

FOCUS INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Food Pantry has just completed a very exciting year of change and growth. We have seen our monthly families served number grow to an average of 250 families per month. The represents 2955 families(most are families that come each month) for the year and in terms of meal served, about 93,921.

The challenges of construction and adjusting to space usage were handled with help from Emmanuel and on January 7th 2008 the pantry moved into its new dedicated space. Emmanuel's renovation committee in conjunction with FOCUS was able to raise 25,000+ in grant monies to help with construction.

While we have been fortunate in receiving an increase in our State grant from \$50,000 to \$60,000 along with a few special gifts from our faith communities; overall support from these sources has fallen behind previous years.

We said goodbye to Peg Hanlon as our food manager and although we miss her, we have adjusted to a new way of doing things. In another light, we have been blessed with having Robert Boyd on board fulltime as an AmeriCorp staff person.

Pantry hours have changed and we are now open Mon thru Fri 10am to 1pm. This change has improved our ability to staff the pantry with volunteers and still meet the needs of our guests. I have always made it a rule to not list the names of volunteers because I always fear missing someone. You all know who you are and I want you to know how much a feel blessed with the time and effort you give to the Food Pantry. If you don't know who the volunteers are, you are invited to come by the pantry and meet some of them. You may decide that you want to contact Robert Boyd at 443-0460 and volunteer yourself.

God has blessed FOCUS with a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and given us the people and resources to make it happen. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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