

# OPEN DOORS

## OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



God is always with us; however we generally do not recognize His presence. We know that God has provided for Open Doors needs for over 20 years now, and in many special ways. But in time of need is when we remember to look for Him and call upon his name in prayer asking for His help. Members of the board have been doing so for Open Doors recently. Donations of food & dollars are down this year and our client base has increased 20% above last years increase.

**Food donations have been less than what is needed to meet the monthly out put.**

Our Thanksgiving Project is fast approaching and our stock has dwindled.

Even though God is ever present, we saw Him again in our time of need.

Alice Trentman has informed me of several food drives for Open Doors between now & Christmas. Help will be coming from the Boy Scouts, Westfield Intermediate School, Grace Community Church Community Food Drive and member churches. Our shelves will be restocked!

Just before writing this column, I received a phone call from CICF - Legacy Fund that we will be the recipients of a \$2,000 grant to help with food costs. Another blessing is that clients' needs are being met. In this newsletter, read about one who has started a new job that will take care of his family's needs. He will no longer need Open Door's services.

Praise God for all that He does!!

**OPEN DOORS  
BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday,  
January 12, 2012  
7 pm

Christ United  
Methodist Church,  
Westfield

#### Our Mission

*Improving the quality of life of Washington Township area residents through food and clothing assistance, referral to community services and spiritual guidance.*

### 2011 THIRD QUARTER SUMMARY

Donations		
	IN	3 mo avg
Churches	39	13
Individuals	132	44
Food (lbs)	8222	2741
Non-Food (items)	150	50
Clothing (bags)	212	71
Outerwear		
Footwear		
Books	5	2
Other	40	13

Assistance		
	OUT	3 mo avg
Families	276	92
Food (lbs)	14944	4981
Non-Food (items)	2070	690
Clothing (items)	1441	480
Outerwear	13	4
Footwear	16	5
Books	3	1
Other		

- Plus donations of 292 items for school supplies and \$367 for van repair

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Open Doors Officers

### President

David Swaim

### Vice President

Kurt Wanninger

### Secretary

Kathy Patterson

### Treasurer

Lynn Hildebrandt

To all that helped with Open Doors Back to School Project in any way, Ann and I would like to thank all of you that donated your time, school supplies, new clothing, back packs or monetary donations to help our Back to School Project.

We were able to help 250 Westfield children.

Volunteers came from Open Doors, churches, cheerleaders, local banks, credit unions, the Rotary Club, City employees, Chamber Members and caring citizens of our community. We needed each one of you to make this project a success.

A special thank you to Dave Havens Branch Manager of of Indiana Credit Union for 100 Back Packs filled with school supplies and Dr. Michelle Wittler for gathering donated supplies from her patients.

Thank you all for giving these children an opportunity to start school not only with new clothes and supplies, but hopefully with a bit of pride and confidence.

You all were a blessing to us.

*Ann Godby and Sandy Rosenberger*

## Open Doors Coordinators

### Church Reps

Sandy Rosenberger

### Advocates

Ann Godby

### Clothing

Ila Grinstead

### Food

Alice Trentman

Anne Burns

### Volunteers

Sara Schultz

### Self Help

Terina Smith



Pictured L-R: CeCe Burnett, Beth Hoard, Sandy Rosenberger, Resa Glover, Lorna Mills, Marcia Evans & Ann Godby.

This year our project was shadowed by new coordinators that will replace Sandy Rosenberger and Ann Godby, who have served in this capacity for 15 years.

New coordinators are Marcia Evans and Beth Hoard.

## FOOD PANTRY

Alice Trentman reports that a total of \$3,532.82 was spent in the third quarter on 1703 pounds of food and 1715 items (detergent, shampoo, TP, etc...).

An additional \$340 was spent on the replacement of a freezer, and \$35.94 on supplies.

In addition to the food and toiletries being distributed to our clients, Open Doors also shares items with other organizations. This includes items with past "sell by" dates and items not requested by our clients (baby food), and food items used in fundraising (Lions Club dinners).

In the third quarter the following was distributed:

746 lbs—Moved to reception area for clients use.

68 lbs—Baby food given to Bethel Lutheran

490 lbs—Donated cupcakes given to Student Impact & White River Christian Pantry  
87 lbs—For Lions Club dinner

The third quarter presented us with some very good donations. Thanks to our member churches, individuals & neighborhoods!

Current or upcoming food drives include:

- AgReliant (October)
- Ameriana Bank (November)
- Car-X (ongoing collection)
- Boy Scouts food drive on October 22nd brought in 1,476 lbs of food.
- Kroger/Senator Lugar Food Drive for the Needy
- Grace Food Drive (November 12) - collecting for Hamilton County, of which we'll receive a portion.
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church donating bags of potatoes

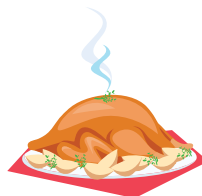
## THANKSGIVING 2011

This year will be an exciting one for our new Thanksgiving project coordinator, Carrie Larrison and her team of volunteers. We anticipate providing nearly 350 complete meals for families in need in Westfield and surrounding Washington Township.

