



Over 20 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Notes From The Pantry

Winter 2016

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Happy 2016! So much has happened since our last newsletter in August. Thanks to all of you, 2015 was a wonderful year. Not only were we able to meet the food needs of everyone who came for assistance, but as you will see inside, we were thrilled to be able to expand services and add some new programs.

The *Food Rescue Program* has been a big success and last year our warehouse crew and volunteers "rescued" 80,000 lbs. of food from area supermarkets - over 3.3 tons a month! Our new *Kitchen to Table Program* is a hit with all involved including the volunteer chefs, home delivery clients and those who deliver their groceries. It is such a blessing to be able to bring special home made meals to our most vulnerable participants. The *We've Got Your Back Program* made it possible to send 600 client children off to school with new backpacks and supplies reducing the pressure a bit on their families. All in all a great year.

2016 is off to a great start. Thanks to an extremely generous three year challenge grant from the **Edmund & Virginia Moriarty Charitable Foundation**, we have launched the Education, Advocacy and Civic Engagement program which is being headed up by our own Erin Long. As most of you know, we have always believed strongly in working closely with the youth of our community to educate them about the issue of hunger and empower them to develop tools to make a difference for those in need. Through this grant we can now expand these programs, develop internships for local students and work together to ensure all have access to a secure supply of food.

When next you come up here, you will also see some new faces. At the front desk, Dana Billia, the receptionist on

Monday through Wednesday has left to have a baby and will not be returning. We wish her well and can't wait to meet the new addition. Lenora Caamano, who covered the desk on Thursday and Friday will be moving to a new position as administrative assistant to Maureen Papili, our Office Manager. Maureen, who handles all acknowledgements, manages all our databases and is our IT coordinator, has been in need of additional help for a long time and Lenora has graciously agreed to step in and fill the need.

Stepping in to take over covering the front desk full time and also serving as the administrative assistant for Client Services is Denise Hurtado-Valdez who joined the team mid January. Please say hello and welcome her aboard next time you visit.

Over the holidays we get many thank you notes from our clients. As we start a new year, I wanted to share just one with all of you to let you know how grateful our clients are for all you have made possible.

"I just wanted to say thank you for all you do & all you have given and taught my family. I had been to pantries before but never one that taught me how to use the food in a healthy way, never one where the staff and volunteers treated me with such respect, nor one that assisted all year long with school supplies, Thanksgiving and even Christmas. If you don't know, please understand that your help and service are greatly appreciated by my family. I don't have money to help but if you need my time it is yours for the asking. Be blessed!"

Thank you all for always being there whenever we need you.

Rosemary

Current Needs*

- ▶ **Dry milk** (1 qt. pkg.) & **Parmalat** (shelf stable milk) 32 oz.
- ▶ **Soups** (regular, hearty and low sodium)
- ▶ Canned fruit or 100% juice (32 oz) (no sugar added)
- ▶ Pasta (white or whole wheat) and spaghetti sauce
- ▶ Dried or canned beans (pork & beans, pinto, red, white, black)
- ▶ **Canned meats and meals**, hash, stew, tuna fish
- ▶ **Rice** - white or brown (1 or 2 lb. size)
- ▶ Rice-a-Roni, Mac 'n' Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- ▶ **Boost or Ensure or Glucerna**
- ▶ **Enfamil** Infant Formula (not newborn)
- ▶ **Baby food** - Stage 1 fruits, Stages 2 & 3 Vegetables and Meats

* When shopping consider low-salt, low-sugar and gluten-free items.

"Making Hunger Disappear" Our 17th Annual Spring Gala

Friday, April 8, 2016



- ▶ Strolling magicians and live band
- ▶ Cocktails & dinner
- ▶ Auctions, raffles & more!



Youth In Action



★ **Abby Geddes** displays some of the School Supplies she gathered for the IFP while working toward her Girl Scout Gold Award.

And our thanks to...

- **Claire Verga**, who brought to the IFP 112 lbs. of food received instead of birthday presents.
- **Christopher Neuner** for his donation of 110 lbs. of food he received in lieu of gifts for his 8th birthday.
- **Leah Weinstock**, who donated 101 lbs. of food received for her 9th birthday.
- **Hudson Yee**, for the 76 lbs. of food donated in honor of his 7th birthday.
- **Alex Padewski**, who gathered 52 lbs of food for his 9th birthday.
- **Zoey Shabazz**, who donated 'a turkey and the fixings' in honor of her birthday.

