

# COOL Ministries

## Fall 2020 Newsletter

There is a beautiful quote that states “Surround yourself with people who make you hungry for life, touch your heart and nourish your soul “[anonymous]. Here at the Pantry, we have been feeding our neighbors for four decades and to be able to do so certainly touches our hearts. Our food program is strong, thanks to the hardworking volunteers and generous donors who empower us to serve more than 40,000 people annually (many of whom are children). We are so blessed to be able to serve the Lake County community and now more than ever those community connections are so very important. We are extremely proud of the fact that COOL Ministries has been able to remain open and feed our neighbors in need throughout this pandemic. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our supporters and the unwavering hard work of our staff and volunteers COOL never took a break from our mission of Feeding the Hungry and Housing the Homeless.

This has been a truly unprecedented time at the COOL Pantry. We have never seen so many new faces here before. More and more people are turning to us for help — particularly clients needing assistance for the first time. We have served nearly double the number of new families in need compared to this time last year. Some of our housing guests have lost income due to the pandemic and COOL has waived all financial requirements for those families and helped them to return to full time employment as well. Even in the midst of the chaos of COVID-19, COOL had a housing family graduate from the program and purchase their very own new home and a puppy too! No matter the obstacles COOL Ministries remains committed to all those we serve. The challenge has been how to ensure we have the resources to serve everyone while keeping our team, our community, and our clients safe. That means that a lot of processes and procedures have been changed. You can read more about the ways we’ve had to modify our methods throughout this newsletter, as well as how so many supporters like you have come together to help during this time of crisis.

I have been so grateful to our community. The way you have responded during this pandemic has been inspiring. Even on difficult days, it gives us hope and confidence that we can continue to respond to the needs of our neighbors. Frankly, this is a marathon and not a sprint. The economic impact of this pandemic is certainly going to last through this year and well into 2021 — likely longer. Just as the need is going to continue into the future, we’re going to need community support as well to help everyone in our community who needs nutritious food and safe housing for their families. Thank you for continuing to partner with us through your financial gifts, food donations, and time spent volunteering. You are the reason we will get through this crisis together and come out stronger in the months ahead.

### Family Housing

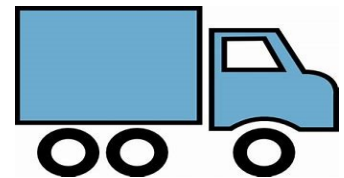
Adequate housing is more important than ever in these trying times. Not only do families need to protect themselves from COVID, but the world’s social climate is ever changing. COOL housing is seeing families struggling with employment due to these issues, which in turn affects their housing situation. It can be frustrating and scary.

Fortunately, at COOL we have been able to make needed adjustments to assist families affected by COVID. Some of these adjustments include waiving program fees, employment assistance, resource guidance, and education on proper protection for families. We are pleased to report that our guest families have still been able to save money, work on their goals to self-sufficiency, and enjoy a secure home while we navigate through this new “normal”. This would not be possible without the love and support of your donations. With every donation, you are giving families a chance! We humbly thank you.

### Food Pantry

The challenges of this difficult time have never stopped us at COOL from serving our community. The pantry has remained open and has seen a large increase of new clients including the most vulnerable members of our community during this pandemic. We have worked directly with a local church to serve over 100 individuals from their congregation each week. We have worked with PADS to serve 20 families being housed in area hotels meals each and every week since March of this year. COOL served over 4,800 Lake County households in June alone. COOL’s mission to feed the hungry is more important now than ever before in our four decades and we cannot fulfill our mission without the grace and generosity of our supporters. COOL food pantry is serving the community as we always have been Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

*The Cool Pantry truck works a full time job as we all do here at COOL Pantry. It is out on the road five days a week to multiple stores throughout all of Lake County to pick up and provide nutritional fresh produce for the families we serve. Of course, this is a lot of wear and tear on the old COOL truck and we are in need of a new one so that we can continue to provide fresh healthy produce to Lake County residents in need. Please consider donating to COOL to help*



# COOL FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL BASKETS

COOL FOOD PANTRY  
800 W Glen Flora Avenue  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847-662-1230

With the help of the community we are able to provide  
**1,000 Holiday Meal Baskets** during Thanksgiving and Christmas.  
There are two ways to support a family during the holidays:

Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

For questions or if you would  
like to volunteer call:

Pantry Operations Manager  
847-662-1230

- Pre-made meal baskets are available at a cost of \$20 each
- Put together a meal using the shopping list below

## Holiday Food Basket Menu

- \* Ham or Turkey (gift card if desired)
- \* Gravy
- \* Stuffing
- \* Canned Vegetables
- \* Fruit/Cranberry Sauce
- \* Corn Bread Mix or rolls
- \* Dessert
- \* Shelf Stable or Powdered Milk (or Juice)