The requesting and gathering of the food necessary has been in the works for several months, and it's not too late to make a donation. Donations earmarked for the Thanksgiving project need to be received no later than November 11th. Box packing will be on Friday, November 18th, and distribution will be on Saturday, November 19th for all registered families.

We are grateful to several area groups and organizations for their generous donations to this program, including **Wittler Orthodontics** for 225 boxes of red jello; **New Joy Church** for 300 cans of peas, and the **City of Westfield** for 425 cans of peaches. Other items needed for this project include:

- \* Cream of Chicken & Cream of Mushroom soup (10.75 oz)
- \* Cranberry sauce (14 oz)
- \* Crushed pineapple (20 oz)
- \* Boxed stuffing (6 oz)
- \* Turkey roasting bags
- \* Paper towels



## MEMBER CHURCHES

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH OF PRAISE

CROSSROADS CHURCH AT WESTFIELD

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WESTFIELD

HORTONVILLE FRIENDS MEETING

HORTONVILLE UNITED METHODIST

LITTLE EAGLE CREEK CHRISTIAN

MTS RUNN BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

RADIANT CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH

WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEETING

WESTFIELD WESLEYAN

### Prayer Schedule

#### October

New Joy Lutheran

#### November

Little Eagle Creek  
Christian

#### December

Church of Praise

Enter His gates with  
thanksgiving, and His  
courts with praise. Give  
thanks to Him; bless His  
name.

Psalm 100:4

## CLEANING SCHEDULE

We want to thank all member churches for their ongoing support of Open Doors. One way the churches show their support is by volunteering to clean our facility each month. It may not seem very important, but it is GREATLY appreciated.

**November** ~ Little Eagle Creek Christian  
**December** ~ Church of Praise / Westfield Wesleyan  
**January** ~ New Joy



If your church or organization would like to be included in the cleaning rotation, there are openings available. Contact Sara Schultz at **758-5357**

## SPIRITUAL CONCERNS

Can you believe it is November 2011?! Father has given us some beautiful days lately. As we look from this vantage point... from January to now... God has been doing some incredible things in our lives and in our churches!!

We can also see, by faith, some things God wants to do between now and January 2012... some goals He has placed in our hearts.

I have heard a little bit, but I'm confident there's a lot more out there—good report of what God is doing.

*I would like to ask—Will you send me a quick note, sharing some things God is doing in your church body? New people, ministries, provisions, salvation, healing, unity? Praise the LORD, we*

*serve an awesome God!* It blesses us and encourages us to hear what God is doing.

I'll start the ball rolling

### **From Christ Community Church of Lamong**

- ◇ Some of us have been involved with ALPHA, jail ministry in Hamilton county through Johosua House.
- ◇ The HUGE undertaking of rebuilding our church from flooding is almost complete!
- ◇ House of Refuge needs are being met daily; food, medical, shelter, financial, etc...

Now it's your turn—Will you share what God is doing in your churches?

Celeste Hobelman

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## ADVOCATE / VOLUNTEER REPORT

Open Doors would like to welcome back Ashli Hess, who will again be serving as an advocate. In addition,, Nichole Ferguson will be overseeing the training of four new volunteers!

We want to acknowledge the faithful service of the volunteers and advocates that donate their time each month to serve others. You are the backbone of Open Doors.

**Good News:** One of our clients has a new job. She had been out of work since February of this year. We will continue to help her for another three months until she can get caught up on bills. Two of our families have received cars from the Trustee's car program.

# CHRISTMAS SWEATSUIT PROJECT

It's time again for the annual sweatsuit project. Church reps will be contacted the first week of November about the number of bags your church will be taking.

**Church Reps can pick up their bags at Open Doors November 17-18-19**

Bags should be distributed to church members on November 20th, and returned to the church rep no later than December 4th.

**ON DECEMBER 6th**, from 9am—noon, all bags need to be delivered to

### NEW JOY CHURCH

located at the NE intersection of 156th & Springmill Road.

20 volunteers will be needed to check and organize bags. If you're interested in helping, please contact Illona Lipovsky at 319-1844.

**OPEN DOORS**  
of Washington Twp

110 Jersey Street  
P.O. Box 196  
Westfield, IN 46074

Phone: 317-896-5094

# CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

Crossroads Church at Westfield has agreed once again to graciously host our Christmas Toy giveaway. We will be holding the giveaway on **Thursday, December 8th from 4-7 pm.**

We have a good start on gifts that were donated after the giveaway last year, but will still need help from the supporting churches and community. In 2010 we served 90 families and 216 children.

Anyone wishing to help in any way—by donating new or gently used toys / new clothing or helping with sorting and distribution can contact Nichole Ferguson at nicholeferguson@aol.com



# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



In October, Northview Christian Church was at Open Doors for a Saturday work day. They painted the outside of the building, took unwanted clothing items to Goodwill for us, and even went to Kroger and purchased groceries for the pantry! In addition, they defrosted the storage area freezers, cleaned under the shelves, stocked some shelves, and cleaned and swept waiting area. What a blessing they were to us that day—Thank you so much!

