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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 Preparations

With the School Supply drive, and the Walk behind us, we are now preparing for the many activities associated with the holidays. This year like last, the churches have been divided into a Thanksgiving box group and a Christmas box group. The intention is that each church will only bring food for one holiday and not be overwhelmed with collecting food for two months in tremendous amounts. Churches collecting food for Thanksgiving will need to have their food to the food bank by

November 16! The boxes will be made on November 19 by the girl scouts and distributed on the 21st and 22nd.

A similar plan is scheduled for the Christmas box and Christmas Sharing tree. Food must be at the food bank by December 7. Everyone is invited to assemble the boxes on the 10th. Gifts should arrive no later than December 12 - preferably sooner. Wrapping will take place the 12th, 13th, 14th and distribution of food and gifts on the 15th and 16th. We are counting on you to make this holiday season a success! Thanks in advance for your involvement.



Coming Events



Cannery - October 12 & 26

Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving box preparation

Nov. 21 & 22 - Thanksgiving box distribution

Dec 10 - Christmas box preparation

Dec 12-14 Wrapping

Dec 15 & 16 - Sharing Tree and Christmas Box Distribution

Walk Results



This year's walk was blessed with beautiful weather and a nice walk upstream as we changed the route for the walk to end at Bear Creek Park. Twelve churches participated in the walk with an excellent representation from several youth groups. Approximately 95 individuals participated either walking or helping. Just over \$4,500.00 was raised this year. Thank you to Ken Stamey for heading up the walk committee and to the many helpers, walkers and sponsors for your support!

Retreat Review

This year the board and governing council retreat in February resulted in a number of specific directives. Many directives have been implemented including:

- Pastor and Volunteer Orientations
 - New Website
 - New display board
 - Spanish classes (Mondays 2:15 p.m)
 - New fund raising ideas for the churches.
- There is still a great deal of work to do.

Please help us to:

- Develop an on call volunteer list
- Become a part of your churches budget
- Develop a promotional video
- Help the clients spiritually not just physically

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

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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

Spanish Classes

Spanish classes are now available on Monday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. at the food bank. Frances Moreno from The Church in South Denver is the teacher. She is teaching phrases that will help volunteers in relating to clients.



Workplace Giving

Each fall, many Colorado workplaces offer employee giving campaigns. Employees are able to donate a dollar amount per paycheck to the charity of their choice. Payroll deduction giving is a simple and efficient way to support the issues you care about most.

Community Ministry is a proud member of Caring Connection. Caring Connection supports CM and 31 other Colorado nonprofits through paycheck deduction campaigns. Caring Connection believes in choice in giving and that everyone can make a difference. Last year, Colorado donors pledged over \$400,000 through Caring Connection paycheck deduction campaigns.

Please look for CM in the fall giving campaign at your workplace. We are options in the Colorado Combined Campaign (CCC), Denver Employees Combined Campaign (DECC) and take part in local Combined Federal Campaigns (CFC). Also, if your company runs a United Way campaign, you are able to write in CM as a "donor choice" option on the pledge card. While we are not a United Way partner agency, they will direct the donation to us. However, the best way to support CM through workplace giving is to include Caring Connection in your workplace giving campaign.

When we work together, incremental giving creates monumental change. Please contact the Caring Connection office for more information about how to arrange a paycheck deduction. **Community Ministry Caring Connection ID number is 1033.**

Clothing Bank Statistics

The number of clients seen by the clothing bank continues to increase in 2005.

	Families	Individuals
January	53	159
February	45	119
March	42	142
April	38	114
May	40	130
June	21	69
July	12	42
August	<u>32</u>	<u>106</u>
TOTAL	283	881

Coats & Underwear

As the weather gets colder we hope you will consider donating your old winter coats, hats and gloves to the clothing bank. We take adult and children sizes for coats. We are also in constant need of new underwear and socks for boys and girls.

Food Bank Statistics

The number of clients seen by the food bank continues to increase in 2005.

	Families	Individuals
January	573	2,010
February	475	1,543
March	568	2,093
April	467	1,618
May	444	1,514
June	522	1,825
July	415	1,472
August	<u>608</u>	<u>2,235</u>
TOTAL	4,078	14,310

T-Shirts

CM has royal blue t-shirts available with the Community Ministry Logo and slogan *Unity In Caring*. These are available in a variety of sizes. They may be purchased at the food bank.

- 1 for \$10.00
- 2 for \$18.00
- 3 for \$21.00

