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The Apple Newsletter

News and Highlights from Community Help Network, Inc.



Stories from the Warehouse

This story is not actually from the warehouse, but rather from one of our schools. On a recent visit to one of our Crown Point elementary schools, Bonnie had a conversation with a third-grade teacher. Bonnie asked for feedback regarding the students in her class that were receiving Buddy Bags.

The teacher told Bonnie how one of her students would take the inspirational note from her Buddy Bag and place it in the front sleeve of her binder. This way she could look at it whenever she wanted or needed to.

How heartwarming it is to hear that this small gesture we make can have such a lasting and positive impact.

Garden Update

Do you enjoy gardening? Don't mind getting your hands dirty? Well, we have a garden committee that could use your help. We are meeting on Saturday May 6th at 2:00 pm to begin cleaning up remnants from last year's garden. We will also begin planting seeds in mini, indoor greenhouses. We have plenty of seeds but need help getting them into dirt. As the garden progresses the need for help will increase, with watering and weeding. We have the tools we need but we are in need of volunteers who have the time and desire to make the garden a success for the families we serve.

Join us on May 6th. Email us for more information.



Tavern on Main continues to provide soup and other wonderful fare from their menu to Ladle of Love.





Saturday April 8th Let us hide your Easter Eggs!!! If you do an Easter Egg hunt for your kids or grandkids, hire us to hide filled, plastic eggs outside your house. Each egg is filled with a trinket or a quarter and a fun sticker. For a mere \$50 we will hide 100 Easter Eggs around your yard. Give us a call, 219-805-3717 or email us communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com, to make arrangements. Hiding will commence at 7:00 pm and end at 10:00 pm. Limited to Crown Point Residents. All proceeds help food insecure and low-income families in South Lake County.

Buddy Bags – The estimated cost of the Buddy Bag Program for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year is \$50,000. Food Drives help a lot! Food Drives thus far this school year have contributed enough food for a week's worth of Buddy Bags. That's Awesome! Here is what we need:

Boxes of Mac n Cheese Ramen Noodles Canned Pasta Meal Canned Tuna Individual Boxes of Cold Cereal Instant Oatmeal Hot Cocoa Microwave Popcorn Granola Bars Fruit Cups

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.

From Bonnie's Messy Desk



2023 is shaping up to be a year of transition. We have paid employees, rising food prices, increased traffic in the Household Pantry and Ladle of Love. Our budget feels it! We have decided not to hold a golf outing this year. We will be doing several other fundraisers to hopefully make up for that lost income. Please keep following us on Facebook. And watch out for a renewed website in late May or early June.

Tuesday, April 4th: Crown Point Rosati's Fundraiser. Be sure to mention CHN and/or Buddy Bags



Saturday, April 8th **Easter Egg Hiding**

Friday, April 21st: **Third Anniversary** Celebration/Fundraiser





Sunday, May 7th Noon till 4:00 pm BINGO **Crown Point American Legion Post**



We've made a few changes to the inspirational cards. Now the kids have something to color. And, we put important information for parents on the back side.









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