We are grateful to **Cub Scout Pack 133** of Mendham for its efforts on the Pantry's behalf. Working toward achieving the "Bear" rank, the scouts spread awareness of food needs to Pack families and then orchestrated a food drive. Thanks for the 472 pounds of food!

Hunger Free Halloween



Gina Carrasquillo's "Trick or Treat" this year was all about gathering nonperishable food or funds for the Pantry, instead of candy for herself. Inspired by a client who spoke at her school, Gina (and mom **Dana Roberti**) reached out to neighbors who donated 188 lbs. of food and \$100!



7-year old **Rylie Thomas** raised funds for the IFP by doing nice things for family and friends and putting donations in her Tzedakah (charity) box. Pictured above is Rylie with her parents, Jim and Mandy.

Delbarton Hunger Walk

The Students of Delbarton School once again laced up their walking shoes for their October 24th Hunger Walk, raising \$5,935 to support our program. Over the course of 2015 the students from Delbarton, who volunteer with us regularly, and their families have contributed nearly 7 tons of food through their monthly drives and "Souper Bowl" events. We are thrilled to be honoring Delbarton this year at our Annual Spring Gala. *See page 5 for details.*



Professional wrestlers helped **Ryan Mizhir** 'wrestle against hunger' in an official match hosted for his 7th birthday. Ryan donated 291 lbs. of food gathered in lieu of gifts from his 37 guests!

Food Drive Honor Roll

We are very grateful to all who conduct food drives for the IFP throughout the year. In addition to those mentioned elsewhere on this page, the following youth groups donated more than 200 pounds of food or \$200 from September through December, to help keep the Pantry shelves stocked. A big THANKS to all! (*Donation in pounds unless otherwise marked.*)

Academy Street Elementary School, Dover, 2,537
 Gill St. Bernard's School, Gladstone, 2,183
 Madison High School, 1,965
 Peck School, Morristown, 1,880
 Memorial Junior School, Whippany, 1,732
 Red Oaks School, Morristown, 1,131
 Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, 1,100
 Valley View Elementary School, Montville, 870
 Washington Avenue School, Chatham, 744
 Morris Hills High School, Rockaway, 717
 Assumption School, Morristown, 710

Mountview Road School, Cedar Knolls, 685
 Cub Scouts Pack 24, Chatham, 577
 Whippany Park High School, Whippany, 558
 Primrose School, Florham Park, 505
 Cub Scout Pack 133, Brookside, 472
 Daisy Troop 96592, Florham Park, 409
 Rockaway Valley School, Boonton, 397
 Girl Scout Troop 95750, Morris Plains, 386
 Sussex Avenue School, Morristown, 366
 Mountain View School, Mendham, 365
 Intervale School, Boonton, 329

Morris Plains Coop. Nursery School, 311
 Unity Charter School, Morristown, 310
 Mendham High School, 305
 Harding Township School, 274
 Morris Catholic High School, Denville, 265
 St. Elizabeth's Montessori School, Parsippany, 250
 Park Lake School, Rockaway, 244
 Little Promises Academy, Randolph, 232
 Parsippany Hills High School, 215
 Drew University, Madison, 209
 Girl Scout Troop 96261, Morris Plains, \$200

Volunteer News

Pot Luck Gathering to Say "Thanks!"

IFP staff and Board of Trustees gathered for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner with more than 120 volunteers on Thursday October 15 at **St. Virgil's Church** in Morris Plains to celebrate the work of all those who give freely of their time and talent and to recognize a few who've gone the extra mile with their commitment to the Pantry.

Erla Ambrose, volunteer extraordinaire, was recognized with a **5,000 Hour Award** as part of the Pot Luck Dinner festivities. Way to go Erla! (See her story below.)

The **Golden Apple Award** was given to **Bruce Crawford**, who began volunteering at the pantry in 2008. Bruce wears many hats, and has contributed 1,600 hours helping out in many areas, including the annual Gala, Home Delivery, special events, distribution and giving a hand with mailings. He observed *"My work with the pantry has been rewarding, in a good-for-the-soul sort of way. And I've been blessed to work with wonderful colleagues, both staff and volunteer."* Congratulations, Bruce!

