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TODAY I NEED FOOD.

11,393 PEOPLE RECEIVED FOOD

TODAY I WANT TO GIVE.

\$79,114 DONATED

TODAY I WANT TO HELP.

585 VOLUNTEERS

TODAY I WANT TO BE A PARTNER.

97 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



IN 2009, 97 PARTNERS MADE A DIFFERENCE
 ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS, AND BUSINESS PARTNERS PROVIDED MONEY, TIME, AND SERVICES

AAWCC at Parkland College
 African Cultural Association
 Alpha Chi Rho
 Alpha Tau Omega
 Alternative Spring Break
 Black and Black Associates
 Business Council
 Central Black Student Union
 Chifan Cheng DDS PC
 Circle K International
 Community Foundation of East Central Illinois
 Community Shares of Illinois
 CORE Mentoring
 CU Design Organization (CUDO)
 C-U Junior Woman's Club
 Cunningham Children's Home
 Eastern Illinois Foodbank
 Empty Bowls project
 Etc. Coffeehouse
 Fellheimer Trust
 First United Methodist Church of Champaign

Girl Talk at Urbana Free Library
 Grace Church Mahomet youth group
 Graduate Social Work Association
 H.O.L.A
 Illini Red Cross
 Illinois Disciples Foundation
 Intensive English Institute
 International Student Affairs
 Junior Womens League of Champaign Urbana
 Jupiters Pizzeria & Billiards
 Mahomet UMC youth
 McKinley Foundation
 McKinley Health Center
 McKinley Presbyterian Church
 Minority Business Student Association
 National Association of Black Accountants
 National Society of Black Engineers
 National Society of Collegiate Scholars
 New Covenant Fellowship
 New Life Volunteering Society
 Orange Krush Foundation
 OSP (Original Smith Printing)

Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity
 Roots and Shoots
 Shiloh UMC youth
 Sigma Nu Fraternity
 Silvercreek Restaurant
 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 Stone Creek Church
 Student Alumni Ambassadors
 Student Dietetic Association
 Surface 51
 UIUC National Association of Black Accountants
 UU Social Action Committee
 VIP Hunger and Homelessness
 Volunteer Illini Projects
 Weiskamp Printing
 Wesley Church Scriptural Foundation Class
 Wesley Church UM Women
 Wesley Church youth
 Wesley Foundation students
 Wesley Spiritual Foundations Class
 WILL-AM-FM-TV Community Engagement
 (Plus Community Agencies on page 4)

A YEAR OF SURPRISES **2009**

IN 2009, WE HELPED 11,393 ED



Faces of the many young children of Spanish-speaking families light up, when they're told of the coloring and reading center and given a free book. When their parents learn children's books are available in Spanish, surprise and delight appears on their faces.



A young woman comes each month and clearly enjoys socializing while she waits. One evening, after showing volunteers pictures on her cell phone of herself as a child, her mother, her husband, and her grown children, she asked if she could borrow a phone to call her husband, who was late in arriving. When asked about her own cell phone, her face dropped. She explained that their service had been terminated because they didn't pay their bill. She did call from a different phone and was very relieved when her husband arrived safely.

A middle-aged man, was waiting for his number to be called. He admitted that he was embarrassed to come to a food pantry, but he simply needed the food for himself and his mother. He had been at another food pantry that morning and waited for two hours there without receiving food. "This is really hard," he said. He appreciated being able to select what he needed.

My job doesn't provide vacation or sick leave. My son was in the hospital, so I've missed a lot of work. Now the medical bills are starting to arrive."

I love your jacket. So many colors," said a volunteer to a client named Maxine. She replied, "I love colors. They make my happy." Maxine is blind.

One evening, Maxine came to the food line and said, "These are my friends. Their number is later than mine, but mine is pre-packed. Could I sit here and wait?" She sat at the doorway bench for at least 40 minutes, listening to the instructions given to a number of shoppers. Eventually, she said, "I don't mind [waiting]. I am a patient person and the food you give us is so very much help...By the way, I could give your speech now. This much [food], no more. One peanut butter, one tuna, one green what-ever-it-is cleaner. And bread at the end on top."

