



Nickels and Dimes Newsletter

FALL 2018

Letter from the Director

Well, we have made it through a hot summer, school has started and we only have a few weeks till fall is here! Truthfully, we have done more than just made it through, we have shone the Light to those trapped in darkness, we have encouraged our neighbors, loved the lost, fed the hungry, helped the needy, interceded for those in pain, wept with those who are weeping and laughed with others. "My heart hurts from this heaviness Lord, but I will serve as You have commanded," I said.

As we get into a mode of preparing for upcoming food drives, volunteer projects and upcoming holiday programs, we want to catch you up with all that God has been doing. We have seen huge increases in our numbers for food and especially for financial assistance. Thankful that through all of your faithful support we have been able to meet these needs. We have hit close to 150 families each month and the depletion of resources in the pantry have sent us scrambling to the stores almost daily this summer. Higher temperatures have sent many families utilities soaring, while job losses have caused others to struggle with keeping a roof over their head. As always, I am amazed how one continues on in spite of their struggles and constantly hear, "well maybe you need to help someone that is hurting worse than me." On many occasions this summer we have cried with our clients whose pain seemed more than one should have to bare.

More than ever we have continued to see our numbers increase for our Senior Citizen and Disability Programs," how can we keep up Lord?", I ask daily.

We had a great harvest in the garden this year from potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, radishes, squash, corn, green beans and even with the heat we were still harvesting tomatoes and cucumbers. After the really hot days we all went out as a staff and picked several bushels of some of the sweetest and juiciest peaches ever, along with a few apples and pears. The joy of watching some of the seniors as they took a bite into those juicy bits of goodness was such a blessing to our hearts and theirs, "Do you love Me?", He gently asks.

We will need to expand this year in order to accommodate the demands of donations for the Thrift Store, so we have begun to look at building here on the property. We will let you know once plans have been completed how all of this will look and come together. It is taking so much more to keep things going here and we look forward to space to sell more items to help meet those increasing demands. The struggle to balance it all has left me crying out, "I'm tired My Lord," "we are almost done my child!" He replies.

Please pray with us as we seek His will and His heart as we serve. Not my will, but Thy will be done!

Denise Butler

Executive Director

Greetings from Client Assistance

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

For the first half of this year we have provided \$99,435.00 worth of food! This does not even include all the produce or other items that were distributed through the pantry.

HELPING THE NEEDY

We have provided \$25,095.91 in other services for families the first half of this year. Serving 908 families in total for this time frame.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There have been 28 families completing classes and looking to implement some

changes in their lives. We were able to spend hours praying and talking with so many hurting.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are making plans for all of our upcoming Holiday programs so be sure and let us know if you would like to help out with donations to make these events successful.

Ask your group to consider and Adopt a Shelf in our pantry to help meet the demands.

Maybe you would like to join our volunteer force to help us keep up the workload.

Pantry Needs

Canned carrots, mixed veggies, spinach, potatoes, greens, black beans, pintos and pork n beans

Canned Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta
Canned Chicken, Salmon and Chili

Peanut Butter Crackers, Raisins, Cornbread Mix, Jello or Pudding Cups

Dish Soap, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Razors and Toilet paper



Opportunity to Give

Please use this donation for

Food Pantry _____ Client Assistance _____ General _____

Building Program _____ Ferris Satellite Office _____

In honor of _____ or

In Memory of _____

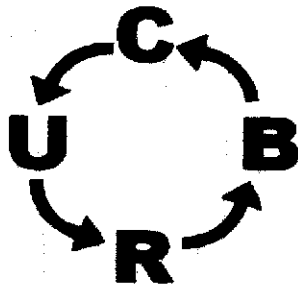


Thrift Store Happenings

Summer has been full, fun and fast for us, June being one of our busiest months ever. With numerous donations and the extra summer clothing we had stored away the shelves have been packed all summer and we barely had time to get all of the 4th of July into the store but it has come and gone and

the store is overflowing with Fall Decorations if you are looking for any. We so appreciate your generosity in providing your gently used items to help us keep helping those in need. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see all our new items for sale with multiple postings daily!

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Come Gather at the **CURB**

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This is a new to us venture this year, where we have hosted quarterly events for ladies to come craft and support NECO at the same time. Follow North Ellis County Outreach on Facebook so you won't miss out!



Thank You!

Faithful warriors who keep all our little honey do jobs done, who come rescue us when donations are heavy, you have worked hard to do those not so fun jobs that keep piling up, you have lifted and hauled heavy items, cleaned out the gutters and shopped for us. We Love you much!