



To see volunteer opportunities:
www.signupgenius.com or use this
QR Code. Use our email to find
the list of opportunities.
Communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com



To make donations go to:
www.communityhelpnet.org
Or scan this QR Code with your
smartphone camera.



Winter

**Buddy Bag Family Holiday
Celebration December 18th**

Adult volunteers needed. If you
can help, please email
Communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com

Fling into Spring

Fundraiser and Celebration.

Friday April 21st 2023 at the
Venue in Crown Point. Guest
speaker, Pastor Jeff Newton from
Kokomo Urban Outreach.
(The inspiration for Buddy Bags)
Silent Auction and Raffle.
Tickets will be \$50 per person.
Available in January. Limit of 80
tickets will be sold. Looking for
sponsors to cover some of the
costs, i.e., DJ, food, alcohol, etc.

The Apple Newsletter

News and Highlights from
Community Help Network, Inc.



Stories from the Warehouse

(From Bonnie Meyer)

We often never know how what we do impacts those we help. But sometimes we get to see that impact in person.

A young single mother came into the warehouse seeking assistance. Noticing the thin sweatshirt she was wearing and the over-sized coat her preschool daughter was wearing, I had them both choose winter coats from our coat racks. I then had them choose items from the Household Pantry. Although we are not a Food Pantry, we do often have food donated that is not appropriate for a Buddy Bag. While choosing food for these young ladies I was taken aback by their enthusiasm and joy over receiving pasta to go with their sauce and popcorn to share that evening. This is why I say never do nothing because you can only do a little.



**Amazed and grateful for the incredible
generosity of Crown Point Rotary's gift
of \$5,000!! Thank you, Crown Point
Rotarians!**

In Photo from left to right are Board
Members: Eden Koenig, Bonnie Meyer,
Bette Oesterle (CP Rotarian), Sue Riester,
Dian Reyome and Paul Sills.



During Bonnie's recent visit to the Netherlands, she received a really cool gift from her nephew, Lucas. Lucas has a 3D printing company and he made several Buddy Bag Apple Key Chains! Check out his business on his website or at his Etsy Store. 3D-Print by Kim, 3dprintbykim.com
Thank you, Lucas!



Our Bimonthly Luncheon will be
December 3rd and 17th.
Volunteers needed.
Please sign up to volunteer using
www.signupgenius.com



**It's not all work and
no play!
Right Landon,
Shallynn and Oscar?**



Coat Collection –We are once again working
with **Coats for Kids** to help provide winter coats
for low-income families. You can bring your
lightly used or new coats to the warehouse
Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:00 am until Noon.
Coats are available to our clients throughout the
cold weather.

Buddy Bags – This program began as a mission outreach of the Crown Point First United Methodist Church in 2017. A Buddy Bag contains breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for two days, a small number of extra items are added for longer breaks. Each Buddy Bag comes with a child-centered inspirational note. Once a month something special is added. This could be a small craft kit, school supplies or a small bag of travel size hygiene items.

When the program became too large for the church to continue to house and fund on its own, a brave group of volunteers formed Community Help Network, Inc. That was April of 2020. That September we were blessed to find the wonderful space we occupy in Crown Point, right across from the High School.

Household Pantry – Providing hygiene items, paper products and cleaning supplies to low-income families in South Lake County. Open Tuesdays 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am until Noon. Let us know if you would be able to place a collection bin in your place of work or business.

Little Free Library – A large selection of books for all ages. All books are free. Open any time there are people at the warehouse.



Household Items & Gifts!

Saturday, November 26th this motley crew went to the Amazon site in Matteson, IL and picked up 5 pallets worth of amazing donations. Thank you, Amazon, for helping us help others!!



Hey all you fleet of feet, this run is for Buddy Bags! So, put on your best pair of running or walking shoes and help us stomp out hunger in South Lake County, IN. Thank you, Tim Fealy and all the wonderful folks at Hometown Happenings for your continued support!
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 AT 6 PM – 7:30 PM



Pastor John Harris and son Ben with Lake Prairie Food Drive Donations

Thank You Lowell Schools



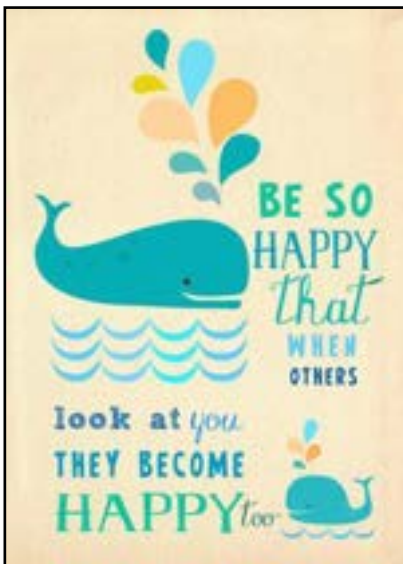
Volunteers sorting Oak Hill Elementary Food Drive Donations

Buddy Bag Update

As of this writing we are serving **803** food insecure South Lake County students in **22** schools in **4** school districts every week of the school year. Almost 600 Buddy Bags are packed each week at a cost of approximately \$5.00 each. That is an increase of almost \$1.50 from last school year. The weekly cost of Buddy Bags is nearly \$4,000!

Food Drives have a huge impact on those costs.

Contact us if you or your organization would like to have a **Food Drive**.



This is a sample of the weekly inspirational notes that are placed in every Buddy Bag.



John W. Anderson Foundation



Community Help Network, Inc.



550 East Burrell Drive
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 805-3717

communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com

www.communityhelpnet.org

Like us on Facebook

