
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in
America's Domes-
tic Hunger Grant
National Board
Program
The Kenneth Kendal
King Foundation

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Food Bank Needs

Paper sacks
 Non perishable food items:
 peanut butter
 jelly
 tomato sauce
 tomatoes
 jell-o
 pudding
 ravioli
 spaghetti-o's,
 cake mix
 pizza mix
 sugar
 misc. packages
 peas
 misc. vegetables
 fruit
 cereal
 soup
 pasta noodles
 sugar
 flour
 Diapers
 Formula
 Baby Food
 Personal hygiene items

Donations

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

Become a Part of the CM Team

Work, family and church commitments can make it difficult to help with the daily operations of Community Ministry, but that doesn't mean you can't be involved for a single event or on a daily basis in a small way. Following are some areas in which you may be able to be involved.

Newspapers and Cans

Recycle your newspapers and aluminium cans. Items can be dropped off at Brentwood United Methodist, 1899 S. Irving, for recycling. Bins are located in the parking lot. All proceeds go to help CM.



Printer Ink Jet Cartridges

Don't throw away used ink jet cartridges. CM receives \$1.00 for each printer cartridge recycled.



Sunday Paper Coupons

Bring your un-clipped coupons from the Sunday newspaper. Volunteers will clip them out and send them into a coupon processing company and receive 5% of the total value of the coupon.



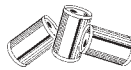
Community Clothing Bank

The clothing bank specializes in providing children's clothing from infant to size 12.



Canning Project

Can a variety of foods during the summer months at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Cannery. Times and dates vary.



Matching Donations

CM is a member of Caring Connection. This allows you to give charitable contributions to CM such that some companies may match your donation.



Annual Walk

Bring the entire family on Saturday, August 28, beginning at Bear Creek Park and ending at Frontier Park with food and fun for the entire family.

Special Event Fund Raiser

Encourage your church or organization to have a special event such as a bake sale, car wash or spaghetti dinner with proceeds to benefit Community Ministry.



School Supplies

Pick up a few extra school supplies when you shop for your own and donate them to so others children can start off school prepared.



BOGO

Take advantage of Buy One Get One Free Sales and donate the extra to CM. Look for specials at Big Lots and the Dollar Store.



Holiday Boxes

Help with the Christmas and Thanksgiving box packing and distribution.

Sharing Tree

Picking up donated gifts, wrapping and distribution.



You don't have to have a green thumb to make it grow. Become a **Community Ministry Fundraising Harvester!**

Our gardeners sow and cultivate ideas to build a better tomorrow for those in need.

Have fun meeting people while working together to help our ministry grow. Contact Christine Aragon, CM Operations Manager at 303-936-0469.