Founded in 1983 COOL is a 501(c)(3) social service agency that has been proudly serving our community for over thirty-five years. Our mission is to give comprehensive assistance to families in need by reducing hunger and homelessness, while encouraging personal growth and self-sufficiency.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT IN SUPPORT OF COOL MINISTRIES!  
YOUR GIFT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WILL BE SENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_ \$60 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other

To Support: \_\_\_ Food Pantry \_\_\_ Family Housing \_\_\_ Area of Greatest Need \_\_\_ Holiday Meal Basket

\_\_\_ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Notify:

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## ~Tributes and Memorials ~ October 2019 ~ July 2020

Barbara Schroeder in memory of Dallas Nord  
Bettylou Miller in memory of Robert and Eileen Worth  
Mr. & Mrs. William Turner in memory of Marynelle Tyler  
Dan Sackman in memory of Bill Niemi and John Habenicht  
(Korean War Veterans)  
Margie Niemi in memory of Thomas Niemi  
Rev Tom and Louise Spahn in memory of parents  
Alan & Ida Dudleston in honor of Pastor Dennis Kelly  
Clarese Ornstein in memory of Steve Ornstein, beloved  
husband  
Laura Ogurek in memory of Ronald and Eileen Fode  
Edward Kelly in memory of Elfrieda Kelly  
Frank Kelly in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Mesenbrink  
Frank Kelly in memory Mr. & Mrs. Frank R. Kelly  
Frank Kelly in memory of Elfrieda H. Kelly  
Frank Kelly in memory of John & Inez Secor  
Frank Kelly in honor of Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Jahn  
Elizabeth Edwards in memory of Walter Edwards  
Senior Shepherds of Shepherd of the Lakes Church in  
memory of  
Penny Soulak  
Egon & Margaret Polnau in memory of Alex & Sophie  
Schoeler  
Mr. & Mrs. Darell Allie in memory of Robert & Roberta  
Speidel and  
Clyde and LaVerne Peer  
Jean Meyer in memory of Dr. Marlin H. Meyer  
Leo & Nancy Brown in memory of Elwood Dallmann  
Patricia Boock in memory of Lee Boock and for Baptism of  
great grandson  
Mr. & Mrs. Myron Ellis in memory of Jean Schiller  
Mr. & Mrs. William Werly in honor of Finley & Ellis Randall  
and Jack Werly  
Georgia Zeimet in memory of Ted and Dale Zeimet  
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Schwerdtfeger in honor of Rev Wayne &  
Wanda Jahn  
Joanne Torogian in memory of Peggy Peskator  
Rev Gerald Menk in honor of our family  
Paul Werfelmann in memory of Paul & Bonnie Werfelmann  
Karen (Salmela) Dietz in memory of Jerry Salmela  
Barbara Bakshis in memory of Craig Terrill  
Kenneth Lindquist in memory of Ginger Zaidel  
Jim & Johanna Blockinger in memory of Judge John Phillips  
Nancy Knapp in memory of Kenneth Knapp  
Gary Teschner in memory of Bernard Bachman  
Myrna and Jenny Wells in honor of loved ones  
Phyllis Nelson in honor of loved ones and  
Lynn Nitto, good mom and friend  
Jennifer Theis in honor of Lily & Robert Thorn  
Claudine Rayos in memory of Matthew & Patricia Koller  
Thomas Ketcham in honor of The Ketcham Family  
Thomas Ketcham in memory of Scott McLeod  
Mr & Mrs. David Barnes in memory of Stanley Thompson  
Lois Menich in memory of Joseph Menich  
Tim & Cindy Kasper in honor of Ardy & Bill Kasper  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Cashen in honor of Holly  
Mr. & Mrs. John Krueger in memory of Lainy Plinke  
Florence Kristensen in memory of E. Robert Kristensen  
Mr. & Mrs. David Bender in memory of loved ones  
Dawn Vogel in memory of Elizabeth Franke  
Barbara Kempf in memory of Lois Weber  
Michelle Hill in honor of Ron & Sandy Hill and Jeff Hill  
Lori Colon in memory of Ramon R. Lopez, Edelmiro Colon, and  
Lucrecia Castillo Colon  
Diann Drasler in memory of loved ones  
Marilyn Turchi in memory of Helen and Jack Heist  
Larry Wiesemann in memory of Leroy and Patricia Wiesemann  
Robert Daley in memory of Gerald Salmela and Catherine Daley  
Patricia von Kampen in memory of Richard von Kampen  
Jeanine Hanson in memory of Phillip I. Hanson  
Barbara Schroeder in honor of her family  
James Heidner in memory of Chester (Bob) Chase  
Helen Binning in memory of Paul Binning  
Donna T. Burke in honor of Joanne Torogian  
Ron Kok-Alblas in memory of Claude Kok-Alblas  
Nancy Salmela in memory of Jerry Salmela  
Anita Benson in honor of Doris Warn  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Love in memory of Jeff Love  
Kay Taylor in memory of Elmer and Helen Taylor  
Shirley Prince in memory of loved ones  
Jerome Herb in memory of Elaine Herb  
Bettylou Miller in memory of Robert & Eileen Worth  
Mike & Sue Turchi in memory of Ruth Koehler  
Ardy Kasper in memory of LaVerne Truby  
Judi & Rick Larsen in memory of Dick & Lorraine Larsen and  
Penny Petitclair  
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Paoli in memory of Tom Salame  
Paul Werfelmann in honor of the Glory of God  
Denise Bischof in memory of Theresia Bischof  
Mr. & Mrs. David Fox in memory of Diane Storlie  
Sharon Labelle in memory of Bob Labelle  
Jennifer Crotty-Murawski in honor of John Crotty  
Betty J. Oleson for family  
Devra Van Dreese in honor of St. Paul's Church  
Geraldine Hommes in memory of Michael Hommes  
Geri Halliday in memory of Betty Seppala  
Joanne Torogian in memory of Richard Waltenberger  
Barbara Schroeder in memory of Mary Ann Genovese  
Georgia Zeimet in memory of Dale Zeimet  
Kenneth Lindquist in memory of Arthur, Pastor, Effie and Linda Lindquist  
Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Joaquin in honor of Pastor Wayne Jahn  
Karyl Mose in memory of Dorothy Wirttala  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Love in memory of Jeff Love  
Florence Kristensen in memory of E. Robert Kristensen  
Sharon Labelle in memory of Bob Labelle  
Dorisann Flynn in memory of husband Jack and daughter Kathleen  
Donna McDermott in honor of Sergeant Francis P. McDermott, USMC  
Mr. & Mrs. James Heidner in memory of Marcell Diesterheft, Gunnel Jex, And  
William (Bill) Deutschmann  
Deborah Robinson in honor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Staff Members  
Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Joaquin in memory of Dorothy Buddenhagen  
Susan Murphy in memory of Margaret Semon  
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Dudleston in honor of Darlene Harms and Nancy Sievert  
Patricia Boock in memory of LouAnn Daniels  
Carol Haste in memory of Carol Studtmann  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Sargent in memory of Richard Tribbey  
Lucille Tolonen in memory of Bella Urgena  
Mary Jo Przygoda in honor of Joanne Torogian birthday  
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Patricia Boock in memory of Larry Boock  
Karen Lincoln in memory of Mary Jane Niles