Before leaving, she said, "The food you give us is so very much help. It really is. I am very thankful. Blessed"



One of our Wesley Foundation students, who also works with our Wesley Youth, comes after youth work to translate at our food pantry.

After the third or fourth time through the line with some Spanish-speaking clients, she had one more family to help. She was quick. "One peanut butter, one tuna", she said in Spanish. After helping them as a bi-lingual shopper, she came back smiling.

"Do you know that last family I helped? They are from Puerto Rico...and from my home town, San Juan. We have a special accent; we can hear it right away. We talked about everything back home. I loved it."

When asked if she'd met many people at U of I who are from Puerto Rico, she replied "No, Only these! They said they would see me next month! I'll be here."

This winter a new volunteer arrived for his first shift and was asked to work traffic control in the parking lot. His face fell. "I was hoping to work as a shopper [helping push shopping carts and explaining procedures for clients who are picking out their groceries]." But the volunteer agreed to work in the parking lot, since that was what we needed. At the end of the half-hour, when asked if he would like us to find him a replacement, he said "No, I'm having fun out here." He had turned the traffic control task into an opportunity to talk with people as he helped them find a parking space or take their groceries to their car.

One of the community agency representatives was obviously enjoying providing information to families at her resource center. She mentioned that her daughter was coming later to go through the food line. At the end of her resource center shift, she asked where she could change clothes, because she wanted to go downstairs and volunteer in the food distribution area.

Helping out at the food pantry last week was great! My group of 11 students, who are going to Washington, D.C. over spring break, wants to volunteer next month as our pre-break service opportunity. We're willing to do anything, just let us know."

I was planning to come during the early shift again, but I don't have lab this week so if you need me later I can do that too. See you Thursday!"



IN 2009, **585** PEOPLE VOLUNTEER PEOPLE



A regular pantry client had not been seen for a few months. Upon returning she enjoyed a joyful reunion with one of the volunteers. They resembled two long-separated-school-girls, not two tired-middle-aged women. It was apparent that, along with concerns and hopefulness, her friend had been missing her. The news of her past month, stories of kids and her youth as well as help with her English-as-a-second-language homework are all part of the beautiful tapestry-of-the-pantry.

"I have to leave now. I wish I could stay longer."

A student volunteer offered to help at the food stamp resource center. He showed up with a friend. When asked how much they knew about food stamps, they said they had been devouring the material on the table to learn as much as they could. One tried to use his personal laptop to do online applications; unfortunately he wasn't able to connect the first time, but came back the next month and made it work

They both stayed for two hours and also walked through the crowd offering people information sheets about food stamps. What a help.

One agency sent a community health student in place of a staff person. She said she had never actually seen a food pantry before. After a quick orientation she was instructed to "work the crowd" as well as to have materials available at her resource center. Later, she was missing in action. She was found sitting with a family group deep in conversation. When she left, she "apologized" that she had given out all her brochures and had none left.

