



Crawford County Community Christian Help Center Newsletter

November 2023

Notes from the Director!

I have a lot of information to share with you in this newsletter! You will see that our numbers continue to increase, we have received great support from you financially, and you will also see just a few pictures from our last mobile food truck of the year.

Our costs to purchase food continue to rise so your continued support is greatly appreciated.

My wish for everyone this season is to take some time to give thanks for everything you have....food, clothing, shelter, health, love of family and friends. May God bless you with everything you need and a little of what you want!

Nancy Goodyear, Director



Last Truck of the Year

We held our last mobile food truck for the year in October at Grayling Evangelical Free Church. We served 149 households and greeted them with many smiling faces!!



September Stats:

Households served:	260
New households served:	30
Individuals served:	660
Donations received:	\$4,050
Food donations received:	\$7,696
Volunteer hours:	179

October Stats:

Households served:	271
New households served:	26
Individuals served:	666
Donations received:	\$5,519
Food donations received:	\$5,194
Volunteer hours:	206

Current Needs

- Cereal
- Pasta and rice sides
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Boxed potatoes
- Crackers

Community Thank You

You have stepped up with your support when we asked for help, and we can't thank you enough!!! We have received many individual donations along with many businesses and organizations. We cannot do what we do without all this support!! We especially want to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support these past couple of months:

- Eight area churches
- Rialto Theater
- Fraternal Order of Police
- Knights of Columbus
- Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel
- Kodiak Group
- Grayling Promotional Association
- Stephan Wood Products
- McLean's Ace Hardware
- Weyerhaeuser
- Jack Millikin, Inc.

Giving Tuesday

We are partnering with the North Central Michigan Community Foundation to raise funds on Giving Tuesday, November 28th. You can make a donation to the food pantry that day by going to their website, www.ncmcf.org and choosing us. 100% of your donation given in support of our organization on this day helps us further our mission. We thank you in advance!

Advent Calendar

Included in this newsletter is our Food Pantry Advent Calendar to be used in December this year. Beginning on December 1st and counting down to Christmas, place a food item in a basket or box. After Christmas, bring the full basket or box to the food pantry for distribution. This is a great way to countdown to Christmas and help your neighbors!

Hours of Service

Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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How You Can Help

- Continue to donate money and products
- Place monetary donations in collection boxes at the Medicine Shoppe, Grayling Restaurant and Two River Deli
- Share this newsletter with friends and family
- Save UPC symbols from Our Family products (formerly Spartan) – we share these with the school food pantry
- Let family, friends, and neighbors know about our services

Help Center Facts

- Established in March 1992
- Is a Michigan non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation
- Moved to current location in 1998
- Governed by a Board of Directors representative of local churches and agencies
- Supported by gifts, grants and donations from local community services, businesses, churches, and individuals
- Service Unit for Salvation Army

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:35,40