

ACTION MINISTRIES NEWS

WINTER 2008

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Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

First Monday of Month
6:30-8:30 PM

Third Tuesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Every Thursday 6:00-8:00 p.m. at
Nicholson Christian Church

Executive Director
Tom Dorman

Board of Directors

Lee Hunter—Chairman
Dan Mistler-Vice Chairman
Sandy Banta, Treasurer
Barbara Dorman, Secretary
Fred Banta
Roger Braden
Denny Bush
Harold Buxton
Beth Hunter
Larry Mains
Billie McDaniel
Lynn Menshouse
Kay Mistler

Our Mission

Action Ministries exists to share the love of Jesus Christ by providing groceries, hope, and encouragement to low income families.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE AN
INTEGRAL PART OF ACTION
MINISTRIES. IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO HELP, CONTACT US
AT (859)261-3649**

MISSION NEWS FROM TOM.....

Thank you for another great year at Action Ministries. Because of your support, we were able to help 1,683 different families 6,920 different times. There were 2,199 children in the families we served.

The price of gas, food, and all other necessities have risen to the point that many of our working families are having trouble meeting all their bills, plus our seniors and the people on disability are really struggling to make ends meet. The food that we provide to them relieves some of the pressure and allows them to pay other bills they have.

Our costs have also risen and we are spending more money for less product, plus warehousing and transportation costs take more of the funds that we would use for food purchases. With all the increases in cost we are still able to provide each family with a large amount of quality food plus hygiene and paper products.

With your help we look forward to serving the people of our community and providing assistance to those in need.

Thanks Again
Tom

The Remke's Caring Neighbors Program provides a great way for Action Ministries to simply and quickly raise money to support our efforts.

Highlights of the Program

- Earn up to 2% donations on purchases
- Present your Preferred Customer Card at the time of purchase



We are enclosing an application for the Remke's Caring Neighbor Program along with this newsletter. For more information, please contact Billie McDaniel at (859) 992-5046 or Barb Dorman at 261-3649.

"HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSION"

WAREHOUSE RENOVATION

One of the biggest changes this year has been to our warehouse. We are blessed with a 6400 square foot warehouse and lots and lots of product to fill it from the various food drives, Feed the Children and donations. Bastian Material Handlers redesigned the space to include multi-layered racks which increased our storage space fourfold. In addition, they suggested that a more logical flow for the distribution would be to do it through only one door, rather than asking our clients to pick up some food at the front and then to drive their cars around to our backdoor for the rest. To accomplish this new flow, walls were built around the new distribution area and the new conveyors deliver the completed bags into that area from the packing area in the warehouse. Bastian was instrumental in getting the shelving, flow racks, and conveyor system donated or sold to us at greatly reduced prices. A huge amount of volunteer labor was given to us to accomplish the renovation during the Christmas shut-down. The expenses we incurred in building the distribution room will be covered by a grant from St. Timothy Church in Union.

Other companies that were instrumental in getting this project done were Unarco, AWP, Cintas, Jack-of-All-Games, Central Power Systems, Hytrol Conveyor Company and Wirecrafters, LLC. Also, so many people worked tirelessly on this project. We hesitate to mention names in this article for fear we would leave someone out. Without the cooperation of everyone involved, this much needed renovation could not have been done. The new design is up and running and has made a huge difference in the distribution of food to our clients.

We welcomed Roger Braden and Lynn Menshouse to the Board of Directors during 2007 and also many new volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team at Action Ministries, call 261-3649!!!



CAN FOOD DRIVES

Again this year, we had many food drives that made a big impact on the food we were able to distribute to our clients.

The 11 schools in the Kenton County School system collected 15,301 pounds of food, which included the 4,827 pounds collected by Simon Kenton High School. We also received 3,000 pounds of food from the Covington School's food drive. The USPS mail carriers had their annual food drive in May collecting and donating to Action Ministries 2,300 pounds of non-perishable food items.

The law firm of Deters, Benzinger and LaVelle collected 1,550 pounds of food within their office, in addition to a generous cash donation, to assist in the work at the mission.

We received food and monetary gifts throughout the year from many churches, organizations, and individuals. Because all of the staff at Action Ministries volunteer most generously of their time, we are able to use 100% of these donations for the work at the mission.

On behalf of the many people we serve at Action Ministries we are truly grateful for every donation that is given to the mission and we look forward to 2008 and what God will do through the mission.

Safety Net Alliance

Last summer, the leadership at Brighton Center initiated a loosely organized meeting of the safety net providers in the three-county area of northern Kentucky. We are pleased to be a part of this group which meets monthly to share information and try to find solutions to problems facing all of us. We are all agencies working together around a common goal of serving the various needs of our clients. While gaining information about section-8 housing, food stamps, etc., as a group we will be able to publicize our needs and access resources on a larger scale. Vince Palmer, the Safety Net co-coordinator from United Way, attends the meetings; Cindy Schroeder of the Enquirer is also very interested and is most willing to help us publicize our agencies' work.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUAU!!

Our bi-yearly Volunteer Appreciation Luau was held in May this year with 125 volunteers and spouses/friends attending. We added 9 names to the "Volunteer Hall of Fame": Bev Baker, Fred & Sandy Banta, Denny Bush, Jarrod Jeffers, Patsy Lutz, Billie McDaniel, Shirley McKinney and Jeff Watson. We were glad to be able to honor them for their time and dedication to the mission. The Luau was paid for with designated funds from donors. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!!

WE ARE THANKFUL...