One Call Care Management received the **Group Golden Apple Award** for its support throughout the year, including monetary, food, school supplies and volunteers. We are so grateful to you! Heartfelt thanks are extended to all our volunteers - we couldn't do what we do without each of you! Special thanks are also given to **One Call Care Management** for underwriting our event, to St. Virgil's, our host, and their FISH youth ministry for all their help.

Volunteer Holiday Open House

Roughly 80 volunteers, family and friends gathered for lunch December 11 at the Interfaith Food Pantry to celebrate another successful year of making a difference. We are grateful to you all!



Above, volunteers Bev Hall, and Barbara and Kent Werry pause during the festivities to smile for the camera.

5,000 Hours of Heart and Hands



While a self-described "woman of few words," **Erla Ambrose** (pictured at left) is a dedicated volunteer who speaks through action and service. She came to the IFP shortly after retiring, searching for something that would allow her to "volunteer for the good of others." Her first contact was a simple food donation at Thanksgiving 2001. She was amazed at what she saw and has been helping out ever since!

Erla's involvement has shifted over the years, first helping out once a week with distribution and then expanding to multiple days, sorting donated food in what was dubbed "the cave" at the old West Hanover address. As with the rest of the staff and volunteers, Erla enjoys the bright, spacious new Pantry and Resource Center, and can usually be found in what is fondly called "Erla's Fine Sorting Room" as often as three times a week.

Erla says the most important reason why she continues at the IFP is that it fulfills a need in her to do something worthwhile. She feels she truly is *"making a difference in someone's life."* *"This is a way to give back to the community and I see how grateful people really are! I also enjoy working with the staff and other volunteers; they are all so nice and we laugh a lot!"*

Erla encourages others to get involved in some type of volunteer endeavor. *"If I weren't doing what I'm doing here I would be doing it someplace else as long as there was a need."*

We are grateful that the IFP is where she has chosen to serve!



IFP volunteer **Maria Johnson** face paints visitor **Kenai Reyes Vidal** during the festival.

the booth to learn more about who we are and what we do. Special thanks to our booth sponsor **Bell Environmental** (*"Where's Roscoe?"*).

Fall Festival Fun

IFP volunteers helped to make it another successful **Fall Festival**, which was held on the Green in Morristown in September. Many people stopped by

Welcome New Volunteers!

Jessica Brandao	Allen Hamilton	Walter Marx
Robert Chmely	MaryAnn Kasper	Cathy Rahfls
Lynn & John	Patsy & Jeff Kreitman	Elaine Robinson
Devereux	Betty Lade	Gracye Seitz
Ralph & Lydia	Catherine Marshall	Jeffery Shanley
DiMarcantonio	Therese Mauch	Brad Zastoupil

Transitions

Congratulations to volunteer **Tom** and wife **Penny Jones** on becoming grandparents to baby Gracie, to volunteer **Jennifer Ahrens** and **Family** on their new baby Zachary Thomas, and to volunteer **Catherine Marshall** upon the arrival of her new granddaughter Everly Marie.

In loving memory of **Georgine Meyers**, dedicated IFP volunteer since 2002, who passed away November 30, 2015. Our sympathies to volunteers **Mr. & Ms. Charlie Groll** upon the death of Charlie's mom, Lois Groll, to volunteer **Yolima Pianeta** and family upon the death of her mom, Carmen Garcia, to **Jeffrey Newman** and family upon the death of Jeff's father Irving, and to **Joe O'Brien** upon the loss of his sister Kathleen Bauchat.

In the Spotlight

Turkey Trot A Huge Success

Sometimes Mother Nature lends a helping hand, and such was the case Thanksgiving Day 2015, when mild weather encouraged a record number of people to get outside and help raise funds that would benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry and Literacy Volunteers of Morris County. More than 2,900 people registered for the 9th annual **Morris Township Thanksgiving Day 5K** race, and another 500 participated in the 1-mile **Fun Walk/Run** or 50-yard **Kids' Trot**. Nearly \$45,000 was raised for the IFP!

We are grateful to this year's Gold Sponsors, **Dixon Energy** and **North Jersey Development Group, Inc.**; Silver Sponsors, **Maserati of Morris County** and **Sweetie Pig Foundation**; and Bronze Sponsors, **Atlantic Health System**, **Don & Mels's Iron-fit Training** and **Raymond James of Morristown**.



Congratulations to the winners in each category and to all who participated in the Turkey Trot!

