

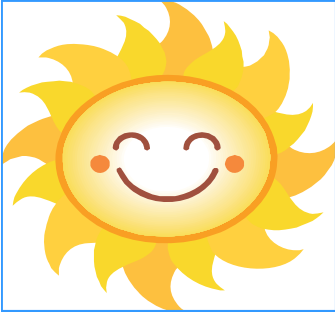
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# COOL

(Christian Outreach of Lutherans)

127 W. Water Street  
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## COOL TALK



### COOL GUARDIAN ANGELS

COOL Food Pantry EAST  
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Waukegan, IL 60085  
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COOL Food Pantry WEST  
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Ingleside, IL 60041  
847-662-1230

COOL Transitional Housing  
127 W. Water Street  
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847-662-1340

Over the years COOL has been blessed with many angels that have visited us with all sorts of gifts. I will, personally, be able to remember 14 years of visits from “Miracle Angels” on September 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. What a privilege it has been to be overwhelmed by the generosity of so many faithful COOL Angels. We at COOL love our angels and hold them in the highest esteem. There have been times when the pantry was nearly out of food and angels from a local church came in with a donation just before closing. At times when we reached the end of funds available to pay for something critical, COOL received an unexpected check. There have been extraordinary people that have come in our door at just the right moment to “save the day”. Some people in the community have been faithful month after month sending a check, knowing others need their help. They are “Golden Angels” and long time friends.

COOL would like to find a way to recognize those “Angels” that have been watching over and sustaining COOL for many years and to find yet a number of new Angels to carry us into the future. The “COOL GUARDIAN ANGEL” Program is our new way to recognize our existing Angels and seek 100 new Angels that are willing to pledge financial and/or volunteer support for at least three years at a time. Our Angels will receive a special “Angel Pin”, acknowledgement on our web site and a regular update of COOL events. Our “Golden Angels” have had the satisfaction of knowing they are an important part of COOL and have sustained the ministry over the years. Our new “Guardian Angels” will also come to be part of the COOL family that cares for neighbors in need and experience the warmth that brings.

There will be more information about the “COOL GUARDIAN ANGEL” Program coming soon. If you want to know more NOW, contact the COOL Board President, Dave Ross at [coolboard@poweruser.com](mailto:coolboard@poweruser.com).

Question: Why are Angels able to fly?

Answer: Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly !

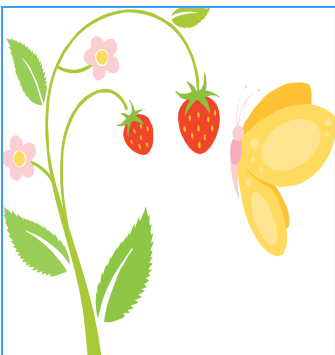
*Diane Weber*  
*Executive Director*

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM COOL

COOL would like to extend a special thank you to Help Them To Hope, Inc., The News Sun, and NorStates Bank for the support they have provided to us.

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**PANTRY EAST**

**HOURS:**

***Mondays***

***1:00-5:00 PM***

***Tuesdays, Wednesdays,***

***Thursdays & Fridays***

***10:00 AM-2:00 PM***

***4th Saturday of the month***

***11:00 AM-1:00 PM***

**PANTRY WEST**

**HOURS:**

***Mondays***

***1:00-5:00 PM***

***Wednesdays***

***10:00 AM-2:00 PM***

***4th Saturday of the month***

***11:00 AM-1:00 PM***

**Shopping List**

- . Rice
- . Pasta
- . Dried Beans
- . Cereal
- . Soup
- . Canned Vegetables
- . Canned Fruit
- . Tomato Sauce
- . Spaghetti Sauce
- . Beverages
- . Peanut Butter
- . Pork and Beans
- . Canned Meats
- . Tuna
- . Macaroni and Cheese
- . Diapers
- . Baby Food
- . Formula
- . Toiletries
- . Paper Goods

***COOL Food Pantries***

The COOL Pantries would like to thank all the individuals that belong to Curves, Greenwood, Waukegan and Ingleside for their wonderful annual Spring Food Drives. Every spring we have the pleasure of working with these great people. Keep up the good work, we love you!

Spring is here and it is time to start planning your garden. Please keep those we serve in mind, and consider participating in "Plant-a-Row for the Hungry". We had many positive comments from the visitors. Healthy eating is critical for our guests. The fresh fruits and vegetables they receive at the pantry may be the only fresh food they consume all month.

The pantries served 47% more people in 2009 than in 2008. Pantry EAST is open five days per week and served 29,178 individuals, 11,058 families. Pantry WEST is open two days per week and served 8,703 individuals, 2,982 families. Please be a "COOL Angel" and consider holding a food drive to help a Lake County neighbor in need.

If you are interested in participating in the annual CROP Walk 2010, contact Gayle Olson at Pantry EAST to receive further information. (847) 662-1230.

**Amber Abbott, Pantries Manager**  
**847-662-1230**



Naval personnel make a food drive delivery

***Volunteer Corner***

COOL Pantry EAST is entering its second year sponsoring the COOL Kids Volunteer Experience. Sign up will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Pantry EAST will be hosting the "children's" experience from June 1<sup>st</sup> - August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to experience working in the pantry and be a COOL Volunteer, then this is the program for you. The hours of the program will be Tuesday or Thursday from 10am-11:30am. You may choose two days per month per family. Last year the program was a smashing success and the children had so much fun, I highly recommend it. For more information call the pantry at (847) 662-1230.

