

Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard

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December Newsletter

2008

Dates

- We will be closed December 26 and December 31.
- We are open December 24, 29 and January 2.

Notices

- If anyone has recent photos from the Food Cupboard, please let Gwen know.
- Do you have ideas about how we can raise funds? Share them with us!
- Unfortunately, the Magical Village won't be happening this year due to an inability to acquire a large enough venue.

Something that has always puzzled me all my life is why, when I am in special need of help, the good deed is usually done by somebody on whom I have no claim.

~William Feather

Needed Items

- ◇ We have a need for small glass jars that hold approximately one cup.
- ◇ Keep on saving your plastic grocery bags. They are always useful here.

Results

Once again, Choirfest had a wonderful evening and shared the proceeds evenly between the Orleans Cumberland Food Program and the GEFC. We received \$2000 in donations. Just Great!

A New Grandchild

Jeanne Chagnon, one of our Friday morning volunteers is the proud grandmother to a bouncing baby boy weighing in at 10 lbs, 1 oz, born on November 6.



Volunteers Needed

- ◇ People are needed to stay behind on December 19 to be here for the Devines delivery. There will be pizza!



Food Drives

- ◇ Cairine Wilson, Terry Fox Elementary and Ecole des Pins have all had food drives on our behalf.
- ◇ Devines will help with our Christmas school food drive again. A number of schools are involved.
- ◇ Women's Business Connections is collecting food with Boston Pizza at one of their December events.

Website

Our website is being re-designed by a Colonel By student. It is expected to be completed April 2009.

Sad News

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ted Heinze, one of our Friday volunteers, who recently lost his dear wife of many years. We mourn with you!

New Appliances

Thanks to Jean Coutu we have a new cooler. We now have even more refrigerator space. Have you seen our new deep freeze purchased at Corbeil? Check it out!

Things of the spirit differ from things material in that the more you give the more you have.
~Christopher Morley

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GEFC History

"20 Years of Volunteers"

2009 will mark 20 years that the GEFC has been in existence. During the next few months this newsletter will chronicle our history.

If anyone has any ideas how we could mark our 20th anniversary let Gwen know.

Watch this space for updates as the time draws nearer!

We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.

~Herman Melville

Chapter 4: The Third Year - 1991

In January 1991, we interviewed candidates for the job and hired Valerie Hansen who began working with us in February. Having an employee, we purchased liability insurance and drafted our personnel policy. We also acquired our first computer and by the summer had our entire client data computerized. It took so long to get all 2300 clients entered that we've been diligent about back-ups ever since. That autumn we applied to both the Region and the City of Gloucester for grants. And by the end of the year we had adopted our logo which was designed by Karen Bernard of Orléans. In 1991 we helped over 10,400 people. Again, almost double the previous year.

(This history was originally compiled by Ann Frederking and given as an address during the April 2006 AGM.)

A Message from the Executive Coordinator



What a wonderful group of volunteers we have at the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. You come from many walks of life, speak different languages, have different life experiences but you all come together to help us to be the great organization that we are.

Thank you for making this a great place to come. You make a difference in the lives of others, both volunteers and clients.

Special holiday wishes to all of you during this season of short days, big hearts, giving and good cheer!

Gwen