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COOL TALK

WE LOVE OUR NEW HOME!!

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31

For nearly 30 years COOL Food Pantry East and Central Offices occupied several small store front spaces on Water Street in downtown Waukegan. Over the years COOL grew and visitors to the food pantries steadily increased. These days more than 6000 individuals receive food each month at the COOL Food Pantries and the Family/Transitional Housing Program now consists of 12 housing units.

The small space on Water Street simply could no longer meet our needs. In fact, there were many times when food had to be turned away as there was simply no place to store it. Perhaps the biggest problem was that none of the doorways in the old building were large enough to allow us to move food inside by pallet. Instead, every crate and box of groceries had to be unloaded on the street and moved by hand and cart indoors, regardless of the weather. Considering that Pantry East distributes about one and a half million pounds of food each year, that meant a lot of heavy lifting.

In the spring of 2015 our friends at the Henderson Foundation purchased and began renovating a new building for COOL. However, we quickly ran into trouble and feared we may never be issued a business license and occupancy permit for the new space. However, we prayed and asked our supporters to do the same, remaining faithful that with God there would surely be a way. We finally received our business license and occupancy permit in February and Pantry East reopened for business at 800 W. Glen Flora Avenue just north of the downtown area on February 16th, 2016.



The new building includes a double garage door and plenty of storage space so trucks can unload food deliveries inside! As part of the move we also made the decision to start a capital campaign for purchasing a much needed new walk-in freezer and refrigerator and a moving fund to help offset the other costs associated with relocating.

The walk-in unit replaces nearly a dozen smaller units that were not meant for commercial use. Now we will never have to turn away food donations and as a result we can buy food in bulk when prices are low, saving precious dollars. COOL can now provide more food assistance to our hungry neighbors in need in a more efficient space with plenty of room for both visitors and food storage.

On February 12th, the staff at COOL, along with the directors on our Board, Mayor Motley, Senator Terry Link and many of our supporters, gathered at the new building for a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by an open house.



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PANTRY EAST

HOURS:

Monday - Friday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lobby closes at 1:45 PM
One Saturday per month
(Call 847-662-1230 for details)

PANTRY WEST HOURS:

Monday
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
One Saturday per month
(Call 847-270-0411 for details)



Feeding the Community

Shopping List

- . Rice
- . Pasta
- . Canned 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

Our building dedication gave us the opportunity to thank the Henderson Foundation and other donors and volunteers who helped make this move possible including, John Iskalis of Iskalis American Floor Show in Gurnee who donated and installed new flooring for the entire building.



John Iskalis of Iskalis American Floor Show is recognized for his generous donation of flooring to our new building..

We were truly overwhelmed by the many friends who came out to celebrate our move. Our new building is everything we had dreamed of for many years and will enable COOL to greatly improve our services and help more people than ever before. On behalf of all of us at COOL **Thank You** for your help and support and if you missed the open house please drop by and visit as we are very proud of our new space and we would be happy to give you a tour.

If you would like to contribute to the capital campaign, just mark your donation envelope "COOL Walk-In Fund" or "COOL Moving Fund" with checks payable to COOL Ministries. Online donations via PayPal are accepted at www.coolministries.org. Thank you all for your ongoing prayers and support which we truly believe made all the difference in making our move happen.

Diane Thackston
 Executive Director

COOL FOOD PANTRY

On February 16, 2016 the pantry finally moved into our new home at 800 W Glen Flora Ave. Although it was cold and there was still plenty of snow on the ground, it was still like a breath of spring air as I opened the door for the first time that morning. The pantry guests were amazed when they saw our new place. They were extremely quiet taking in every aspect of the new pantry. Everything was freshly painted and new and exciting reminding me of the first 60 degree day after a long winter sitting outside in the warm sunshine in awe of the work that the Lord has done.



New Pantry East Lobby 800 W. Glen Flora Ave.



Pantry Operations Mgr. Gayle Olson (left), with Tera Redman, Finance Mgr./ Pantry West Asst.