Age Group	Male	Female
14 & under	Sam Massey	Maya Wilkins
15-19	Brian Pezzuti	Mackenzie Barry
20-24	Michael Franklin	Lindsay Eyesenbach
25-29	Justin Andersen	Stephanie Herrick
30-34	Tim Murphy	Lia Bella
35-39	Carl O'Reilly	Rachel Cullivan
40-44	Bill Morrison	Michelle Krumenacker
45-49	Joe Cuttone	Laura Donnelly
50-54	David Lacouture	Kim Johnson
55-59	John Doyle	Barbara Quinn
60-64	John Metzger	Nora Cary
65-69	Edward Dulac Jr.	Kathy Conroy
70-74	Efraim Cohen	Ann Root
75-79	Michael Griffinger	Betty McKay
80-85	--	Rita Caruso

Another Great Golf Event

Mother Nature was equally as kind to our Golf Outing participants this year! Thanks to the **Mount Tabor Country Club** (which donates the course to us for the day), Pro **Glenn Holtermann** who volunteers his time, and our very generous sponsors and participants, nearly \$15,000 was raised! With many thanks to our leadership sponsors **Avison Young**, **Dun & Bradstreet**, **Graham Curtin**, and **Solix**, our lunch sponsor **Hot Rods BBQ** and cocktail hour sponsors **Britcher Leone & Roth**, and **Verde**. Special recognition was given to **Drew Britcher**, who celebrated his 15th year of organizing this event with the club!

The Giving Tree

Our newly redesigned **Giving Tree**, which features the names of our leadership donors for 2015, will be unveiled at a ceremony on March 18th. Watch your mailbox for details!

Thanks for Thanksgiving Support

On behalf of the nearly 1,600 Morris County families who received holiday food this past Thanksgiving we want to express our appreciation to all of you who helped make their holidays brighter by providing turkeys and all the fixings for both IFP clients and families served by other Morris County agencies that requested food this past holiday season. Special thanks to **Kings Food Markets** for its donation of more than 250 turkeys; **Montville UNICO**, which donated another 200 through its **Turkeys4U** program; and houses of worship such as **Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel**, **St. Virgil's**, **Christ the King** and **First Presbyterian of Mendham**. To ensure that we would have sufficient turkeys on hand, a generous **NJEA** grant enabled the **Morris County Education Association** to donate \$1,500 worth of turkeys. We are also grateful for monetary donations from **Maersk**, **MetLife**, and the **New Jersey Association for Justice**, and notable food drives from **Chad Rybka** from the **Madison PBA 92**, who partnered with **Whole Foods**, **Drew University** and **Realogy** to fill a POD with all the fixings for complete meals. The **NJ Chapter of Links**, once again partnered with **Avis Budget Group** and **Peck School** on their annual food drive. While the number of groups that hosted drives are just too numerous to mention here, we'd like to thank everyone, who collected food, as well as the **Junior League of Morristown** who prepared home-cooked meals for our home delivery clients and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this a success including groups from **Wyndham**, **3M**, **Moretrench**, **Towers Watson**, **PwC**, **Dun & Bradstreet**, **Graham Curtin**, **United Methodist Church of Madison**, **Avison Young**, **New York Life**, **Samsung**, **Ernst & Young** and the **Short Hills Hilton**. Many of our clients paused to share their gratitude as they picked up their Thanksgiving baskets.



One grateful client, Mary (pictured left), had this to say: *"I use to give, and now I need to receive. This is all very humbling...but I need it! May God bless you all one thousand fold."*



Another client, Dennis (right), commented *"I thank you very, very much for all that you do for me and others like me. This is hard to do, to come here...but I'm glad it is here!"*

Double your donations - it's easy!

Many employers will match your donation to non-profit organizations, doubling its value - sometimes more! A partial list of companies matching employee gifts can be found on our website at www.mcifp.org/donate/workplacegiving. Click on **matching contributions**. Also check with your employer to see if they participate in a matching gift program.

Join us for our 17th annual Spring Gala

"MAKING HUNGER DISAPPEAR"

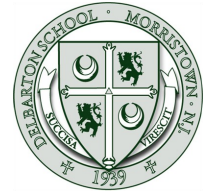
Friday, April 8, 6:00-11:00 pm
The Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ

Honoring 2016 Award Winners:

**Premier Event Sponsor
& Pantry Partner Award**

**Outstanding Service
Award**

**Neighbors Helping
Neighbors Award**



Featuring live music by Matt Friedman (The "Piano Man" from Billy Joel's award winning musical) and Uptown Sounds, strolling magicians, fortune tellers, cocktails, a gourmet dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions and more!

