50th Anniversary Gala

You only turn 50 once! In the spirit of this milestone year at Circle Of Concern, we are hosting our first-ever gala celebration on Saturday, November 4, and we’d like you to join us!

An event like this doesn’t happen all by itself. Teams of volunteers, staff, board members and community friends work together to make sure each piece of the party comes together. The result is an exciting night celebrating 50 years of food and service to the community. Led by our board president, Steve Ernst, and his wife, Debbie, committees focus on creating and mailing invitations, securing sponsors, procuring auction items, enlisting volunteers and much more.

Would you like to help? Here are some next steps:

**Invitations** – We probably have you on the mailing list, but just in case, visit circleofconcern.org/Events to visit the 50th Anniversary page. From there, you can either register for the event or you can add your name to the “Send me an invitation!” list.

**Sponsorships** – Do you or someone you know have a business or organization you’d like to align with Circle’s good work? Call Cyndi at 636.861.2623 x117 to find out sponsor levels and benefits.

**Auction** – We are looking for experiences and new items to help raise money. Vacation stays, sports tickets, family fun, spa packages, restaurant certificates, home services – you name it, people will love it! Contact Juliet@circleofconcern.org to share.

We’ll see you on November 4!

Current Needs:
- Canned Pasta – **CRITICAL**
- Snacks (i.e. granola bars, pudding cups, crackers)
- Canned mixed vegetables, carrots and/or peas
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Chicken
- Razors
- Dish Soap

Our Mission:
Circle Of Concern feeds the hungry and provides assistance to low-income families living in west St. Louis County.

Our Vision:
Improving every life in our community by reducing hunger and poverty.

Feeding Families is Just the Beginning
A Client Story

The lobby bookshelves* are a popular stop on the way to the pantry for our clients and their children. Each are invited to take books home for keeps. On a recent morning, we found this note stuck discreetly to the shelves. You are most welcome, Sebastian!

*Right now, we need new and very gently used toddler and early childhood books.

Run, Don’t Walk…Really!

We’re in the final days of registration for the 4th Annual Run Circles Around Hunger 5K Run/Walk on September 16! Visit circleofconcern.org to sign yourself up, along with your friends and family. The cost is only $25 per person. Join us!

A Piece of the Pie

Live your pizza dreams at the Dewey’s Ellisville Pizza School on Sunday October 1. Go behind the glass at this popular pizzeria and learn to flip the dough like a pro! The cost for this once-in-a-lifetime experience is only $25 per person and includes the lesson, your own pizza, all-you-can-eat salad and soda…with beer and wine available for purchase. 100% of the proceeds help stock the shelves at Circle. The school will have seatings and lessons every 30 minutes during the event that runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and space is extremely limited. Sign up today by calling Dewey’s at 636.227.3400.

Good Credit

Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credits are available for 2017. If you give money or food to Circle but have not used this popular program to reduce your MO income tax bill, try it this year! Little-known fact – spouses filing jointly can earn up to $5,000 in credits when they give up to $10,000. Contact Juliet at 636.861.2623 x106 for info.

July Stats:

Number of people fed = 1,589
Number of bags distributed = 2,610
Number of families = 543
Kid bags shared = 262
Cost = $83,536.43
Financial Assistance 24 families received $3,198 in financial assistance
Volunteers 181 volunteers shared 1,811 hours
In addition to the regular groceries we provide to our client families each month, Circle Of Concern provides a Thanksgiving Basket to all of our clients and their families for Thanksgiving dinner. Your gifts of food and funds help us offer Thanksgiving dinner to 550 families plus share food with nearly 2,000 people each month.

**Thanksgiving Items:**
- Cornbread Mix/Biscuit Mix
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce • Canned Fruit
- Dessert Mix (cake/cobbler mix, canned pumpkin or pie filling)
- Turkey Gravy (Canned)
- Macaroni & Cheese • Rice Mixes
- Canned Vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed veggies)
- Jello Gelatin
- Yams/Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Broth or Cream Soup
- Canned Milk (evaporated or sweetened condensed)
- Large Foil Roasting Pans

Your **Cash Donation** helps us purchase turkeys!

**Everyday Needs:**
- Peanut Butter • Jelly and Jam
- Canned Meals (chili, chicken, stew)
- Dinner “Helpers” • Cereal
- Canned Fish, Meat
- Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce

**Drop off food at Circle by**
**Friday, November 17, 3 p.m.**
**112 St. Louis Avenue in Valley Park**
THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join Circle Of Concern in reaching out to needy families in our community this holiday season. You or your group can help by hosting a food drive and collecting food, contributing money to purchase fresh produce and turkeys or volunteering time to the Thanksgiving Basket Program! If you would like to volunteer for our thanksgiving program, please complete the form below. To learn more, call 636.861.2623 or email Barb at woehle@sbcglobal.net.

Please CIRCLE your shift(s) below:

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS (must have current vehicle insurance, valid driver’s license and must be able to lift 30+ lbs)

All Driver Shifts are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday (November 6)
Tuesday (November 7)
Wednesday (November 8)
Thursday (November 9)
Friday (November 10)
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Monday (November 13)
Tuesday (November 14)
Wednesday (November 15)
Thursday (November 16)
Friday (November 17)

WAREHOUSE Volunteer at Circle (must be able to lift 30+ lbs. and be 16 years or older)

Monday (November 13)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Noon-3 p.m.