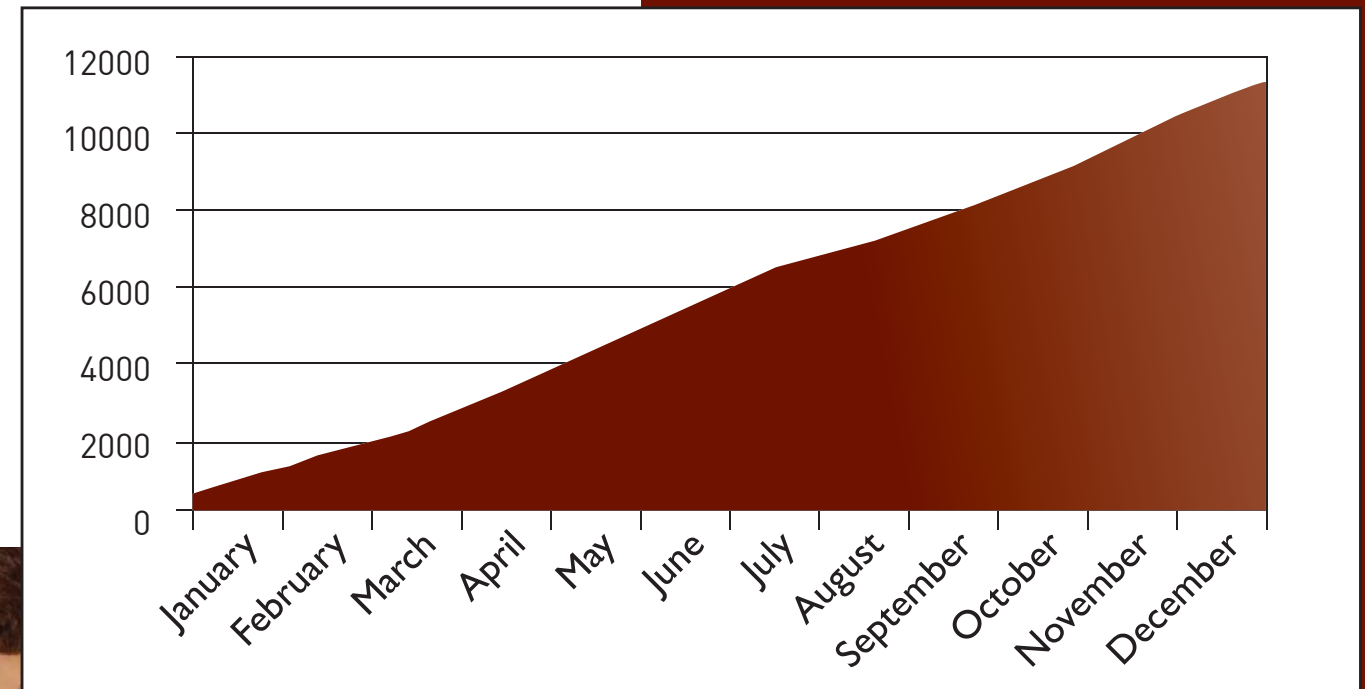
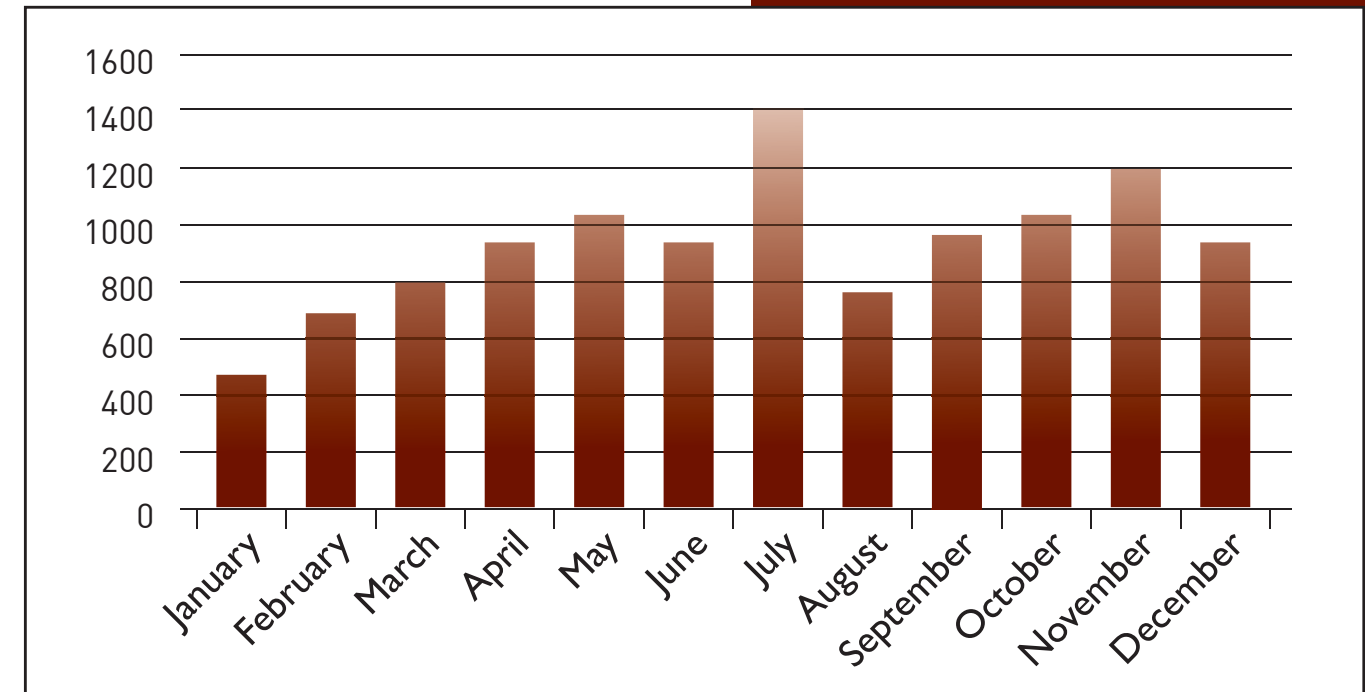
"I volunteered tonight as part of a class I'm taking, but I'll be back."