Here's how you can be a part of it all...

Purchase tickets. For a great date night or special occasion. Or fill your own 8—12 person table by bringing your friends, neighbors or colleagues. Companies, reward those employees who volunteer with tickets!

Donate an item, product or service for our Silent Auction. Your generous, tax-deductible contribution will be publicized in the Auction Directory, on our website and in our newsletter, which reaches over 9,000 homes and businesses. You can drop off your contribution or we can pick it up. Receipts will be provided following the auction.

Place an ad in our Sponsor Ad Journal. As a tribute to an honoree or to market your business to our guests and beyond. Ads are printed digitally in full color.

Serve as an Event Sponsor. By helping to underwrite our costs, you can help us feed more people while effectively communicating your company values to a broad audience.

- ☐ I would like to **attend the event**. Enclosed is payment for ____ tickets at \$250 each.
- ☐ I am interested in **sponsoring the event**, please contact me.
- ☐ I have a valuable item or service I'd like to **contribute to the auction**, please contact me.
- ☐ I would like to place an ad in tribute of an honoree, IFP or to advertise my business in the ad journal.*
- ☐ ¼ page \$100 ☐ ½ page \$250 ☐ full page \$500

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

☐ **Enclosed is my check payable to Interfaith Food Pantry**

☐ **Please charge my** ☐ **Visa or** ☐ **MasterCard No.** _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature _____

Please Mail To: Interfaith Food Pantry, 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

E-mail your four-color ad (.jpg, .tif, .eps, .pdf or .bmp file) to **Julia Murtha at juliamurtha@mcifp.org or mail your camera-ready artwork with this form to the Interfaith Food Pantry, 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 by March 18. Email Julia if you need assistance creating the ad or tribute.*

Healthy Choices and Education

Kitchen To Table Program Growing

Our **Kitchen to Table Program**, launched last summer, has continued to receive the support necessary - both financial and manpower - to thrive. We are so very grateful to **Global Aerospace**, the **Foundation for Morristown Medical Center**, **One Call Care Management**, and **Pfizer**, who sent not only volunteers, but also provided the funds to underwrite the food, packaging, staff and other costs of the program. Together, more than 400 meals have been prepared and packaged in the IFP teaching kitchen, using recipes developed in-house to ensure that they are healthy (low sodium and low sugar) and easy for our elderly Home Delivery clients to reheate.



Volunteers from corporate partner **Pfizer** (above) prepared 50 Home Delivery meals for the **Kitchen to Table Program**.

Thanks to a grant from the **Hyde and Watson Foundation**, we were able to purchase a commercial freezer (pictured at right) to expand the Kitchen to Table program. Volunteer groups can now prepare and freeze many meals in advance, for Home Delivery volunteers to simply pull out and deliver along with their client's regular groceries.

If you are interested in learning more about our Kitchen to Table Program or sponsoring a group, please contact Doug at 973-538-8049 ext. 218.



Home Delivery volunteer, **Jean Kibalo**, reaches into the new freezer for a Kitchen to Table meal for her HD client.

And in the Garden...

➤ **IFP Garden Manager Erin Long is urgently seeking volunteers to help out in the garden for the 2016 season (April—November).** If you want to get involved in this aspect of the Pantry, can commit to a minimum of 2 hours per week, and have gardening experience, please contact Erin at 538-8049 ext. 230 or email her at: erinlong@mcifp.org.

➤ When you begin making plans for your 2016 garden, **please keep the Interfaith Food Pantry and its clients in mind.** Every donation matters!

➤ Many vegetables continue to flourish in the IFP Community Garden. Its covered beds stay warm, even allowing germination of new plants! **County College of Morris** will once again partner with the Pantry to facilitate early planting, and cool crops will be started outdoors in March!

Education & Advocacy Pilot Program Launches

In cooperation with **Drew University**, a pilot program is underway at the IFP to train students as "Hunger Ambassadors." The for-credit internship is designed to equip participants to spread the message about hunger and food insecurity in our communities. Interns will return to campus prepared to raise awareness and fuel hunger initiatives, conducting presentations and workshops in local high schools and coordinating with Drew's Garden Club. The program was launched last fall, when six students from Drew's Food Justice course participated in the Community Based Learning program and served at the Pantry for 20 hours each over the 10-week semester. For further information about this exciting program please contact Erin at 973-538-8049, ext. 230 or email at erinlong@mcifp.org.