**Amber Abbott, Volunteer Manager**  
**847-662-1230**



***COOL and THRIVENT CHOICE***

The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "GivingPlus" program came to a close in December 2009. A new program, **Thrivent Choice**, is being introduced to increase the number of members involved in directing Thrivent Financial's charitable funds to Lutheran organizations and congregations. (*Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to up to five organizations.*)

During the time that COOL was enrolled in the "GivingPlus" program, member donations and matching funds raised almost \$10,000 for COOL programs. It is our hope and our prayer that when Thrivent's new program, **Thrivent Choice**, is launched later this Spring that members will continue their support by remembering COOL when voting to designate their charitable dollars.

The **Thrivent Choice** program is still under development, so new information will be posted on our website, [www.coolministries.org](http://www.coolministries.org) as it becomes available. Thank You!

**COOL GRANTS**

With the coming of Spring we are thankful for the growth of new grass, renewal of fresh flowers, and of new life being born. I am very thankful for the continued support of all our private donors, the renewal of previous funders, and of new funding that has come to COOL. It is as if I have an Angel sitting on my shoulder guiding me, with all the good that has come COOL's way. The staff and I are grateful and give thanks for everything that happens to us, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than our current situation. I sincerely hope that all of you find your own Guardian Angel that will guide you through your every day challenges.

**John Gonzalez, Grant Writer**

**COOL Transitional Housing**

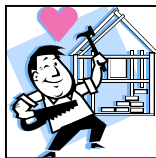
What happens to families when disaster strikes? The loss of a job, an unexpected illness, fire or other disaster, or even unexpected car repairs can mean the rent or mortgage can't be paid and homelessness can happen quickly. COOL Transitional Housing is a program designed to give working homeless families an opportunity to establish their lives anew with time to find permanent housing and build a better future. During their stay with COOL, families may obtain educational training, find better employment, gain life skills, learn to budget and save money, receive counseling and explore personal and spiritual growth. At the end of their stay with COOL, guest families exit the program and maintain self-sufficient living!

Maintaining our homes for Transitional Housing takes a lot of hard work! Homes need maintenance on a regular basis just to keep up with everything from lawn care to painting and everything in between. We are truly thankful for the help of volunteers who have come forward this Spring to help us give a much needed face lift and make essential repairs to our COOL owned properties.

**Diane Arlene Thackston, T-H Case Manager**

**Thanks to All the T-H Angels Who Make it Happen**

- H. Rick Gottman-TH Volunteer Coordinator
- Bill Turner who donated materials and repaired our doorbell system, and patched floors and countertops.
- Robert Haymaker -home repairs
- Kenneth Thomas -home repairs
- Gary Miller -home repairs.
- Bill Melville- home repairs.
- Jean Hamann-cleaning units.
- Jim Benton-drives truck and does labor.



Volunteer maintenance team working at Sherman Place

Shown: Rick Gottman and Robert Haymaker (ladder)

Not shown: Jim Benton and Kenneth Thomas



Sherman Place Backyard  
Looking for Play Equipment  
Picnic Table

**Transitional Housing Wish List**

- 140 Sq. Ft. of Kitchen and Bathroom Flooring per apartment
- 300 Sq. Ft. of Living & Bedroom Room Flooring per apartment
- 60 Ft. of Fencing for backyard to keep our children safe while playing in the yard
- A Safe Playground and Play Equipment for the backyard
- A Storage shed for our lawnmowers and lawn equipment
- Two battery operated emergency sump pumps to protect our base-ment housing in case of power failure
- Two 3' x 6'8" storm doors
- Picnic Table for our backyard

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Pantry Volunteer I

Assist pantry staff with sorting, packaging, and distributing food to visitors.

Pantry Volunteer II

Assist pantry staff with unloading truck, moving boxes, and general support for large pick-ups and deliveries. Heavy lifting required.

Times vary.

Unit Prep Crew

Individuals or groups to assist in preparing housing units for new guests. Times vary based on need. Tasks include cleaning and painting units, lawn care and minor repairs.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Check our web site at [www.coolministries.org](http://www.coolministries.org) for the latest information on upcoming events.

SPRING PLANT SALE  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Saturday, May 8, 2010

COOL ANNUAL  
GOLF OUTING  
Steeple Chase Golf Club  
Mundelein  
Thursday, June 3, 2010

FOODSTOCK  
Lake Bluff Village Green  
June 27, 2010

LAKE COUNTY FIELDERS  
BASEBALL TEAM "COOL  
DAYS"  
Sunday June 13, 2010  
Saturday, August 21, 2010

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COOL Board Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of each month at Bethel Lutheran Church on Grand Ave in Gurnee.

COOL Staff

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John Gonzalez	Grant Writer
Judi Best	Pantry WEST Site Coordinator

**MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFT TO COOL**

We are always seeking new and additional ways to fund our services. Does your employer provide any of the following?

- Matching funds for contributions that you make to a non-profit organization.
- Contributions or grants to community organizations for which you volunteer.
- A foundation that provides grants to community organizations.

If the answer is YES, then please consider COOL as the recipient of your employer's generosity. We are willing to provide assistance, if needed, in making the application to your employer. Please let us know if your employer has a foundation that requires a formal grant application.

During 2009, COOL received \$15,616.66 in donations through corporate employee giving campaigns and company matching fund programs.

Assistance may be obtained by contacting Cathy Melville, COOL Finance Manager, at (847) 662-1340, mailbox "4" or [cmelville@poweruser.com](mailto:cmelville@poweruser.com).

**If you are located on the western side of Lake County you may want to visit COOL Pantry WEST. Open Mondays from 1:00- 5:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and one Saturday per month from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.**

**A copy of our most recent 990 may be viewed on the COOL website: [www.coolministries.org](http://www.coolministries.org)**

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