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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.

Holiday Wrap up

150 food boxes were given out at Thanksgiving this year. 400 children received gifts and an additional 150 food boxes were given out for Christmas. With the implementation of a new record keeping system, the addition of specific appointment times for clients, and all of the volunteer help, the distribution was completed in a day and a half with very little stress. A special thank you to Betty VanArsdol and Ruth Weiderman for organizing the Sharing Tree and Sonja Martinez and Doug Hunter for their work on organizing the food boxes. Thank you to all the churches who provided food for the food boxes. Thank you to everyone for giving of your time and energy to make this year's holiday distribution a success.



Food Stamp Impact

The computer system change for the food stamps has had a huge impact on our clients. We are seeing more people than ever before for emergency food while the system tries to catch up. Christy Ziemba has attended several meetings and a court hearing along with representatives from several other agencies such as Catholic Charities and Food Bank of the Rockies in an effort to increase the state governments awareness about how their inability to serve clients is impacting food banks.

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.orgwebsite: www.comministry-denver.org

Coming Events

Feb 5 - Governing Council/Board Retreat

Feb 6 - Souper Sunday

April 22 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch



New Board Members

The following board members were elected in December to two-year terms:

Sue Albers, Vice Chairperson; Gwen Marshall, Secretary; Kathy Keefe; John Darrow; and Frances Moreno.

The following board members have one year remaining of their terms:

Joe Woodson, Chairman; Joyce Neufeld; Ron Blatchley; and Chuck Hubbard.

Fund Raisers and Money Crunchers

Several churches have held fund raisers to support CM during the past several months. St. Andrews hosted a fashion show for which 40% of the proceeds of the clothing sales went to CM. Brentwood United Methodist is hosting lunches for AARP. The money collected for the meal comes to CM. During this time of reduced cash flow between grants and churches voting on budgets, we would like to encourage your church to host an event to support CM. It would also be great if each church would put CM into their missions budget so that we would have ongoing support through the year. Thank you in advance for your contribution.



**Souper Sunday
February 6**

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
- 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

School Food Drives



The schools have been enthusiastically involved in food drives this year. They have been very open to holding food drives at times other than the holidays realizing that people are hungry all year around. Listed below are the schools that have held food drives and the cash equivalent of the items they donated.

Doull Elementary	- \$879.10
Force Elementary	- \$3,452.00
Munroe Elementary	- \$1,046.10
Sabin Elementary	- \$1,812.55
Schmitt Elementary	- \$228.40
Traylor Elementary	- \$5,707.96
Grant Ranch School	- \$206.40
Henry Middle School	- \$3,956.10
Kepner Middle School	- \$199.30
Kennedy HS	- \$5,014.45
Thomas Jefferson HS	- \$202.60

Over and Under Drive

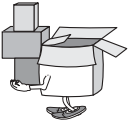
The clothing bank served 1,086 children last year. 1,335 coats were given out. The highest number of children served in one month was 141 in October. The numbers at the beginning of 2005 look like they will continue to be high. We would like to encourage your churches to host an Over and Under Drive. That is a drive for **Overcoats** (winter coats) and **Underwear** including socks. We need clothing for children sizes 3T - 8, especially jeans. We do not accept adult clothing with the exception of coats.

Food Bank Statistics

The number of clients seen by the food bank continues to increase.

	Families	Individuals
August	591	1,997
September	540	1,876
October	649	2,396
November	705	2,482
December	433	1,481
Total for the year	6,027	22,437

Storage Space



CM will now be receiving free food through TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program.) Food is delivered once a month in large quantities - about 300 cases, incorporated into the food food bank and distributed throughout the month. We are currently using all the storage space available at Garden Park on the main floor. If your church has some space available that could be used as temporary storage when the large shipments come in, please contact the food bank at 303-936-0469.

Volunteer Focus...Doug

If you have been to the food bank any time in the last five months, you have met Doug. Doug has lived in southwest Denver for 57 years. In fact he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963. After high school Doug went to work for Schrieber Painting and Decorating Company where he stayed for 32 years. Doug painted, decorated and refurbished furniture eventually working his way up to warehouse foreman. He has his associate degree in construction estimating and management.

When Doug's father passed away in 1996, he decided to move in with his mother so that he could help her out. They live in the Brentwood area.

Doug has a variety of interests besides helping at the food bank organizing the inventory, finding donors and doing so much more. He likes to refurbish antique furniture and deal and collect all types of antiques from carnival glass to toys. He also enjoys going to garage sales. Doug enjoys hunting and fishing. He loves to go up to Red Feathers Lakes during the summer months and is on the Storage and Irrigation Company Board in Red Feathers Lakes. Since many of Doug's interests take place during the summer months he decided he would like to volunteer with Community Ministry. He likes to give back to the community and feels that this is a great way to do that. We are really glad that he has made Community Ministry a part of his life.