Thanks for the Fresh Produce!

Well over 55,000 lbs. in donations of fresh fruits and vegetables came in from many locations during the growing season for our own Free Farmers Market. Our clients had access to a variety of healthy, fresh-picked selections. We are so grateful to all who contributed, including local farmers, churches, community and school gardeners, businesses, non-profit groups, individuals and our own IFP garden.

Together, you have made a real difference in our clients' diet and health!

Health Screenings Popular with Clients

In keeping with our commitment to serving as a resource center for our clients, the Pantry periodically hosts screening programs and health events.

Last Fall, the **Morristown Medical Center Community Health Department** offered cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings at our main location, and flu shots were offered at both IFP sites. In December, **Summit Medical Group Foundation** conducted vision screenings at the main Pantry as well.



Above, **Kevin, Mei and Kenneth Lin**, help to sort the thousands of pounds of produce donated by local farms and gardens.

Here and There

Why Planned Giving?

Food for thought from one of our current (and future) donors:

"I have always believed in giving back and helping those less fortunate. All my life I believed that no child should go hungry, so I made sure that [I placed in my will] a gift to the Pantry. That way I know that the issues I cared about during my lifetime are issues that I can impact well into the future. It's a wonderful legacy to leave."

Planned giving ensures that the Interfaith Food Pantry will meet the needs of our community well into the future, and leaves your lasting legacy of caring. Planned gifts may take many forms:

Bequests—One of the easiest ways to help us continue to provide food and support to local families in need well into the future is to remember us in your will. \$1,000 is enough for us to purchase a year's supply of food for a family of four.

Stock Transfers—IFP accepts gifts of stock. Our policy is to cash out stock transfers as quickly as possible so the value of the tax benefit will be as close to the value of the stock as possible.

IRA Contributions—Current federal law allows those 70 ½ or older to donate a gift of up to \$100,000 to the IFP without reporting the withdrawn funds as taxable income. This is particularly useful if you must make a minimum distribution but do not need the income, have exceeded your ability to claim an income tax deduction, do not itemize your deductions or may have more of your Social Security income taxed by receiving additional income. For more information, visit our website at www.mcifp.org to donate.

Charitable Remainder Trusts and Gift Annuities

Can provide you with regular income to meet your specific financial needs. Trusts and Annuities are administered for IFP in partnership with the Community Foundation of New Jersey. For more information call Carolyn at 973-538-8049 x211 or visit our website at www.mcifp.org.

Holiday Angels

Many of our families, who struggle to make ends meet throughout the year, find the holidays especially stressful as they are surrounded by gift-giving ads and



The 6 boys of this grateful IFP family in front of their Christmas Tree before opening their presents.

extravagances they simply cannot afford. A number of families are very grateful to our wonderful supporters who stepped up to make their holidays a little brighter. Our thanks go to **MJM Signature Group, Market Certitude, Morristown Medical Center Surgical Department, One Call Care Management, and Christ the King Church**, who 'adopted' kids, families and homebound clients, donating presents and gift cards. The program was coordinated by **Liliana Herrera**, IFP's Client Services Manager to ensure that specific needs (and wish lists) were met. We are grateful, too, for the many others who donated gift cards and other items to benefit our clients.

Grant Update

Special thanks go out to the following Foundations, that gave generous grants to the IFP from August through December including: **Bayer Health Care, BJ's Charitable, Catholic Human Services, Margaret A. Darrin, FirstEnergy, Hyde & Watson, Willis & Nancy King, F. M. Kirby, L.A.W., Edmund & Virginia Moriarty Charitable, McGuinn Family, George Ohl Charitable Trust, John & Margaret Post, OdysseyRe, Tudor, and Wawa.**

(Please Note: other grantors opted to remain anonymous.)

You can help! If you know of a family or corporate foundation that we should contact, please let Joanne Brashier know at 973.538-8049, ext. 229 or joannebrashier@mcifp.org.

