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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.

## NEEDS

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

## Celebrating and Walking Allowed

Saturday, August 26 is going to be a great time for young and old alike. The Community Ministry Annual Fund-raising Walk will end in a celebration of community. Come prepared for a party with music, drama, and games in addition to the regular activities of face painting, caricature artist, balloon animals and food. This year's chairman, J.R. Pinon, would like the emphasis to shift from fund-raising, although that is still part, to celebrating who we are as Community Ministry and showing the community what it means to work together for common causes. Churches will be invited to bring music, drama, games or other activities and help turn this into a festival of fun for the entire family. If you don't want to walk,



there will be other donation opportunities available to you.

The 2006 5-kilometer walk will begin at Sister City Park just west of Wadsworth on Girton at 9:00 a.m. and end at Bear Creek (Mexican Hat) Park in the shelter on Raleigh south of Hampden at approximately 11:00 a.m. You may walk, ride your bike, roller blade or just come to the celebration. Information will be coming to your churches soon, so get those legs in shape now. *Walking and Celebrating is Allowed!*

## 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. See the events section for the next canning dates.

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 Frances Moreno at 303-761-3847 or 303-478-2247 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.



## Coming Events

1st Tuesday every month - Cici's Pizza fundraiser

3rd Wednesday every month - Country Buffet fundraiser

July 7 - School Supply Sign up

July - School Supply drive

July 12 - Cannery

August 4 - School Supply Distribution

August 26 - Walk 9:00 a.m., Party at 11:00

August 30 - Cannery

September 13 - Cannery

October 25 - Cannery

**July is school supply drive month. Bring donations to CM or your church.**



## Rescue Mission Advice

Lon Gregg from the Denver Rescue Mission came to Community Ministry on April 11 to talk to volunteers and church staff about "Good Stewardship for Helping the Needy" Some great advice and tips were given on dealing with clients. Highlights include:

- Try to figure out which problem you can realistically help with.
- Clients sometimes have unrealistic expectations about how we can help - we can't solve all their problems right now.
- We don't want to rescue clients but do what is best for them and that may be hard.
- Treat the client with dignity.
- Referring to other resources is helping, not copping out.

### Important Information

Food Bank Mon, Wed, Thurs 10a-2p  
Tues - 2-6p

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)**

## Volunteer Luncheon

The "Hokey Pokey", "Chicken dance" and other fun dances culminated this year's Volunteer Appreciation luncheon held April 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The theme was "Spring Fling" with about 80 volunteers enjoying a salad buffet. Recognition of new volunteers, multi-tasking volunteers as well as three special awards were given out.

Multi-tasking volunteer awards included: Frances Moreno for coordinating the Cannery project and teaching Spanish to the volunteers, Jill Davis for working at the desk and clerical work, Livy Murry and Ruth Wiederman for working on the Sharing Tree program and volunteering in the food bank, Lupe Torrez for working in the clothing bank and working the desk in the food bank. John and Caye Courtney were recognized for helping us achieve the part of our mission statement which says that we help meet the spiritual needs of our clients and for working with job assistance.

Individual awards were given to Tracy Marsh for coordinating the clothing bank, Kathy Keefe for her work with Human Resources and Sue Albers, Vice Chair, for years of commitment to the coupon program and Community Ministry.

Special awards given were:

Perseverance Award - Chuck Janssen for his perseverance through illness this past year to help at the food bank.

Minute Man Award - Doug Hunter and George Sammeth for being ready at a minute's notice to assist wherever and whenever needed.

2005 Volunteer of the Year - Dick Parker for his years of service in coordinating the drivers for food pick up.

## Job Assistance

One year ago Garden Park Church brought their missionaries, John and Caye Courtney, from working among the Navajo people to work in a job assistance program. The "Faithworks" program was funded by a grant from the department of labor for nonprofit groups that have contacts with many people who don't have jobs. The specific type of individuals targeted were people just released from prison, disabled, homeless in transitional housing and teenagers aging out of foster care. This target group eventually grew to anyone needing a job. Since the city was counting on having large numbers of people employed in order to keep their grant, Garden Park offered the Courtney's services to Community Ministry. This was good for both organizations. From August 2005 to March 2006 the Courtneys helped place over 60 people in jobs through the

**Volunteers to serve daily shifts or on-call needed!**

Colorado Workforce Centers. In January the grant was not renewed but the Courtneys decided to continue with the job assistance as volunteers. This year they have placed an additional 50+ people in jobs. More than finding jobs, they have had the opportunity to counsel, share the gospel and pray with the people in need. Thank you John and Caye Courtney for helping us achieve the part of our mission statement, which says that we help meet the spiritual, needs of our clients.

## Did you know...

...that the pastors and other staff of the Community Ministry churches meet the 4th Tuesday of the month for breakfast and discussion about community outreach?

...Elaine Lopez was hired to assist in the food bank and with clerical work.

...10 CM churches worked together to put on vacation Bible school at CM June 12 - 16. 65 children from the churches and community attended. 16 blankets will be given to area families that were made by the children.

## Food Bank Statistics

The number of clients seen by the food bank seems to have stabilized.

	Families	Individuals
January	566	2,039
February	414	1,427
March	503	1,774
April	431	1,561
May	420	1,444
Total for first 5 months	2,334	8,245

## Board Retreat

This year the CM board of trustees and governing council held a retreat on June 3. The purpose of the retreat was to review the past year goals and focus on three areas of concern for the coming year. The areas of emphasis this year were:

- Increasing Community Ministry's resource base through developing relationships with other churches, businesses and community groups.
- Developing a list of referral agencies within our geographic area that can be used to assist clients in receiving the assistance they need.
- Evaluating other food bank models in an effort to reduce waste and provide the best service possible to our clients.

If you would like to assist in helping put together any of this information or make calls to get the information we need, please call Christy. It is an overwhelming task to sort through all this information. Thank you to Kathy Keefe for facilitating the discussion and St. Andrews for hosting the meeting.

## Help Wanted

Wanted: Individual to take over school food drive program. School contact list already developed as well as introduction letter. Your job would be to do follow up calls and set up dates for food delivery to the food bank or coordinate with food drivers to pick up food. Busiest time is November but schools are starting to spread food drives throughout the year. Contact Joyce Neufeld if interested. 303-989-2511