"I didn't realize I would learn so much about people taking care of each other from the clients. There are so many people who bring neighbors that don't drive and who share what little they have with other people."

Estimated
Volunteer Hours
3,000+

NUMBER SERVED



IN 2009, **190+** PEOPLE AND **21** ORGANIZATIONS GAVE

GENEROUS GIFTS

Illinois Disciples Foundation Social Justice Grant	\$30,000
Wesley UM Church & Foundation members/attendees	\$27,944
Wesley UM Church & Foundation organizations and fundraisers	\$7,078
Other organizations and businesses (see back page)	\$7,110
Other individual donors	\$6,982

TOTAL 2009 INCOME \$79,114

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

FOOD	\$51,761
AND OTHER GROCERIES	
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	\$8,330
PAID BY IDF GRANT	
PUBLICITY & FUNDRAISING	\$1,330
SUPPLIES	\$949
RECYCLING SERVICE	\$204
TOTAL 2009 EXPENSES	\$62,574



What you are doing blesses so many people. Thank you.”

“...**T**he [Illinois Disciples Foundation] welcomes the opportunity to meet real needs, while advancing our mission of struggling for peace with justice. There is no justice when basic human needs are not met.”

I was very impressed with your talk today. I didn't realize I could feed someone for as little as \$6.50. Here's my check!”

We are very impressed with Wesley's leadership in establishing an Evening Food Pantry.” [McKinley Foundation]

My wife and I appreciate the importance of what you're doing through your work, and are very grateful for the opportunity to help.”

Please find a check enclosed to assist you in your food pantry ministry. Our team was touched by your work in this important area.”

The Graduate Social Work Association and my Social Work Administration class collected donations for the food pantry at Wesley Foundation, raising \$503.76.”

30+ COMMUNITY AGENCIES PROVIDED INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES

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| Alcoholics Anonymous | Tax Assistance |
| CC Reg Planning Com LIHEAP | Transitions Resale Shop |
| Ch Co Christian Health Center | U of I Extension: |
| Ch Co Health Care Consumers | Family Life |
| Crisis Nursery | Horticulture |
| C-U Public Health District | Consumer/Fam Econ |
| C-U Tenant Union | UI School of Labor & Employment Relation |
| Dept of Veterans Affairs | Urbana Free Library |
| Disability Resource Expo | Voter Registration |
| Family Advocacy in Ch Co | Wesley Parish Nurses |
| Family Service Senior Resource | Wesley Children's Activities & Book Give-away |
| Frances Nelson Community Health Center | |
| IL Early Learning Project | |
| Illini Medical Screening Society | |
| Illinois WorkNet Ctr | |
| Latino Partnership of Ch Co | |
| Legal Assistance Foundation | |
| Odyssey Project | |
| Parkland College | |
| Prairie Ctr Health Systems | |
| Rape Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services | |
| SNAP-Food Stamps | |