



Northeast Community Fund

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MAY-JUNE NEWSLETTER

NECF FACTS:

- **1,306** food boxes were given out in March – including **103 new families** never served before
- **1,319** food boxes were given in April – including **144 new families** never served before
- **1,529** food boxes were given out in May – including **168 new families** never served before
- So far we have assisted **507** new families with food this year.
- We have given out **5,735** total food boxes so far in 2011
- So far we have helped **11,683** people with food baskets including **3,922** children
- We are helping **20-25** families with furniture referrals each Wednesday

SINCE JANUARY:

- We have helped----- **70** people with a bus card to assist them getting to the doctor or to work.
- We have helped----- **29** different families with diapers for their baby.
- We have helped----- **56** different families with baby formula.
- We have helped----- **104** people with prescription medication for a total of **\$2,667.19**
- We have received--- **537** – separate food or financial donations.

Plus... We continue to help people with Ameren utility bills, water bills, obtaining ID's to get a job, some over-night lodging to make a difference in the lives of people in the Decatur community. We are able to do this because of so many donations. Thank you to so many people who generously support this ministry.

THANK YOU

LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to the many people who gave food for this project – AND to the Letter Carriers who collected the food. This was a huge help to our food pantry.

EARTHMOVER CREDIT UNION

Thank you for a laser printer that we're using in the office. What a blessing it is to have quality equipment.

LAND OF LINCOLN CREDIT UNION

Thank you to Mr. Matt Baldwin for IT expertise and for helping us networking all of our computers together. Land of Lincoln Credit Union also gave us computers that have been a great help to our total operation.

MANY GROUPS WHO COME TO VOLUNTEER

Thank you to the volunteers from ADM, from TARGET, SPECIAL FAMILY WITH 2 CHILDREN- came and volunteered on our food line. They wanted to have the experience of serving people. After being here just one morning, they decided to come every Monday morning to help us. What a blessing!



LSA STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS

Thank You for the great response to **"THE UNDY 500"**. LSA students, staff and parents brought in **1,500** packages of new underwear for us to give to people. The day they brought these in a family came in who had just had a fire where everything they owned was destroyed. We were able to give them new underwear for each person in the family. Also the students collect a weekly offering at Chapel and they gave us a check for **\$880.92**. This was their Chapel offering for May. **What a tremendous blessing!**

PRAISE STORIES

1. We started a Facebook Page in January right after the fire to communicate quickly with people. As of June 6th we have over 1,400 people on our Facebook Page. We are putting positive information, praise stories, information about the groups that volunteer with us, ways for people to give that allow people to share. **What a blessing this has become for us. I would encourage you to join us.**

2. We praise the Lord for Mike, the director, and the Midwest Food Bank in Bloomington for giving us extra food during the month. **He and the Midwest Food Bank have been a blessing as the need for food increases here in Decatur.**

3. We ALSO praise the Lord for The Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield. They continue to provide food for us as the need for food increases. **Thank you to the great people who work there.**

4. Both The Midwest Food Bank and The Central Illinois Food Bank provides about 50% of the total amount of food that we pass out. Many individuals, groups, schools and organizations bring in food that helps us assist families with food. We praise the Lord for all of these people who help. **Each of you make a huge different**

5. Thank you to Scott Bowers and Fast Impressions for the printing they do for us. We certainly appreciate everything that all of the workers at Fast Impressions do for Northeast Community Fund. **God Bless the workers there.**

6. An organization from Kentucky came on Monday to load a big box truck with winter clothes that we had stored upstairs. What a blessing this was for us and for them. Debbie and her daughter, son and his friend volunteered on the Friday before to help us prepare for them. The students needed some school community service hours and Debbie helped. A special church group also volunteered on Saturday and helped organize hundreds of boxes of clothes that helped us prepare for the truck. We really appreciate all of these people who gave us special help on this project. The clothes are really needed by the people in three different communities in the Appalachia area of the United States. Thank you to everyone who helped. **What a blessing this will be for them!**

7. A man came in about 1:30 one day and asked us for a food box. He told us that he has been homeless living in his car. The police have told him that he can't stay in his car at certain places. He has been looking for a place to stay. He is walking 5-7 hours a day (since the price of gas is so high) applying at many places. We told him about several possibilities for work. A lady was sitting listening to the conversation and she said, "I didn't mean to overhear, but I have an extra room in my house that you can stay at until you can get a job." The man's mouth dropped in surprise and said he was very grateful. The lady wrote her address down for him and told him to come and see her. We assisted the man with some food and he left with a huge smile on his face. **God continues to bless.**

8. We have had several clients come in with food donations telling us that they want to help by giving back because we have helped them. They tell us they have "too much peanut butter", "some extra cans of green beans we want to donate", or "we have some extra food that we would like to give back to help others". **We always appreciate and feel blessed as people want to help others.**

9. We praise the Lord for so many great clients. We have several clients who come in to help in the free clothing room by cleaning and straighten things up. We like the fact some of the clients want to take ownership of "their clothing room". They tell me they appreciate all that we do for them and they want to give back in a little way. They want to help keep it clean and organized. **We appreciate this help very much. God bless our clients.**

10. We have had some ladies who are using coupons to obtain items for almost free from many businesses here in Decatur. They will bring hygiene items for us to give away. We really appreciate all that they do. You are welcome to bring in all coupons from the Herald and Review or any coupons you have to help obtain additional items at a reduced cost. This is an additional way for us to have more items to hand out to our clients. Thank You so much. **This has been a huge blessing for us.**

God continues to bless us. Thank you for your food or financial donation.