



Northeast Community Fund

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NEWSLETTER – APRIL-MAY, 2012

150 Easter Food Boxes

This was the third year we have been able to give out Easter Food Boxes. We have always chosen families with children for these food boxes. What a blessing it was to be able to help so many families at this special time of the year.

These are the items we were able to place in the box.

Ham or Turkey 6lb. avg	@ .19 lb	- \$1.14
Jasmine Rice 2 lb. pkg	@ .19 lb	- \$0.38
Pasta Alley Pasta 1 pkg	donated	- \$0.00
Corn 2 cans	@ .59	- \$1.18
Green Beans 2 cans	@ .59	- \$1.18
Yams 1/2 lb.	@ 2.06 lb	- \$1.03
Scalloped Potatoes 1 box	@1.19	- \$1.19
Jiffy Corn Muffin 1 box	@.49	- \$0.49
Cream of Mushroom	@.59	- \$0.59
Jello 2 boxes	@.35	- \$0.70
Margarine 1 lb.	@ .79	- \$0.79
Bread 1 loaf	@.89	- \$0.89
Milk 1 gallon	@2.53	- \$2.53
Eggs 1 dozen	donated	- \$0.00
Northern Beans 1 lb.	@ 1.09	- \$1.09
Onion Rings 2 lbs.	@ .19	- \$0.38
Cranberry Sauce 1 can	donated	- \$0.00
Candy 2 lb bag	@ .19 lb	- \$0.38
Ice Cream 1/2 gallon	donated	- \$0.00
Toothpaste 1 tube	@ .47	- \$0.47
Deodorant 1 bottle	@ .14	- \$0.14
Shampoo 1 bottle	@.61	- \$0.61
Hand Sanitizer 1 bottle	@ .58	- \$0.58
Toilet Tissue 1 roll	@ .25	- \$0.25
Paper Towels 1 roll		- \$0.38
Gum, toys, coloring books, crayons	donated	

Total per box - **\$16.29 per box**

- We handed out 150 Easter Boxes in 2012

- Total cost of this project **\$2,443.25**

What a blessing this has been for the families this year. We praise the Lord for His goodness and favor that has allowed us to serve so many families.

NECF Stats for Jan-April- 2012

Food Boxes given out in January	1,681
Individuals served in January	3,419
New families served in January	134
Food Boxes given out in February	1,182
Individuals served in February	2,636
New families served in February	72
Food Served given out in March	1,541
Individuals served in March	3,038
New Families served in March	78
Food Boxes given out in April	1,502
Individuals served in April	2,360
New Families served in March	118

From Jan, 2004 through April, 2012 we have given out – **101,703** food boxes.....Praise the Lord!



SATURDAY

May 12, 2012

**LETTER
CARRIER**

FOOD DRIVE

**“HELP STAMP
OUT HUNGER”**

**PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE
DONATIONS IN A BAG
BY YOUR MAILBOX.
THE MAIL CARRIERS WILL PICK IT
UP AND IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO
A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY**

Tate and Lyle – 200 Blankets

We want to thank Tate and Lyle for the gift of 200 blankets to the NECF. What a blessing is for many people here in Decatur.

We praise the Lord for His Goodness. He continues to more than meet the increasing need for the families that come in to see us.

Prairie Farms – Ice Cream

Thank you to Prairie Farms for their regular gift of ½ gallons of ice cream that we give out to all of the families who come in for food. We are glad that this community business chooses to partner with us so that we can bless many families.

CBS Evening News was here on April 18

Mr. Howard Buffett, a local farmer, and philanthropist has challenged the farmers across the Midwest to either plant an acre of vegetables or donate the profits from an acre of land to Feeding America. This organization is the umbrella that distributes food to the food banks in America. If every farmer would make this commitment, this would bring in quite of bit of food to the local food pantry. CBS Evening News came to the NECF and spend some time with some our clients asking them how important the local food pantry is for them. We are honored that we were chosen for this event.

Pepsi – of Decatur

Thank You for all of the drinks that are donated to us on a regular basis. This is a tremendous blessing to the many families we serve each week.

Lincoln Trails Council Boy Scouts

Thank you to Lincoln Trails Council of Boy Scouts for their “Scouting For Food Project. They took bags to some houses in the Decatur then a week later collected the bags of food. What a great project. I had a lady call me asking if she and her husband could just send in a check donation instead of putting some food in the bag. Of course I said, “yes”. What a blessing it was for our food supply. From April 16th - 20th alone we distributed food to nearly 500 families in those four days. Thanks to the Boy Scouts. Praise the Lord for this food.

Special Anonymous Donation

About 2-3 times a month we receive an envelope with no return address and hand-written note. Inside the folded note is a cash donation. This is always a joy to receive this in the mail. God continues to bless us through many gifts from many different people. Thank you Lord.

We have assisted **402** new families with food so far January-April – 2012. In 2011 we assisted **344** new families, during the same four months. Praise the Lord for His goodness.

FACEBOOK

As of May 4, 2012 we have 2,424 friends. We continue to post positive stories that share how God is blessing us so that we can bless others. After our fire, January 4, 2011 we started our facebook page. I thought that we may get 50 “friends” totally. I continue to be amazed how the Lord is blessing this aspect of our mission and ministry.

We post stories sharing how God blesses clients who come to see us.

We would invite you to join us. Our name on Facebook is Northeast Community-Fund.

Doctor’s Medical Auxiliary

The Doctor’s Medical Auxiliary brought in a check for \$500.00. They asked that we use this money for either food or medical needs. Thank you very much for this special gift.

PRAISE STORIES

- (From a post on our Facebook page) - “Cheryl wrote...”*I was coming home today from a friend’s house and saw this man with his 2 thin dogs standing with a sign “homeless and will work.” I passed him and God started tugging at my heart, so I got home went downstairs in my stockpile and got some dog food and dog treats, body wash and soup and took it back to him. Of course he was a retired Vet and it meant so much to me to help this special. I got in my car and cried all the way home.”*

This is a great testimony from one of our friends on the Northeast Community Fund Page showing how God works in our lives.

- “A lady who donates to us regularly came in about 2 weeks ago. As she loaded up her car she put her purse on top of the car and drove off. She didn’t realize that her purse had fallen off of the car. She came to see us and was pretty distraught thinking that she may have to replace all of her important documents. We encouraged her in the Lord. She got home without finding it. A man found her purse, took it to a local gas station and they called her. She went up there and found everything still in the purse-including the money she had. She came in today and thanked us for encouraging her to thank the Lord in all things.”

- On one Wednesday, when we give out furniture referrals and also household items, we gave five crock pots to five families without a stove. This is great and allows these families to have a hot meal. What a joy to be able to help these families.