

AROUND THE Circle Newsletter

Circle of Concern
Food Pantry



Summer. School.

Classes – in-person and virtual – might be on a hiatus for the summer, but at Circle of Concern, we're already thinking about the new school year!

Most of our children will be back in the classroom in August, and they will need backpacks and supplies to start the year off right. For many years, with the help of our generous friends, Circle has stocked those backpacks through our Back To School distribution event serving hundreds of children.

In 2020, concerns about holding large events demanded we shift from an in-person distribution to a gift card for each child. We will continue providing gift cards in 2021. We are confident that either Back To School model, in-person or via gift card, will achieve the primary goal of this program – to ensure children get the tools they need to confidently participate and thrive in school.



Supplies on the Tribute Name line of the 'Donate Now' credit card form on circleofconcern.org.

On behalf of all our kiddos, thank you!

You are the key to providing critical supplies to families that might otherwise not be able to purchase them. This year, instead of bringing us actual pencils and notebooks, we invite you to support Back To School with a monetary gift to Circle in July. Please write School Supplies on the memo line of your check, or write School

Current Needs:

- Rice, Bean, Potato Sides
- Canned Chicken
- Beef Stew
- Chicken & Dumplings
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cake Mixes, Muffin Mixes, etc.
- Canned Vegetables
- Dinner Helpers
- 4+ Blade Razors
- Feminine Hygiene Pads, Size 4-5
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Pull-ups 3T-4T



*Feeding Families is
Just the Beginning*

In Honor and In Memory

(March 1 - May 31, 2021)

When you make gifts in remembrance or honor to Circle of Concern, you both celebrate your loved ones AND include them in your support of the programs of this organization. Thank you for valuing our work with your care for your loved ones.

IN HONOR

Delores Ahrens for Mother's Day
Lindsay Ahrens's Birthday
AJ & Jo's Birthdays
Jill Albano's Birthday
Ballwin OES Officers
Paula Black's Birthday
Jim & Elise Boscia's 50+1 Birthday
Janet Byington
Penny Christoffel's Birthday
Circle Board of Directors
Circle Staff
Circle Volunteers
Ginny Clancy
Tom Colwell
COVID-19 Helpers
Pierce Croner's 4th Birthday
Faith Des Peres
Presbyterian Church
The Guy in the Green Subaru
Sandy Guymon Receiving
"Pillar of Parkway"
Irene Kampeter for Mother's Day
M/M Randy Karl's Anniversary
Gary & Lori Klopff's
40th Wedding Anniversary
Andrew Loeffelman
The Lord
Mary M. Happy - Mother's Day
Nan McCabe
Bill Mix's Birthday
Karina Patel
Linda Patton's Birthday
Paying It Forward
Emma Jean Phillips
for Mother's Day

Pioneers
Edie Quick
Red Hats
Ann Ross
Hazel Rozema's Anniversary
Rose Schwend's Birthday
Dan Stauder Being a Rock
Through Recent Surgery
Susan's Retirement
Nancy Swoboda - Happy Easter!
Vicki Voss' Birthday
Alderman Ed Walker
Jane Walsma's Birthday
Barb Woehle's Birthday
Diane Zenk's Birthday

IN MEMORY

Ronald Abling
Joy Allen
Sharon Azzarello
Ray & Bobbie Baniak
Don & Elaine Baumbach
Kathryn L Bettis
Margaret Mary (Peg) Bolen
Martha & Earl Brewer
Louisa (Lulu) Brotherton
Ron Brown
Nancy Brueggen
Rose Marie Bruno
Jane T Burle
James (Jim) Byington
Rick Camden
Betty Chadd
Marvin Cohen
William Patton Combs
Connie Conrad

Judy Cooper
Robert Crews
Susan Cuddihee
Katherine & Ray Dains
Grace M Deane
Drusilla DeLisle
Jerry Dudding
Louise DuMontier
Gene Enchelmaier
Bob Fahey
Bert Faison
Robin Ferris
John Garcia
Dr Gordon Gilliatt
Ginny
Rodney Goessman
Joann Grzywinski
Jean Guarino
Carole Hansmann
Warren Hecht
Helen
Mary Ann Herzwurm
Mae Hudson
Tom Hunter
Sharon Hutton
Phil Iffrig
Janet
Jesus Christ
Evangelina Kliensorge
Mary Lou Knoll
Haran Kumar
Tricia Lemay
Patrick F Livingston
William Luedde
James Meyer
Dominic Mikal
George Minkevich

Irene Mispagel
Mom (Chancal Kapoor)
John Moore
Sandra Moyich
Elizabeth C Mozley
Louis Mueller
Marlene Muir
Nancy Murray
Don Muse
Rose M Paule
Donald Piekarski
Betty Rakestraw
James P Reeves
Mary M Reeves
Mary Rogers
Steve Rouff
Christine Royal
Marianne Schenck
Helen Seagrass
Edward & Eileen Snodgrass
Juanita Stallnacker
Tommy Staples
Marguerite Stricker
Earl Stroud Jr
Bo Sturhan
Walter Suydam
Shirley Swanson
Karen Toth
George David Trost
Don Van Hulzen
Crescentia Walsh
Ross Watson
Mary Willman
Laura Wind
Carolyn Wolff
Sarah Jane Young

The Guy in the Green Subaru

Picture the scene -

Brad is in a drive-thru fast food lane, picking up food for the kids. He panics, realizing his wallet is at home. As he explains to the cashier in the window, the driver ahead of him in a green car overhears and offers to pay for dinner. "Pay it forward, buddy. Just pay it forward."

