**Circle Of Concern
Food Pantry**
Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

Circle Of Concern Food Pantry Seeks Toy Donations for Children in Need

(Valley Park): Non-profit food pantry and social services organization Circle Of Concern is in need of age-appropriate gifts for children from infant to teens for its annual toy drive scheduled for December 10. The organization is asking for the public's help this holiday season to ensure it has enough gifts to share with hundreds of children in need in west St. Louis County.

"The children of Circle clients live at the mercy of the circumstances of their parents or guardians," said Cyndi Miller, Circle's executive director. "They didn't ask for the struggles they endure, so we try to make things easier for them with programs like the toy day before the holidays."

Circle's toy day enables clients to "shop" at no cost for their children and choose from a wide variety of age-appropriate gifts. Last year the organization gave out more than 5,400 toys, books, games, bikes, sports equipment, building sets and more that went to 600+ children living in west St. Louis County.

Donations are being accepted through 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. New, unwrapped items can be delivered to:

Circle Of Concern
112 St. Louis Avenue
Valley Park, Missouri 63088

Credit card contributions can also be made securely online at http://www.circleofconcern.org. Monetary donations will be used to purchase toys and to provide healthy food for the families we serve.

For more information about ways to help make the holidays brighter for the children of Circle, contact Cyndi Miller at 636.861.2623 ext. 117.

Circle Of Concern has served the needs of low-income families in west St. Louis County since 1967. The organization's core service, its food pantry, serves approximately 25,000 individuals each year. Circle also provides financial support, scholarships, job mentoring, children's programs and holiday events in an effort to take some of the burden off their clients' plates, allowing them to use their limited resources to regain financial footing.

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