Tuesday (November 14)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Noon-3 p.m.

Wednesday (November 15)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Noon-3 p.m.
4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday (November 16)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Noon-3 p.m.

Friday (November 17)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Noon-3 p.m.

ON-SITE PREP Volunteer-
St. John’s UCC 15370 Olive St.
(All children’s groups must be 8th grade or older.)
Lunch Provided

Thursday (November 16)
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION Volunteer-
St. John’s UCC 15370 Olive St.
(All children’s groups must be 8th grade or older.)

Saturday, November 18
8:30 a.m.-12 noon Food Distribution
12 noon-2 p.m. Load Boxes for return to Circle

Sign up to Volunteer TODAY before your preferred volunteer shift is filled!

I/We can help between November 6 - 18, 2017 at Circle and/or St. Johns UCC, 15370 Olive in Chesterfield

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Complete and return by mail to:
Circle Of Concern
Attn: Thanksgiving Baskets
112 St. Louis Avenue
Valley Park, MO 63088

Or fax to 636.861.2296

Call 636.861.2623, email Barb at woehle@sbcglobal.net or visit circleofconcern.org for more info.
Get By Giving

A favorite holiday program at Circle is our Holiday Family Adoption. This year, this program will grow by leaps and bounds, and you can leap along with us!

The idea is simple. Circle families are “adopted” by friends in the community who help make their wishes come true. To make this happen, we connect sponsors—community friends, businesses, churches, civic groups and others—with a family, providing a wish list for each person in the household. The sponsors then purchase gifts for each person; we recommend a limit of $50 per person.

This has been a popular program for both clients and sponsors, with giving and receiving brightening hearts on both sides.

New In 2017

To better serve our clients, we are focusing our December efforts on Holiday Family Adoption instead of other programs. This way, more families will be able to share their own wish lists and are more likely to have their holiday dreams come true. That means we need more sponsors! If you have ever considered adopting a family for Christmas, please contact Niki by October 16 at niki@circleofconcern.org to be matched with a grateful family.

Your generosity will ensure the happiness of children and adults, alike!

Note From Cyndi

50 years ago, Circle of Concern began with a simple idea...that area churches should band together to better serve our neighbors in need.

Now, decades later Circle of Concern Food Pantry is a social services agency offering a long list of programs to help struggling families. It’s a 6500 square foot facility staffed by hundreds of volunteers, serving more than 1200 households annually. What a long way we’ve come, thanks to the commitment—and gifts—of many.

On November 4th, we will be celebrating our golden anniversary, and all that is Circle. Dana and Ryan Dean of KSDK-TV, along with Maria Keena and members of the Original Knights of Swing will join a room full of friends old and new to reminisce and celebrate changed lives. We’ll enjoy hors d’oeuvres and dinner, an exciting live auction (including travel, golf, jewelry, fitness and spa packages and more) along with some truly inspiring stories. Our committee has planned a lovely evening. Won’t you join us?

Movie Night at the Firehouse

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Sunday, September 24th
*visit circleofconcern.org

IN MEMORY OF, cont.
William and Theresa Hess’ Family
Ruth Hubbs
Gerald Hutchison
Joanne Iverson
John Joyce
Chuck Kincaid
Lyla Klingle
Elias J. Kosednar
Harvey Krueger
Curtis Leach
Augustus LeMarga
Jean Luedde
William Luedde
John A. Maxwell
Terry Edward McKenna
Jerry McMahon
Dominic Mikal
Tim C. Miller
Geraldine Moeller
Joan Moschner
Mrs. Earvin’s Son
Thomas Mueller
Chris Nelson
Oliver and Helen Newberry
Jane Nicoletti
Joan Oppliger
Tina Perniciaro
Don Plank
Andy Rawls
Iona Roth
Christine Royal
Henry “Babe” Schardan
Sylvia M. Scheer
Marianne Schenck
Robert Schmidt
Ray Schmitz
Virginia Schmitz
Hilda Schreiber
Marian Seiter
Tora Siesennop
Lois Simon
Joan Skyles
Jerry Sorensen
John Spencer
Mildred Stasa
Betty Stephenson
Russell Strohmeyer
Joseph Struckhoff
Greg Sullivan
Denise Thomas
Etton Henry Tonsing
Doris Van Fossen
Bill and Wilma Van Genderen
Scot Vivrett
Richard Volvere
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Adrian Roy Weisheit
John Werts
Rita Westerfield
Carolyn Wolff
Amy Marie Woods
Gwen Zamberlan

Received April 1 through July 31, 2017
We share many donations with our clients:
- Food, Canned and Packaged
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Dry Pet Food, Litter
- New School Supplies
- New Toys
- New Blankets, Hats, Gloves

Donations are accepted:
- Mon, Tue, Fri.................9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday..................9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Thursday ....................9 a.m. - noon
- Saturday....................9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Important Dates:
- **September 2-4** Circle Closed for Labor Day Weekend
- **September 16** 4th Annual Run Circles Around Hunger 5K
- **September 24** Family Movie Night at the Firehouse, Ballwin
- **September 25** General Membership Meeting
- **October 1** Dewey’s Pizza School, Ellisville
- **October 16** Deadline to sign up as Holiday Adoption sponsor
- **November 4** 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

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