

Karen Black, New Executive Director

Karen Black joined the staff of Community Ministry in January, 2007 as Executive Director. She became acquainted with CM while working as Director of Christian Outreach and Assistance for Light of the World Catholic Parish. Karen was most recently employed as Business Administrator for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish and has experience with employee supervision, financial management and budgeting, volunteer recruitment and grant writing. One of her goals is to improve our intake procedure so that people are referred to the specific resources that will address the root cause of their need rather than putting a food or clothing “Band aid” on their problem. Karen has already been a great inspiration to the board and volunteers.



Holiday Wrap Up

At Christmas time, 285 children were given gifts and 175 families picked up food baskets to bring cheer to their holiday. A total of 160 food baskets were distributed at Thanksgiving.

A special thanks to Ruth Weiderman and Livy Murry for organizing the Sharing Tree and to Sonja Martinez for her work on organizing the baskets.

And a big “Thank You” to all the contributing churches and wonderful volunteers for their financial contributions, and donation of time and energy.



Important Dates

Cici's Pizza—1st Tuesday of each month
 Country Buffet—3rd Wednesday of each month
 3/20 Governing Council
 4/27 Volunteer Appreciation
 5/15 Governing Council

Volunteer Opportunities

We can always use volunteers. Here are some tasks we need more help with:

- * Organize and file in the director's office
- * Mailings
- * Food Bank assistance on Tuesday PM, Wednesday or Thursday
- * “On Call” for the Food Bank
- * Clothing Bank— bilingual is especially helpful
- * Researcher to determine what other resources and services are available in our area.



Community Ministry Staff

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| Executive Director | Karen Black |
| Chairperson | Joyce Neufield |
| Vice Chairperson | Sue Albers |
| Secretary | John Darrow |
| Food Bank Manager | Sonja Martinez |
| Admin. Asst. | Elgerine Achuleta |

Food Bank 303.936.0469

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| Monday | 10-2 |
| Tues | 2-5 |
| Wednesday | 10-2 |
| Thursday | 10-2 |

Clothing Bank

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| Thurs | 9-12 |
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Clients Served, 2006

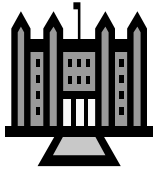
Food Bank

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| Families | 5,675 |
| Individuals | 20,464 |

Clothing Bank

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| Families | 292 |
| Individuals | 942 |

School Food Drives



Pounds donated Fall/Winter 2006

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| Doull Elementary | 2,435 |
| Force Elementary | 2,260 |
| Godsman Elementary | 2,335 |
| Goldrick | 2,275 |
| Gust | 290 |
| Henry Middle | 1,420 |
| Kennedy H. S. | 4,290 |
| St. Rose of Lima | 810 |

Thank you to Angel and Jan Ruiz for their work organizing food drives.

New Plan for Food

Community Ministry will provide a monthly, rotating list of suggested food items for each of our donor churches beginning in March. This will help up keep our inventories up and make distribution easier. For example, one month a church would be asked to provide canned vegetables, the next month soup, the following month a different item. Let us know how this works for you!

Did You Know ??

....We give \$15 worth of food per person per week.

....Elgerine Archuleta joined our staff on Feb. 1. She first came to CM as a volunteer in November.

...."Souper" Sunday brought in over 3000 pounds of soup

....Pastors from CM churches meet regularly. March 13 is the next meeting.

....Granting agencies and foundations look at how many individuals, board members and churches offer financial support to CM before awarding grants. They want to know that many people are in partnership with us.

Your gifts are important!

Our 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.

I would like to partner with Community Ministry:
 I want to volunteer. Please contact me.
 I want to be a prayer partner. My e-mail address is _____
 Enclosed is my gift of ___\$10 ___\$25 ___\$35 ___\$50 \$____
 to help Community Ministry care for the needs in the community.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #(s): _____

Mail to:
 Community Ministry
 1755 S. Zuni
 Denver, CO 80223

Please make checks payable to Community Ministry. Your gift is tax deductible. A receipt will be mailed.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:40

