

# NEWS & NOTES

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## Donations Down

This year has seen a decrease of 35% in food donations from both member and non member agencies. This is taking a toll on the Food Bank and our cupboards are literally bare (just ask the volunteers). This would be a great time to ask your congregation to buy an extra item so that we can make it to the holidays and until the school food drives start kicking in. Every little bit helps.

### Statistics August 2009

Food Bank	
Families Served 2009 – 457	Individuals Served 2009 – 1,317
Clothing bank	
Families Served 2009 – 24	Children Served 2009 – 63

### Annual Run/Walk is a Winner

Over \$3,500 was raised after expenses at this year's run/walk. Runners ranged in age from 5 to 77 and walkers from 5 to 82! In all 64 people registered to participate. Brentwood United Methodist takes home the trophy for the most money raised with over \$1,200. Garden Park MB and St. Rose of Lima tied for the most participants. So the pressure is on for next year! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, walked, ran, sponsored someone or made a donation.

### Calendar of Events

- September 25 Monthly Volunteer and friends Potluck  
- 11:30 at the food bank
- October 6 CiCi Pizza in Bear Valley Shopping Center
- October 22 Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Event
- October 23 Thanksgiving Box Sign up
- October 30 Christmas box and gift Sign up

### School Supplies

Over 230 children received school supplies this year setting a new record for Community Ministry. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and time. Thank you to June Bisceglia for her outstanding coordination.

### Development Directors Note

We did a mailing to 500 of our supporters with information about using GoodSearch.com. Remember each search you do donates a penny to Community Ministry of Southwest Denver if we are your designated charity.

We are also looking for businesses to sponsor Sharing Tree Gifts this year. Please contact me if your company is interested.

Jerry

### Help Wanted

Do you like computers and meeting people then we have a job for you! We need people to help work the intake desk on a regular basis and as substitutes. Please call Davida at 303-935-3428 ext 101 if you are interested in this type of volunteer job.

### Energy Outreach Colorado

Did you know that CM has a grant from EOC to help people with energy assistance? The following is a story about one of our clients.

Gina C. is used to hard luck, so she was floored when she received assistance to pay the energy bill for her modest Denver apartment.

"It felt like a miracle to me," said the 39-year-old, who gets by on \$600 in monthly disability income. "Nothing this good has ever happened to me before." When faced with having her home energy disconnected, Gina sought help from Community Ministry of Southwest Denver, which paid a portion of her energy bill through a grant from Energy Outreach Colorado.

Gina has not been able to work since 2004, when she was splattered with boiling water while sterilizing equipment. The accident resulted in third-degree burns to her arms. She's undergone numerous painful surgeries and skin grafts but still has open wounds that require constant care and severely restrict the movement of her hands and wrists.

Gina receives help from her mother to care for her three children aged 22, 16 and 15, and attends therapy both to heal her body and mentally overcome the trauma of the past. A nurse visits weekly to change her dressings.

"I hope that someday I'm in the position to help somebody else," she said. "There's a long list of people who need the kind of help I've been blessed to receive."