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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.

## Walking Allowed



The 2005 5-kilometer walk is scheduled for **Saturday, August 27**. The walk will begin at Grant-Frontier Park at Evans and South Platte River Drive at 9:00 a.m. and end at Bear Creek Park in the shelter at the South end of Raleigh at approximately 11:00 a.m. There will be food, balloon animals, face painting at the end of the trail at Bear Creek 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!*

## Changes and Upgrades

Several changes have been made at CM in an effort to improve efficiency and communication. A new phone system was installed with English and Spanish information options. Thank you to several generous donors for making the purchase possible. The website has also been redone and is extremely easy to read and navigate - check it out at [www.comministry-denver.org](http://www.comministry-denver.org). The food bank has switched to a weight system for inventory - no more counting cans! This is more efficient and uniform with other food banks. If you have ideas on ways to improve CM please let us know.

### 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](mailto:contact@comministry-denver.org)website: [www.comministry-denver.org](http://www.comministry-denver.org)

## Coming Events



1st Tuesday every month - Cici's Pizza fundraiser

June 1, 8, 29 - Canning (see article)

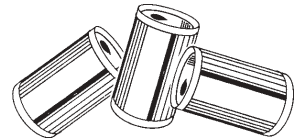
June 7 - National Hunger Awareness Day

June 21 Governing Council at St. Andrews 6:00 pm..

July - Food & School Supply drive

August 27 - Walk 9:00 a.m.

## 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 the following Wednesdays:

June 1, 8 & 29

July 13 & 20

August 31

September 14

October 12 & 26.

A car pool leaves Community Ministry at 8:15 a.m. and work begins at 9:00 a.m.

Ten volunteers are needed per date. You must wear comfortable clothes, closed shoes and be 16 years of age or older. If you can help please call Francis Moreno at 303-761-3847 to schedule your date. If you can't can, your donations to cover the cost of cans, cartons and labels is appreciated.

This is a great group project that makes a big impact on CM.

## 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)

## NEEDS

- Food (all kinds)
- Children's socks and underwear
- On-call volunteers
- \$

## Souper Sunday

Souper Sunday, held in February, was a success again this year. A total of 4,963 cans of soup and Ramen were collected from 21 churches. St. Rose of Lima led the way with 657 cans of soup. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

## Board Retreat

This year the CM board of trustees and governing council held a retreat in February. The purpose of the retreat was to evaluate current ministries of CM, possible improvements, and come up with ideas for future projects. The results of the meeting were divided up by ministries that took Time, Talent or Treasure. Activities requiring time would include volunteering at the food, clothing bank or coupon program on a regular or on-call basis. Talent would be something specialized such as making a promotional video about CM for the churches or organizing a fund raising event. Treasure is just what it seems, donating money for a project, a truck in which to haul food etc. For a complete list of ideas contact the CM office. Time was also spent reflecting on the definition of being poor according to the government and scripture. Although the agencies may define poverty differently, we are still called to serve people physically and spiritually. Thank you to Pastor Joe Woodson for his lighthearted input and Joyce Neufeld for facilitating the discussion.

## Food Bank Statistics

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

	Families	Individuals
January	573	2,010
February	475	1,543
March	568	2,093
April	467	1,618
May	444	1,514
Total for first 5 months	2,527	8,778

## Volunteer Luncheon



The voice of the square dance caller and the swish of skirts filled the air at the CM annual volunteer appreciation luncheon April 22 at Trinity Lutheran. The theme this year was western with cowboy

hats and hay bales decorating the tables. Food bank volunteers and drivers received special recognition this year with each volunteer receiving a blue t-shirt sporting the new CM logo. Ginny Grace was given special recognition for her 37 years of service to the food bank. Joyce Neufeld was named volunteer of the year in recognition for her work with the clothing bank, board, publicity work and all around help at CM.

## Fund Raisers

Churches and individuals are encouraged to organize fund raisers to support CM. Summer would be a great time for your church youth group to host a car wash or a bake sale. With the food bank low on food during the summer a special effort could be made to collect food during the July canned food drive. It would 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.



## Orientation Meetings

One of the needs expressed at the retreat was to have orientation meetings with the pastors and volunteers to get everyone on the same page and excited about the work CM is doing. Eight pastors met on May 11 and received an overwhelming introduction to the extent of ministry at CM. Volunteers met at two different sessions on May 18 and got into more of the nitty-gritty of CM daily operations. Future orientations will be scheduled for each group until everyone at CM has been given the opportunity to attend.