



Project Hope Happenings

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17



Welcome Jen!

In February we welcomed Jen Schell as On-site Coordinator to our Project Hope family. She will be at Project Hope part-time and will bring her volunteering experience and love for Project Hope to share with our clients. Here's a little more information from Jen...

I have volunteered at Project Hope for a couple of years. I enjoy walking guests through the pantry to make food selections however I have noticed that sometimes people get flustered about what they can make with the foods that they have selected. Quite often the foods we have on our shelves change based on what is available at the food pantry. I like to offer meal suggestions.

This has inspired us to pilot a new program during the month of March that we are calling Meal Plan pantry or Open Shopping. With this new Meal Plan pantry, we are going to offer packaged meal plan options and recipes with foods that we already have on our shelves. Our goal is to have six meal choices per month as well as a breakfast choice. Guests will still get to make their own snack choices. Our goal is to provide nourishment and convenience to our guests. If you have meal suggestions or any other ideas that would help our guests I would love to hear them!



A big thank you...

...to Dennis Magnuson for helping us obtain a new van! His expertise and advice let us move quickly to purchase the white van you may see at the top of

the driveway. We use the van weekly to pick up food items. The old truck was beyond repair, and personal vehicles were used for a short time to transport the food. What a blessing it is to have volunteers like these, and the means to carry out our work.

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Pantry Locations

Main Location:

Mon, Wed & Fri
11am - 2:45pm
3rd Tues of the Month
5pm - 7pm

Satellite Pantries:

Holy Cross Lutheran

4117 Terrace Dr.
3rd Thurs of the Month
5pm - 7pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran

1725 S. 60th St.
3rd Sat of the month
10am - 12pm

Morsels of Info:



Like us on Facebook to get up to the minute updates from our pantry.



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Planning Your Spring Garden?

Just like many of you, several churches and neighborhoods have community gardens. Project Hope would like to encourage you to plant an extra row to help our clients. Fresh produce provides many micronutrients and fiber, not to mention variety, that typical food donations do not. Our clients receive much canned vegetables and fruit, but seldom fresh product. Many of our clients live in apartments and don't have an opportunity to grow their own produce. We would love to be a recipient of your extra harvest this spring and summer. This would be an excellent youth group project. What a great way to teach kids about nature, creation and loving our neighbors! If you have questions, you can call (402-453-7649) and chat with Max or Jen about your produce donations.



This Scholarship Can Benefit Project Hope, Too!

Have you or someone you know worked to help the hungry in Omaha? *There's a scholarship for that!* The Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships, \$5,000 for student's education, and a matching grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice! Application period is October-November. Get more information online at: <http://us.stop-hunger.org>



Thank you to all of our donors who so generously donated financially last year. And to those who donated in-kind donations to our ministries. You have all been a huge part of our continued service to others.

We love our Volunteers!

We are always in need of volunteers to help our clients with all of their food and clothing needs. There are different opportunities from helping clients directly with their pantry, sorting donations when they come in, hanging and organizing clothing and greeting. We have opportunities for volunteers during the week on pantry days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and on Thursdays, our delivery day from the food bank, 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please call and chat with Max, our volunteer coordinator, at (402) 453-7649.





OMAHA GIVES!

Omaha's 5th annual 24-hour charitable challenge is happening on May 24. The giving begins at midnight with a minimum \$10 donation and hourly drawings and prizes make your donations go further. So start gathering your circles and get ready for another great big give-together!

Omaha Gives! is organized by the Omaha Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie counties. Omaha Gives! inspires the community to come together for 24-hours to give as much as possible to support the work of public 501(c)(3) nonprofits in the metro area.



Did You Know?

If you're looking for somewhere new to donate your gently used items, think of Project Hope when cleaning out your closets and pantries. Your donated "thrift" items are available at no charge to the clients, and Project Hope does not benefit from passing them along. The need is great: clothing items do not usually last long on the racks, and house-

hold items go to homes where they are much appreciated. We do ask that you bring seasonally appropriate clothes in the interest of saving space and not having to do a lot of storing of out-of-season clothing. Baby items, blankets, even socks in good condition. Books, magazines, and videos/DVDs. Our clients are grateful for them.

Your food donations go directly to our clients and we thank you for them. Your financial donations allow us to purchase food at a discounted rate from the Food Bank for the Heartland when our shelves are low. Most of our meats are purchased from the food bank. We also help supply families with baby and personal care items.

ITEMS NEEDED

Our greatest food needs right now are for:

- Food: non-expired, non-perishable items, especially cereal and canned beans
- Clothing: in all sizes, from newborn to adult
- Baby needs: diapers, especially sizes 4, 5 & 6, diaper rash cream, and tear-free shampoo/body wash
- personal care items: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & tooth brushes, soap, conditioner, bar soap, feminine hygiene products
- Paper products: dish liquid, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex tissue, small bottles of laundry detergent
- household items: pots, pans, dishes, books, videos, toys

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