As Brad says, "I figured that I could either pay for someone else at some other place and time, and help that person out with what is probably just an inconvenient situation... Or, I could donate to Circle of Concern in honor of the Guy in the Green Subaru, and be 100% certain I was helping someone who really needed the assistance, rather than someone like me who just didn't remember his wallet when he went to get takeout."

Thank you, Brad, for your generous payment forward on behalf of families that really need the help.



Holiday Joy Starts Now

A warm holiday season at Circle begins in the heat of the summer. We have launched our 2021 Holiday Joy campaign to underwrite our Thanksgiving Basket and Holiday Adoptions programs with gift cards again in 2021. These cards will purchase turkeys, special family ingredients, and cherished gifts for hundreds of families this November and December.

Please visit circleofconcern.org to make a gift, or mark Holiday Joy on your check's memo line. And thank you for warming the season for our client families!



Harvest Moon Trivia Goes Virtual!

A favorite St. Louis experience—trivia night—seemed threatened in 2020 as large groups took a backseat to social distancing. We cancelled our own scheduled Harvest Moon Trivia Night out of an abundance of caution.

Well, 2021 is a new year, and Circle will once again host Harvest Moon Trivia on Friday, September 17. This year, though, it's VIRTUAL! That is, ZOOM technology will bring at-home teams together to compete in six rounds of challenging trivia. Circle staff has all played this way, and the consensus is – it's still fun and you can play in jammies!

We know it will be a new experience to play online for many of our previous trivia players. Some things to know:

- Most of the fun at trivia night is gathering with your friends. You can still do that in the comfort of your own home. And you can even include and see trivia ringers from other parts of the world on your team;
- Scoring, questions, extra games, your table treats and more still are all part of the fun;
- We can help with technical questions and requirements before the event and during the night;
- Your registration still supports Circle's food pantry and other programs.

Visit circleofconcern.org to register your team today or to sponsor the event.

Circle's volunteers are like a family, and we at Circle recently lost a brother.

Patrick Livingston volunteered as a receptionist and caseworker since 2011. That he was intensely dedicated to making life easier for our clients goes without saying. In fact, it's Patrick you see kicking off our video on the volunteer page of circleofconcern.org.



Beyond his commitment to Circle, it's worth noting that Patrick seemed just as dedicated to being our resident comedian and rabble rouser. He had a wild joke or lively political commentary at the ready every day, and he was quick to share it. As he once said, after struggling with repeated illness over the years, he didn't worry about watching his words. He said what he thought ... which occasionally led people to exclaim, "Patrick, you can't say that!" He would just laugh and tell another joke.

Patrick, we truly will miss your humor, your spirit and your unwavering care for the people we serve.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

To paraphrase former FLOTUS Lady Bird Johnson, "Where vegetables grow, so does hope!"

In that spirit, dedicated volunteers of Circle—led by Larry Quick—have planted a vegetable garden in our slip of lawn next to our building, with plans of sharing the harvest with our clients. Tomatoes, peppers, beans and much more – watch here for updates through the growing season!

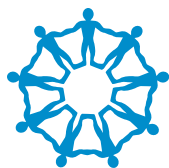
Circle welcomes surplus fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs from home gardens...and the families we serve love it too!



We raise a margarita glass to El Toluco Tacqueria & Market! A recent dining event at this delicious Manchester restaurant raised \$605 for our food pantry. Thank you, Maggie and crew!



Many thanks to Victoria, Mary and Will for making bracelets and selling them from the driveway to benefit Circle. Charity begins at home – thank you!



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We share many donations with our clients:

- Food, Canned and Packaged
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Dry Pet Food, Litter
- New Blankets, Hats, Gloves

Donations are accepted:

Monday..... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday..... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday..... 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Remember - Your monetary gift
or food donation can qualify for
MO Food Pantry Tax Credits.
Contact juliet@circleofconcern.org
to find out more.



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Important Dates:



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| July 5 | Circle Closed in Observance
of Independence Day |
| July 26 | Virtual Board Meeting
Contact cyndi@circleofconcern.org
for information |
| August 1 | Art With a Purpose Exhibit - Local Artist Mary Hanson
American Legion Post #156, Kirkwood |
| September 6 | Circle Closed in Observance of Labor Day |
| September 17 | Harvest Moon Virtual Trivia Night!
circleofconcern.org |
| September 27 | Virtual Board Meeting
Contact cyndi@circleofconcern.org
for information |

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