**Open Door**  
**Client Hours:**  
Tuesday, Thursday  
& Saturday  
9:00 am - 11:50 am

## CLIENT GOOD NEWS

*He is married with 2 children ages 13 & 5.*

*His wife is disabled with expensive medical bills and he had a season of extensive infection while continuing to work at a contract position.*

*It was impossible to stretch what dollars he has to meet existing and on going expenses.*

*He had just picked up Back To School supplies from Open Doors when I learned of the details of what he has been going through for the past 18 months.*

*Thomas sought Open Doors services after being laid off work in 2009. Search for a permanent position, filling out countless resumes, has been ongoing for over 12 months, getting insufficient temporary jobs along the way w/o enough support to make ends meet. Mounting bills were painful, but help from Open Doors keeps him looking forward to better times.*

*Thomas says that Open Doors can not know the total value of the help they give to people like him. We talked about how his faith in God and the words of the Bible carried him and his family through each new day with renewed hope.*

*Success for a permanent position with a great financial and health care package came when Thomas filled out one more application to another company. EMD in Muncie. He was accepted for a position to test new locomotive engines and training of new employees. That is when Thomas said Goodbye to Open Doors w/ many thanks and appreciation for the help we gave to his family.*

*We were glad that this was a temporary situation for him. Congratulations Thomas and best wishes to you and your family.*

*Want to volunteer at  
Open Doors?*

Contact Sara  
Schultz at 758-5357

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hotmail.com

## NEW CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED

Another year is just around the corner, and there are a few positions that need will need new leadership for 2012.

- ⇒ **Spring Cleaning Baskets coordinator**— After many years of faithful service, Joe & Alice Trentman have served their final year in this capacity. This program provides cleaning supplies to clients in the month of April. Duties include collecting supplies from our member churches and other organizations and putting the baskets together. In 2011, 105 baskets were given out.
- ⇒ **Newsletter editor/publisher**— This job entails consolidating all quarterly meeting reports into a reader friendly newsletter and distributing via an email contact list. A great position for someone who is organized and enjoys writing.

Interested in learning more? Please contact David Swaim at [dswaim@juno.com](mailto:dswaim@juno.com)

## URGENT FOOD NEEDS

Mandarin Oranges	Fruit Cocktail
Pineapple	Peaches
Refried Beans	Canned lima beans
Canned pinto beans	Blackeyed peas
Yams/sweet potatoes	Canned white potatoes
Canned whole tomatoes	Canned spinach
Canned salmon	Canned spam
Canned beef stew	Saltine crackers
Canned chicken & dumplings	Mustard
Hamburger Helper	Tuna Helper
Macaroni & cheese	Shaped pasta/macaroni
Manwich/sloppy joe	Peanut butter
Oatmeal	Pancake mix / syrup
Cooking oil	Coffee
Bottled fruit juice	Tea (regular black or green)



*The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*

Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

## AND FINALLY...

### **WE WANT BIKES - NEW or USED WE DON'T CARE!**

Open Doors is fortunate to have an anonymous benefactor who will refurbish used bicycles which are given out during the Christmas holidays. Any and all bicycles will be gladly accepted to this program.

Contact Joe Trentman at 317-896-3384 if you would like to make a donation.

Help Those Without Transportation

### **DONATE YOUR CAR**

Full Tax Deduction

Call Washington Twp. Trustee:

**574-9490**

*Make a Difference in your  
Neighbor's Life*

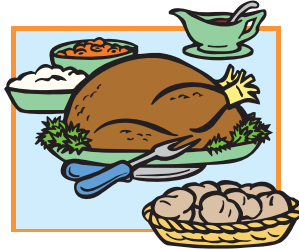
### **We're on the web!**

[www.opendoorswashtwp.com](http://www.opendoorswashtwp.com)

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[www.opendoorswashtwp.org](http://www.opendoorswashtwp.org)

# OPEN DOORS THANKSGIVING PROJECT



*Open Doors of Washington Twp., is asking for donations for the annual Thanksgiving project. Qualified families in our township receive a holiday basket of turkey, stuffing, fruit, vegetables, pumpkin pies and other items to help them celebrate this special holiday.*

*This year we estimate that we will help 350 families at a cost of \$65 per basket for a family of four.*

*Any financial contribution to help defray the expense of this project will be greatly appreciated.*

*Please make tax deductible donations to:*

*Open Doors*

*P.O. Box 196*

*Westfield, IN 46074*

## ***Food Items needed by Sat., Nov. 12th***

*Cream of chicken soup*

*Cream of mushroom soup*

*Sliced peaches (20 oz can)*

*Canned cranberry sauce*

*Turkey roasting bags*

*Crushed pineapple (20 oz can)*

*box stuffing mix*

