

Pantry Paper - DECEMBER 2013

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THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE TOY DRIVE WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST this year, with toys and wrapping supplies to be dropped off at the Pantry by Friday, December 20th. Volunteers are needed to keep an eye on the parked vehicles the evening before and the day of the Drive. To help call Steve Zarachoff.

MANY THANKS TO TROOP 22 AND PANTRY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE SCOUTING FOR FOOD NOV. 16TH A BIG SUCCESS During the day, the troop collected food at the Pantry, while Margaret Shively and Jeanne Bain made sure everything went smoothly. At 6 p.m. twenty volunteers unloaded 7 pallets of food from the Calabasas Drive Thru.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH The Rev. Rand Reasoner of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church is hosting a luncheon for representatives of the ten member congregations of the West Valley Food Pantry. It will be a chance to meet each other and to discuss how to further the goals of the Pantry.

SUPERMARKET FOOD DRIVE Help is needed Saturday, December 7th at Sprouts at Topanga/ Ventura and Saturday, December 14th at Albertson's on the south side of Victory west of Fallbrook. It consists of two-hour shifts, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. To sign up for the 7th, call Jeff Albee; for the 14th, call Carol Lombard. Also, we need a driver with a truck to pick up the food from the first drive and transport it to the Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HARVEST THE PRINCE OF PEACE GARDEN while its manager, Barbara Partridge, is on vacation during December. Just come in early for your shift and check the garden for ripe vegetables. The lettuce, swiss chard and kale is harvested by picking the outer leaves only, please. And thank you Barbara for your year-round devotion.

WE APPRECIATE OUR NOVEMBER SHIFT LEADERS Antje Brunner, Liz Chaneske, Jennifer Frost, Jinny Goodman, Phyllis Henkin,

Elissa Kaczorowski, Barbara Krauss, Carol Lombard, Leah Marks, Barbara Perkins, Jill Rotner, Kitty Sarkissian, Andrea Schwartz, Susan Steeb, Lee Tishler, and Karen Zarachoff.

VOLUNTEER NEWS We welcome our new in-Pantry volunteer Ed Combs and we thank his trainer Antje Brunner.

IF A GROUP DROPS OFF A DONATION, please ask them if they would like to receive a thank you note. If so, pull a donation card from the envelope on the bulletin board, fill it out and sign it. You'll need to ask their name and postal or email address, describe what they donated and **MAKE SURE THIS INFORMATION IS LEGIBLE**. Then return the card to the envelope, where it will be passed on to a note writer. When someone drops off a personal donation, give them the card to document a charitable deduction.

TRIBUTES For a minimum donation of \$5, you can honor or remember someone and, also, help the Pantry. Please send the name of the person you wish to remember/honor, the reason for it, and the address of the honoree or their family, along with your check, to Madeline Lewis, 6036 Shirley Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356. We wish to inform the honoree or their family that they've been honored. Also, please let us thank you by including your name and address.

PANTRY CLOSED DEC. 24TH - 27TH FOR CHRISTMAS, JAN 1ST

OCTOBER 2013 STATISTICS

	<u>P.O.P.</u>	<u>Rescate</u>
TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED	884	508
PEOPLE SERVED: Adults	1,434	917
Children	<u>589</u>	<u>688</u>
	2,023	1,605

Total contributions from individuals for the month were \$1425. Senior Wednesday, Nov. 6, 211 people got large food bags.