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### Pamela Johnson donations in honor of:

Jim and Kathy Andrews	Kay Tellekson
Julie and Nate Linscheid	Cathy and Chris Schouviller
Collette Schouviller & Joe Grover	Pat Betz
John Niemeyer	Wendy Niemeyer
Erika and Will Wilbur	Mark and Stacy Betz
Chris and Ken Hall	Scott and Lauren Hall
Jen Hall (and Sam)	Kim and Lou Ziolkowski

### Donations in Honor of Dave & Audrey Johnson's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Sue Dolan                      Ed & Jan Fischer                      John & Nancy Bruick

### Donations in Memory of Lyle Neagle

Mr. & Mrs. James Davoux                      Gloria Spring  
Joanne Haugen                      Lois Long

### Donations in Memory of William "Bill" Kasper

Steve and Barb Kempf	Sherm and Bonnie Alwardt
Howie and Joanne Pahl	Richard and Anne Kangas
Betty Sunday	Kasper Family
Quentin and Rebecca Schwarz	Tim and Cindy Kasper
Martha Ann Siepker	

## Support COOL When You Shop Online

The holidays are nearly here and it's time again to shower those you love with gifts, including COOL Ministries. If you are one of the millions of people out there that likes to avoid the traffic outside and inside the mall or just can't fit a shopping trip on your agenda shopping online is a wonderful option. You don't even need to get out of your pajamas.

COOL Ministries participates in two on-line shopping programs that give a percentage of your order to our organization. Your friends and family will love their gifts and so will COOL!

It is easy to support COOL Ministries every time you shop online at thousands of retail websites using I-GIVE. Visit <http://www.igive.com> and select Christian Outreach of Lutherans as your charitable organization of choice. COOL Ministries is a registered cause at I-GIVE. It's easy to join and it's free.

Are you an Amazon shopper? Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Christian Outreach of Lutherans as your charitable organization, and 0.5% of every eligible purchase will be donated to COOL. Your Amazon account (and Amazon Prime Membership) will work exactly the same on AmazonSmile, but the donation will only occur if you shop using the smile link.

## 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.



### COOL Family Housing Success Story

A recent graduate of our Family Housing Program at her new house with her family and new puppy!

