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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. Some of the larger churches have been assigned to both. Churches collecting food for Thanksgiving will need to have their food to the food bank by November 12! The boxes will be made on November 18 by the Girl Scouts and distributed on the 20th.



A similar plan is scheduled for the Christmas box and Christmas Sharing Tree. Food must be at the food bank by December 3. Everyone is invited to assemble the boxes on the 9th. Gifts should arrive no later than December 10 - preferably sooner. Wrapping will take place the 11th through the 15th, and distribution of food and gifts will be on the 16th. We are counting on you to make this holiday season a success! Thanks in advance for your involvement.

*Did you see the pictures and write up about the Walk in the September 21 Denver Herald?*

**Important Information**

Food Bank M, W, Th 10a-2p

Tues - 2-5 p

Clothing Bank Thurs 9a-12p

**Main Phone: 303-935-3428**

**Food Bank: 303-936-0469**

**Fax: 303-975-9917**

**Email: [contact@comministry-](mailto:contact@comministry-denver.org)**

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**website: [www.comministry-denver.org](http://www.comministry-denver.org)**

**Caring Connection ID 1033**

**Coming Events**



Oct 17 - Governing Council meets

Oct 21 - Thanksgiving Food Box

Sign up 9-1

Oct 28 - Christmas Sign up 9-1

Nov. 12 - Thanksgiving food due

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving box preparation

Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving box distribution

Dec 3 - Christmas box food due

Dec 9 - Christmas box preparation

Dec 11-15 Wrapping

Dec 16 - Sharing Tree and Christmas Box Distribution

**Walk Results**



This year over 80 people braved the rainy weather to walk for CM. The route this year started at Sister City Park off of Wadsworth and Girton and wound its way down stream along Bear Creek. The prairie dogs watched in amazement as all the determined walkers passed them before going under the Wadsworth overpass. Thirteen churches participated in the walk raising over \$4,200. One of the perks this year was getting a t-shirt if you walked or if you donated \$15.00 to the walk. The end of the walk was a Party in the Park where another 70 people joined in. Thank you to the Church in South Denver for bringing their worship team, the CM Vacation Bible School leaders for giving everyone a taste of Fiesta and Andy Neufeld for playing games with the kids. Robert and Dot Posson also donated their time doing face painting and making balloon animals for the children. Thank you to J.R. Pinon for heading up the walk committee and to the many helpers, walkers and sponsors for your support! Plans are already underway to make next year's event bigger and better. Mark your calendars for the last Saturday in August 2007.

## 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 following organizations for supporting CM with grants this year.

- Denver Foundation
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Light of the World Catholic
- Rocky Mountain Conference United Church of Christ
- Schlessman Family Foundation
- Energy Outreach Colorado
- Emergency food and Shelter Program



## School Supplies



This year CM provided 254 children with school supplies thanks to your generosity. 1,422 pounds of supplies were collected by thirteen CM sponsoring churches. Thank you for your support.

## Coats & Underwear

The clothing bank is always in need of children's underwear and socks. We will also take adult and children's coats.

## Remembering Francis

Francis Collier, Bethany United Methodist governing council representative and clothing bank volunteer, passed away at the end of August. Her life was a life of service to the church, CM and others. Her willingness to serve CM in the clothing bank has been missed greatly by the other volunteers who depended on her make a tedious job interesting. Her example was one we should all follow.

## Bird Flu Update

Rachel Cole from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment spoke to a group of volunteers on Friday, September 29 about the possibility of the Bird Flu coming to the U.S. and it's impact on our community. Currently there are no infected birds in Colorado, but they are being monitored closely to stop the spread of the problem. A few basic precautions are recommended.

- Don't touch dead birds, birds' blood and bird droppings.
- Wash your hands frequently
- Sneeze or cough into you elbow - not hands
- Cook any poultry properly
- Be ready for any emergency - make sure you have food and water as well as an emergency kit in your home. An emergency check list can be found at [www.readycolorado.com](http://www.readycolorado.com).
- Stay well

## Clothing Bank Statistics

The number of clients seen by the clothing bank continues to increase in 2006.

### Families Individuals

January	40	127
February	13	73
March	35	112
April	22	63
May	28	95
June	24	89
July	20	53
August	22	61
Sept	<u>26</u>	<u>88</u>
TOTAL	230	761

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

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February	415	1,429
March	313	1,056
April	432	1,568
May	420	1,459
June	465	1,695
July	387	1,342
August	500	1,760
Sept	<u>400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
TOTAL	3,928	13,737

## Edible Fund Raisers

Don't forget that the first Tuesday of each month is CM day at CICI's pizza in Bear Valley. A portion of all the receipts turned in that day go to CM. The 3rd Wednesday of each month is CM - Country Buffet day in Englewood. Go in and enjoy the new decor from the remodeling.