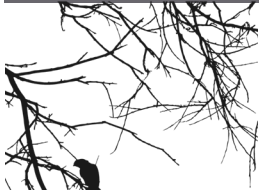




Project Hope Happenings

PROJECT Winter Edition, 2016
HOPE

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“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, ‘It will be happier.’”
- Alfred Lord Tennyson

As we perch on the threshold of 2016, we at Project Hope are enthralled with the potential of the new year. Supporters like you provided blessing after blessing in 2015; will you help do the same this year?

In this winter edition, refresh yourself about our pantry needs (“Renew, Remind, Refresh”), learn about our new addition (“In with the New”), explore the many ways you can donate (“Resolution Solution”), and catch up on our announcements (“Come Make Some Noise!”).

Renew, Remind, Refresh

As a client choice food pantry, we pride ourselves in offering a wide selection for our clients. All types of non-perishable food items are appreciated, and popular items include cereal, peanut butter, tuna, fruit juice, crackers, pasta noodles, and soup. Personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toilet paper, diapers, laundry soap, and dish soap are also included as options in pantries.

In addition to our regulated food pantry, we offer clothing to clients on an as-needed basis. During these winter months, donations of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, and winter coats are especially appreciated.

Items that we do not accept or no longer need include wire hangers, plastic bags, used undergarments, and ripped or stained clothing.

To see an up-to-date list of urgent needs, please visit our website at www.projecthopeomaha.org.

In with the New

Many thanks to Jonathan Helmberger for building a weather-tight storage shed for Project Hope! Building this shed was Jonathan’s Eagle Scout Project.

Pictured are Lori Lindberg (Project Hope Executive Director), Jonathan, and Pr. Diana Kuhl (Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church).



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Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am - 4pm
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Pantry Hours & 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

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We extend our warmest thanks to the following* who have given in-kind donations such as food, clothing, and personal care items during the 2015 calendar year. It is through the generosity and thoughtfulness of our many donors that we are able to serve as many people as we do!

**We do our best to keep written records of in-kind donations, but sometimes names slip through the cracks. We greatly apologize to those who were mistakenly missing from the fall newsletter and any who may be missing from this list.*

Amy Ghegan	Gretna Neighbors	Nola Mills
Andrea Serflaten-Lamm	Helen Oldenkamp	Pacific Hills Lutheran Church
Angela Thomas	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Pat Meisel
Anita Larson Andres	Jen Rabine	Patrice Meiners
Arlene Lee	Jeremy & Marni Frandson	Phillip Becher
Ashley Drake	John Marty	Rebecca Hurt
Augustana Lutheran Church	Jolene Wells-Pudron	Rejoice! Lutheran Church
Ballard Fleming	Jonetta Ladd	Resurrection Lutheran Church
Barb Volenik	Joni Mortensen	Richard and Lorraine Planck
Barry Arnold	Kathleen Rummel	Rick Iske
Bethel Lutheran Church	Kathy Nelson	Rob & Linda Johns
Betty Neben	Kay Drain	Ruth Johnson
Bobby Lucas	Keith Rummel	Sandy Leimer
Bonita Trompke	Ken Fortney	Sarah Garber
Bonnie Seem	Knit Wits (Rejoice Lutheran Church)	Sarah Marty
Bonnie & Jim Vandenberg	Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church	Sharon & Nelson Newman
BP	Laurel Revers	Shawn Lorenzen
Brad Abbott	Leah Wyatt	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Braumm Eye Center	Leanne Perryman	Sherry Hansen
Bruce & Jayne Dean	LaDonna Clary	Sienna Francis House
Calvary Lutheran Church	LaDonna Middendorf	St Michael Lutheran Church
Cathy Urwin	Leon Komar	St Thomas Lutheran Church
Charlie Allen	Lola Spraling	St. Johns Lutheran Church
Cheryl Matthews	Lord of Love Lutheran Church	St. Mark Lutheran Church
Dana Engel	Luther Memorial	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millard
Darcy Cottone	Lutheran Church of the Master	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Omaha
DeAnna Kochen	Marcy Lillethorup	St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
Deb Becker	Mark Bandemer	Susan Dabney
Diana Greenblatt-Seay	Mark Sall	Susan Salks
Diane Burt	Marla Serflaten	Susan Ties
Dolores Most	Mary Meyer	Sven Jasinski
Don Jorgensen	Melinda Classen	Trinity Lutheran Church
Don Kusek	Michelle Wyatt	Verna Peterson
ENCAP	Modern Woodmen of America	Vicki Littler
Erin & Greg Salton	Mount Olive Lutheran Church	Wilda Adams
Gethsemane Baptist Church	Mt Calvary Lutheran Church	Woody Peet
Gina Pierce	Nikki & Ryan Spurgeon	Zena Alexander
Gloria Washington		Zion Lutheran Church
Grace Parys		

