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# Project Hunger



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## Letter from the President

It's really hard to believe in a few short months the Food Bucks program will be 10 years old. This program is more important than ever. With the great partners like Skagway, Supersaver, HyVee, and both Wal-marts, we continue to make a small dent in the growing number of people who need OUR help.

The Food Pantry sends out over 350 boxes of food in apple crates each month. Each box is overflowing with food and is costs over \$50. If 50% of shoppers spent one dollar a week, we would have so much food we could take care of the needs of over one-half of Nebraska. That is why it makes a huge difference. That's the power of the dollar!

I would like to challenge each of you reading this article to decide that YOU can make a difference, even if it's only one dollar at a time. The members of Project Hunger want to THANK YOU in advance for helping others less fortunate.

Doug Winder

President

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Easter Basket Extravaganza ~ April 4, 2009**

**Conestoga Mall, Grand Island, NE**

**Mud-Pit Pull Off ~ July 11, 2009**

**Abundant Life Christian Center, Grand Island, NE**

**SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!**

*Feed the Hungry ~ Clothe the Naked ~ Heal the Sick ~ Visit the Prisoner ~ Welcome the Stranger*

## Donation Instructions

Please feel free to use the enclosed envelope. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Check the line for Project Hunger or check other and write in organization.

See list for other organizations.

## Donation Opportunities

- Project Hunger
- Grand Island Community Food Pantry
- Orphan Grain Train
- Bread for the World
- Catholic Relief Services
- Project Hope
- Presbyterian Hunger Project
- Mennonite Central Committee
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Relief
- Episcopal Relief and Development
- Project Hunger Endowment Fund
- CARE
- Lutheran World Relief
- Baptist World Aid
- World Vision
- Unrestricted (Use where it is needed)
- Other national/international hunger/relief agency



Mark 14:7

The poor you will always have with you and you can help them any time you want, but you will not always have me.

Psalm 9:18

But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.

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# I AM!

I AM. What does this term stir within you? Nothing? What's in it for me? Something that was said once in the bible but I don't know where? Perhaps it reaches you on a much deeper level, knowing its how Our God defines himself.

I AM has a loving relationship with us. We enjoy this relationship whether we feel the same way toward Him or not. I AM wants us to love Him, to reach out to Him, but how do we show our love to a God who we cannot see and has everything?

I AM has told us to share Him with others. We do this in two ways. One, we tell others about Him by showing Him through the way we live, by talking about Him, by injecting ourselves in loving relationships. The other way is by serving others, our family, friends, those in the community and the world.

Most of us do a good job with our family and friends but we fall short with others. We may want to help but we have stumbling blocks to face. Where do we go to help people where most of the money will actually go to those that need aid? We want to make sure the work is in the name of the Lord. We also have a problem giving to those who refuse to work or are just mooching off of us.

Project Hunger is a local organization that addresses all of these issues. 100% of what is given is used to feed those in need. When working at the Gathering Table, the opportunity to talk about our Savior is wide open. About 85% of those receiving help have jobs; however, their income doesn't equal their needs of housing, medicine and food.



In the last few months the needs in Grand Island have increased significantly; with the soup kitchen now feeding upwards of 200 people daily.

One of the special fundraisers done by Project Hunger is the Easter Basket Extravaganza. People and groups throughout the community assemble baskets made from almost anything, usually following a theme which are then sold by silent auction at Conestoga Mall. We receive a much better return on the worth of a basket when the components are equal to \$50.00. Some groups, who want to help more, may put together more than one basket.

The more baskets received for the Extravaganza the more people we can help in Jesus' name. How many times can you help others and have fun at the same time?

PLEASE HELP!

## Allies in the Fight Against Hunger

The Grand Island Salvation Army Community Food Pantry and Project Hunger have one main goal. Feed those that are hungry and in need.

With that goal in mind the Salvation Army and Project Hunger have an understanding and a working relationship in which both agencies goals and objectives are complemented by one another. Such an understanding and working relationship is essential to feeding those in need in a community as large as Grand Island.

Fortunately with the assistance of Project Hunger the Salvation Army Community Food pantry is able to

remain open during the very crucial summer months. Without Project Hunger's assistance in the summer months, I am afraid the food pantry would have to briefly close its doors until the holiday season nears and donations again exceed our output.

The amount of people that Project Hunger helps serve is tremendous and the Salvation Army is fortunate to have such a strong ally in the fight against hunger.

I have never seen a non-profit with such a dedicated and determined group of individuals. It is an honor to work with such a quality agency.

*Mark Merritt, Salvation Army Social Services Director*

# Project Hunger presents the Fourteenth Annual

## "Easter Basket Extravaganza"

A Silent Auction  
Saturday, April 4, 2009

Baskets will be displayed at the Conestoga Mall

Bidding begins at  
10:00 am

Final bids at  
3:00 pm



TOODLES the Big-Hearted Giraffe  
[www.projecthunger.org](http://www.projecthunger.org)

Toodles says:  
Have a big HEART  
for the HUNGRY  
Will You Help Someone Today?

Proceeds will go to help feed the hungry through food bucks, GI Community Food Pantry, The Gathering Table and Gap program through the Health and Human Services.  
Sponsored by Project Hunger  
<http://www.projecthunger.org/>

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### MUD PIT PULL OFF

Be at the top of your game!! What game is it you say? Well, the Mud Pit Pulloff is the GAME and participants are needed!!!

Created last year as one of the ways Project Hunger utilizes to involve the public in a wonderful gift. The gift, which has been given to us by our King, is the ability to help others in need.

The Mud Pit Pulloff is a tug-of-war designed to have a day of friendly competition that is also a food drive. The winner in 2008 was a youth group from Third City Christian Church. The runner-up in 2008 was a group from Ladies Workout Express (must work, huh).

Join us this year at Abundant Life Christian Center, on July 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. For further information contact Jerry Carroll at [epicpreparations@rcom-ne.com](mailto:epicpreparations@rcom-ne.com) or 308-390-8151. Register early!!!