It was exciting, to say the least, and I am so very thankful for Don Henderson and the Henderson Foundation for making the pantry so breathtaking. I have heard nothing but positives from our pantry guests and our donors are just as amazed as I was when I first looked at the new building. It was a long, long winter that lasted over a year waiting for us to finally move into our new place, but just like that first 60 degree day after that long winter, it was and continues to be a breath of spring air giving all of us a sense of renewal and for that I am forever grateful.

Gayle Puetz-Olson
 Pantry Operations Manager

COOL Family Housing

Spring is upon us and all of the children in our Transitional Housing Program eagerly awaited Easter. The Waukegan Emblem Club graciously donated Easter baskets for all of COOL's Transitional Housing children and COOL is grateful to them and all their members for all their lovely donations.

It is also the time of year to get some spring cleaning done around the Transitional Housing units. Over the coming months we will be cleaning out and organizing our garages, sprucing up the yards and preparing for summer. COOL is also has a need for a few good lawnmowers for some of the new properties we have acquired. Transitional housing will also be having a budget workshop in April to help the housing guests to do some financial clean up as well.

With your help, last year COOL Family Housing provided shelter and services to 17 homeless families (23 adults and 44 children). All of these families had been homeless with nowhere to else turn. We were also blessed to expand our program to 12 housing units to help house more families.

Here at COOL Transitional Housing we are looking forward to warmer days and brighter futures!



Mindy Lindholm
Family Housing Case Manager

Items Needed for Family Housing Units

- Beds, Dressers
- Couch/Chairs
- End/Coffee Tables
- Kitchen Table/Chairs
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Linens/Blankets
- Toasters/Coffee Pots
- Plates/Bowls
- Pots/Pans
- Mixing Bowls
- Utensils
- Microwave
- Throw/Area Rugs
- Lawn mowers



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.

Furniture Volunteers

Volunteers needed to pick up donated furniture items and deliver to our storage garage or to one of our family housing units.

Reminder - COOL Has a New Address



If you haven't already done so, please update your address book with COOL's new address:

COOL Ministries
800 W Glen Flora Ave
Waukegan, IL 60087

COOL 13th Annual Golf Outing Coming to Glen Flora Country Club July 11, 2016

Start building your foursome today and plan to spend a summer afternoon on the greens in support of the COOL Ministries.

Tee sponsorship is \$100.00. Please consider sponsoring a tee. Golf fee is \$140 or \$550 for a foursome. Complete information and registration forms will be available on the COOL website at www.coolministries.org.



We are seeking donations for the silent auction and raffle that will be held at the dinner following the event. You will receive a tax donation letter for these items. For more information, to secure a tee sponsorship or donate items for the silent auction or raffle, please contact Diana Fishman at dfishman@coolministries.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check our web site at www.coolministries.org for the latest information on planned events and latest news

COOL Fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes
Fountain Square, Waukegan
April 30 2016, 5-8 pm

COOL Plant Sale
Bethel Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 7, 2016

COOL Fundraiser at Panera Bread
447 N Milwaukee Ave
Vernon Hills, IL 60061
June 9, 2016, 4-8 pm

COOL 13th Annual Golf Outing
Monday, July 11, 2016
Glen Flora Country Club
Waukegan, IL

FOODSTOCK
Free Concert in the Park
Lake Bluff Village Green
June 26, 2016, 3-7 pm



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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.

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.

This fiscal year to date COOL has received an amazing \$6,743 in donations through corporate employee giving campaigns and company matching fund programs.

Donations to COOL through **Thrivent Choice** this fiscal year to date total **\$3,007**

Donations to COOL may be made via our website at www.coolministries.org. One-time donations can be made via PayPal by clicking on the "Donate" button. Ongoing donations can be set up through Thrivent's "Simply Giving" no-cost program. More info and application forms are available on the COOL website.

A copy of our most recent 990 may be viewed on the COOL website: www.coolministries.org

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