Facing the Waters of 2016

My new office calendar contains a Bible verse for each month. January's verse is Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." What waters did you pass through in 2015? What waters will you face in 2016?

While many of us are blessed with times of calm, a large majority of our clients have to deal with these waters every single day of their lives. Their "waters" may be loss of a job, fighting addictions, facing mental health issues, loss of family or friends, depletion of their health, lack of housing, or any other myriad of difficulties. Project Hope's goal for 2016 is to help those living in poverty get through the waters of food insecurity.

We were blessed with generous donations during the final months of last year, but that food will not last us more than a month. Please consider organizing a food drive or donating financially to our pantry so as to keep our shelves filled throughout 2016. We appreciate your help and partnership in the very crucial ministry that we are providing for the people of Omaha and surrounding areas.

Blessings!
Lori

Resolution Solution

Still trying to set your New Year's resolution? We've got you covered! This year, we challenge you to support Project Hope in a manner which you have *never* done before. Choose from the list below, or use an idea of your own!

- Put the "fun" in "fundraising" by running events like SOUPERbowl Sunday, Stuff the Truck, Food Finder Scavenger Hunt, and Penny Wars.
- See Project Hope in action by stopping in to volunteer.
- Donate instantly from the comfort of your home by using the secure Paypal donation button on our website.
- Utilize the perks of your everyday purchases by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars and by shopping through AmazonSmile.
- Spread the word by encouraging a friend to support Project Hope.



Thanks for your continued support!

Add Some Spring to Our Step

This year we wish to replace our food truck. It is used to pick up our weekly shipment from the food bank. Consider designating a donation for this project today!

Come Make Some Noise!

You're Invited!

We have openings on the Project Hope Board of Directors. Contact us if you are interested in joining!

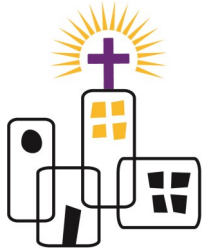
Save the Date

Omaha Gives will take place on May 25th this year. Be sure to mark it down on your shiny new calendars!



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A food and clothing pantry
 serving North Omaha and
 surrounding areas.

Pantry Services in 2014 and 2015

MONTH	2014 HOUSEHOLDS	2014 INDIVIDUALS	2015 HOUSEHOLDS	2015 INDIVIDUALS
Jan	644	1,553	487	1,095
Feb	442	884	364	717
Mar	605	1,310	437	971
April	648	1,519	429	917
May	511	1,150	346	744
June	609	1,557	397	899
July	649	1,639	423	963
Aug	681	1,617	353	713
Sept	622	1,512	339	826
Oct	530	1,168	444	1,041
Nov	814	1,909	737	1,653
Dec	475	1,099	402	901
Totals	7,230	16,917	5,158	11,440

2015 numbers are lower because of our move in October 2014. We anticipate an increase in our 2016 numbers as word gets out that we are here and available to help those in need.



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