Morris County Park Police Toy Drive

The **Morris County Park Police** organized its 14th annual toy drive to gather toys for donation. The Police collected more than 4,000 toys

through the generosity of Morris County residents and with the assistance of the **County Park Commission, Morristown-Beard School and Exxon's Retired Executives** program.

Lt. Gabe DiPietro program coordinator commented, *"It is a joy*

and privilege to help make the holiday season brighter for the children and their families." The IFP is so grateful!



Morris County Park Police Det. Sgt. **Steven Ferraoli** (l) and Sgt. Robert Kranz (r) with IFP Client Services Mgr. **Liliana Herrera**.

Food and Wine to Feed the Hungry

Gary's Grand Wine Experience offered a full weekend's worth of in-store tastings, wine dinners and of course the Grand Event on Monday October 26th at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Gary donated \$4,000 of the proceeds to the IFP! Just the week before, the 3rd Annual **Taste of Mendham** brought together some of their finest establishments for a tasting at the Brookside Community Center, raising \$2,600 for our benefit. Many thanks to Gary Fisch, **Stan Gorski** and the **Rotary Club of the Mendhams** for their efforts!

A Special Connection

Odyssey Re's employees are given the opportunity to nominate non-profits for grants—and we are grateful to have been selected for a generous grant from the firm! Pictured at right are Assistant Vice President **Peter Giglio** (l) and Senior Vice President **Jim Danbrowney** (r), who each nominated the IFP—without knowing their connection!



Board of Trustees

Meets 7:00pm on third Wednesday of the month

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Our Mission

► To improve the health and well being of Morris County residents in need by providing access to food, nutrition education and related resources.

► To provide hands on opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors.

► To educate the public about the issues of hunger in our area.

Hours

Food Drop-off, Tours & Visitors - Warehouse

2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains

Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Special arrangements by request

Food Distribution - Main Pantry/Warehouse

2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains

The First Four Weeks of the Month Only

Monday through Thursday 1pm - 3pm

Wednesday 6pm - 8pm

Saturday 10am - 12noon

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6pm - 8pm

Food Distribution - Satellite Pantry

190 Speedwell Ave., Morristown

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Calendar

March

March 18: 2015 Giving Tree Unveiling and Donor Recognition Luncheon

April

April 8: 17th Annual Spring Gala

May

May 14: 24th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive

May 18: Annual Bd. of Trustees Public Mtg.

For details please visit www.mcifp.org

2015 Statistics

Volunteer hrs. donated	25,959
Number of staff volunteers	370
Number of temp volunteers	2,476
Lbs. of food distributed	984,380
Number of visits	17,472
Households served:	4,170
People fed	9,606

Avg. # of families served/month:	1,211
Avg. lbs food distributed/month	82,032

Client Ethnicity

Hispanic/Latino	33%
Caucasian	49%
African-American	15%
Asian	1%
Other	2%

Age

Children	35%
Seniors	15%

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Morris Plains, NJ 07950

2 Executive Drive

Interfaith Food Pantry

WINTER HUNGER APPEAL

We currently distribute over 18,000 pounds of food each week. Will you help us continue to meet this need?

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Gift Amount: \$ _____ Checks should be made payable to **Interfaith Food Pantry**

If you prefer, you can make a one-time or recurring donation through our secure server at www.mcifp.org and click "Donate Now"

We also accept ☐ Master Card or ☐ Visa

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: _____

If you are making this donation as a tribute, please complete below and we will mail out a personalized card for you.

Recipients Name: _____

Recipients Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date to send out: _____ Sign the card: _____

TYPE OF TRIBUTE: ☐ Happy Birthday, ☐ Anniversary, ☐ Teacher's/Coach's gift, ☐ Bar/Bat Mitzvah, ☐ Thank You,

☐ Sympathy or memorial, In memory of: _____, ☐ Other _____



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50/50 Raffle Tickets Available NOW!

Our annual Spring Gala 50/50 drawing will be held on Friday, April 8th at the Birchwood Manor. **You DO NOT need to be present to win.** Last year's winner took home \$6,000.00!

You can support our fundraising efforts by purchasing a ticket or a book of tickets to share with friends, family and colleagues. Simply fill out the form below and return to **Interfaith Food Pantry, 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950**

Please send me _____ ticket(s) at \$10 each or _____ ticket book(s) at \$100 (10 tickets/book).

Name _____ Phone # _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to Interfaith Food Pantry. Amount Enclosed \$ _____

or fill out the following charge card information:

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