This year we were blessed by the area churches who donated their offerings collected at the community Thanksgiving services. From the Latonia Churches (First Evangelical Methodist, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Latonia Baptist, Latonia Christian, Trinity United Methodist) we received \$542 and from the Taylor Mill Churches (Grand Avenue Church of God, Hilltop Church of Christ, North Star Seventh Day Adventist, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Taylor Mill United Methodist, Taylor Mill Seventh Day Adventist) \$393.54.



We are very thankful for the many churches who support the work here at Action Ministries both financially and with their willing servants who put in many volunteer hours.

Feed The Children

Feed the Children, provided us with 8700 pounds of food this fall. Included was baby food, cereal, chips, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, noodles and fruit juice. The food is free and our only cost was for transportation. Atlantic Pacific Trucking graciously picked it up for us at a very minimal cost. Now that we are on the list at FTC, they say we can expect a similar truckload about every six months.



Action Ministries Sets Up "Action City" at Camp Northward

This summer, campers from over ten Kentucky churches took part in a mock "Action City." Board member, Billie McDaniel, challenged the campers to put themselves in various poverty roles. Also, campers learned about the grocery pantry, poverty budgets, and local mission opportunities. On the last night of camp, Tom Dorman and Billie spoke to the parents and children and collected over \$300 for the mission.

GRANTS

Greater Cincinnati Foundation/ Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile Foundation

This fall, as a result of publicity in the papers about greater numbers of people seeking assistance from emergency food providers, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation awarded three \$10,000 grants to agencies in the Tri-State. One of them was given to northern Kentucky to be administered by Brighton Center. This grant was then matched by the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile/U.S. Bancorp Foundation meaning that \$20,000 was available for northern Kentucky agencies. Based on the large population we serve, we were given \$4,000 (one of the two largest sub-grants). This additional money allowed us to purchase food assuring that we had good supplies to provide to our clients during the holidays and the new year. We were chosen for participation in the award because we are becoming more widely known among the safety net providers for the food assistance we can offer.

St. Timothy Church Grant

Each year, St. Timothy Parish awards six grants to northern Kentucky organizations that provide service to the community. Each selected agency will receive 4% of the month's tithing, up to \$3000, to fund a project. Our month is May, 2008. In addition to donating the money, members of the parish will participate in a service project at Action Ministries. We have asked that they assist us in sorting and labeling the food we will receive from the Postal Carriers' Food Drive in May. We will have the opportunity to speak at their masses on May 3rd & 4th to tell our story to yet another audience and we very much appreciate their funding our warehouse renovation. Since we have had to spend so little, their grant should cover the expenses we have incurred thus far.

Kentucky Colonels

The Kentucky Colonels awarded us \$2300 to purchase a glass-front, reach-in cooler for our distribution area. This new refrigerator makes it much more convenient for our workers to display and offer our refrigerated items such as yogurt, produce, milk products, cheese, biscuits, etc. Until we were able to install this unit in September, we had only a home refrigerator in this area. As a result, some of our products were displayed on tables and the health inspector suggested that this was not a good practice! This is the second time the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels has helped us and we very much appreciate their support.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED IN 2007

In Memory Of:

Brad Andress
Robert Requardt
Robert L. Waters, Jr.
Paul Champion
Harold Sterneberg
Jason Hatton
Don Newburn
Robert Frakes
Jack J. Martin
Will Schwartz
Ryan Hurley
Richard Francis

In Memory of:

Virginia Meredith
Maggie Reynolds
Mabel Back
Florence Magilson
James Holt
Jeff Taylor
Charlotte Ruwe
George Whiteker
Frank Ringenbach
Bertha Cooper
Gladys Kling

In Honor of:

Tom and Barb Dorman
Marge Lyon
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Liebel
Harold Buxton
Barbara Anne Ransler
Terry Buxton
Charles & Lillie Obel
Dan Mistler
Jim and Barbara Parrock
The Doug Sinclair's wedding
Jan Saltzman

To make a lasting memorial/tribute to your loved ones, please consider making a contribution to Action Ministries and help us better provide for our clients in the Southern Kenton County area. Make your check payable to: Action Ministries, 4375 Boron Ave., Covington, KY 41015

IT'S A FACT IN 2007

- ⇒ We helped 1,683 different families
- ⇒ We averaged 577 families a month
- ⇒ Average number of pickups for each family—4
- ⇒ Average family size—3
- ⇒ We helped about 75 additional agencies
- ⇒ We spent over \$100 weekly on gas for our mission truck

ACTION MINISTRIES SKYLINE BENEFIT NIGHT



Where: Independence, KY Skyline Location (Located in Front of Kroger's)

When: Monday, February 18, 2008

From 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We receive a portion of that Monday Night's Skyline sales!



Volunteer Lea Crozier enjoying our last Skyline Benefit!!

REMKE CARING NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Name (Please Print) _____

Phone Number _____

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E-Mail Address _____

See back of card for number. Form cannot be processed without your Preferred Customer Number.

This is the non-profit which will receive credit for any qualifying purchases on the listed Preferred Customer Card. Please return this form to your nearest Remke store.

I request that Remke Markets donate up to 2% of my qualifying purchases* from this date forward to the selected non-profit. This program is in effect from September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

Signature

Date

* Qualifying purchases are all purchases made with your Remke Markets Preferred Customer card, excluding alcohol, tobacco, lottery, gift certificates, money orders, and office services. Actual donation rate will vary based on participation in the program.

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