# Circle Newsletter



Circle of Concern
Food Pantry

# Garden Greens & Healthy Families

The last few years have brought many changes to Circle of Concern. One of the most popular of them has been our on-site garden, which produced nearly 2,000 pounds of colorful, varied fruits and vegetables for our clients in 2022.

Plans are underway for this spring's planting, and volunteers are poised to get seeds into the ground and our harvest into our clients' kitchens. We also look forward to the generous surplus that our home-gardening friends bring to share. Throughout the summer, beautiful tomatoes, greens, beans and herbs are eagerly chosen by happy clients.

These foods are on the front lines against a common adversary in the world of poverty and hunger – nutrition insecurity. While many of us have heard of food deserts and food insecurity, nutrition insecurity gets at the heart of something we all face. While many foods are inexpensive and easily available, they often don't contain much in the way of the vitamins and other nutrients we need to thrive. Circle is staring down nutrition insecurity.

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overall recommended dietary guidelines offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To learn more about these guidelines, please visit *MyPlate.gov*.

Your gifts make this nutritional bounty possible. In a world where processed foods are often less expensive than healthier fresh foods, your support gives our clients a chance for real nutritional security. On their behalf, thank you!



Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

#### **Current Needs:**

Several items are urgently needed. We have no back stock at all on:

- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal (especially kid-friendly)
- Snacks (with portion packs)
- · Dinner "Helpers"

# In Honor and Memory

Your gifts given in memory or honor of a loved one provide a three-fold benefit - you celebrate someone you care for, you directly support the critical programs of Circle of Concern and you honor Circle by trusting us with the tribute. For each of these, thank you.

#### **HONOR**

Jim & Sally Allen Pam Ashcraft. Former Pres, Harwood Hill Women's Club Jayne A Baggett Karen Bellvile Betty & Judy Besch Terry Boaz's Birthday M A Boehmer Jr's 84th Birthday Barbara Brown Laura. Gene & James Brown Paul & Claire Buneta Frank Byars Christmas Harriet Clark Community Christian Church Staff, Church Family & Friends Billie & Don Coon Margaret Croner Chris Delaney for Christmas The Drabik Girls Karen Dunne Eleanor, Thomas & Aiden Ray Evans & David Liley for Christmas Leo Gelner Al & Hera Gerber's 50th Anniversary Patrick & Rita Gilliam Stacy Gleason Carol Gruen Frank & Pat Haase Steve & Becky Hager for Christmas Steve Hager's Birthday Dean & Betty Hammann Ray & Ann Harbert Joyce Harrell's 70th Birthday Vickie Haugen's Selfless Service

Jean Heinemann

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Dawn Held

Birthday Gail Hintz

Joyce Inman

Alan & Sylvia Kaufman Glenn Koenen Carla & Don Koss Mark Kramer Mark & Deborah Kumming Lafayette High School Food Drive Frank & Marilyn Lammers' 65th Wedding Anniversary Judy & Bruce Leach Michelle Lepak Lisa Don Loso's 90th Birthday Rita Ludden's 90th Birthday Nancy Lynn The Rev Sharon Maddox's 70th Birthday Alan McClendon Sally McDonough Gtr StL Meals on Wheels Workers Who Help Circle of Concern Scotty Meyer's 91st Birthday Cyndi Miller Jo Ellen Miller's Birthday Missouri Senator Jill Schupp Missouri Veterans My Family for Christmas Jewell Billen Nadler's Special Birthday Sherry Naylor, for her kindness and thoughtfulness Eileen & Larry O'Brien Emma Jean Phillips' Birthday Mike & Sally Pierle James Poley The Poley Family Becky Pool Larry & Edie Quick Betty Quicksall Dave & Nancy Robbins Lindsey Rocchio Dolores Rodenberg Cheryl Rook Rowe Family for Christmas Hazel Rozema's Anniversary Rich & Barb Ruiz for Christmas Sarah Ryan

Martha Ryan for Christmas

Penny Ryan's Birthday Laurie Schlatter James Schmidt's 80th Birthday Matthew Sinise The Staff of Circle of Concern Barb Stroh for Thanksgiving Teachers & Staff at Wren Hollow Elementary Team DKM Anniversary Linda & Chris Thumm Al & Chris Trimbur Julie Unk's Birthday Lisa Weiss' Volunteer Work in Guatemala West County Democrats Westermann & Butler Families for Christmas Justin & Kaitlyn Williams Wedding Nancy & Quentin Wilson Barb Woehle **MEMORY** All Our Loved Ones

All the People Who Lost Their Lives by Guns Dorothy Andereck Margaret Avery Ray & Bobbie Baniak John Bannen Kenneth Barley Margaret Barley Sally Barnhart Dorothy Barrath Randall Barron Virginia Bartnett Marge Bauer Ryan Bierman Dennis Bierner Tom Bladdick Lena Boatright Margaret Mary "Peg" Bolen Martha & Earl Brewer Mary Brockway Jerry G Brown Adele Buckhold Ben Burch Timothy Burns Frank Byars Jerry Caesar Mary J Callahan Dan Carlsen Carol Carr

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Lorene Lane

Alice Lauher

Tom Lemonds

### On the Links!

Registration is now open for the 17th Annual Circle of Concern Golf Tournament. Sign up your foursome before we sell out!

#### Monday, May 22, 2023 Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka

18 holes of challenging play
Contests / Great Food and Drinks / Auction
\$150 per player, \$600 per foursome
Sponsorships are Available!

Visit *circleofconcern.org* or scan with your phone to register online!



We need new or gently-used pre-kindergarten books for our lobby library. Thank you!



#### Special thanks to our sponsors ~

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#### **OUR MISSION:**

Circle of Concern feeds the hungry and provides assistance to low-income families living in our community.

#### **OUR VISION:**

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

# In Memory, cont.

Rose & Sylvester Liss Loretta Littrell Patrick Livingston Grace Loeffelman Mary & Jesse Lopez Shirley Love Pete Makulec Debbie McCaffery Mary McColloch Dominic Mikal Mom & Dad Daniel Mueller Marlene Muir James & Bonnie Murphy Francis Myatt Helen Newberry Ralph Newberry Louise Niewoehner Theresa Noronha John & Joice O'Hare Joan Oppliger

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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:**

Mon, Tues, Fri ........... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wed .............. 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Thurs ............. 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.

## **Important Dates:**

March 27 Board Meeting at Circle, 5:30pm **Contact Circle for more information** Circle closed for Spring Holiday April 7 April 22 Drive-through food drive at Circle, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.112 St. Louis Avenue in Valley Park Hosted by King of Kings Lutheran Church April 29 **April Showers Collection by the** Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri May 13 Stamp Out Hunger **Letter Carriers Food Drive Pick-Up** May 22 17th Annual Golf Tournament Aberdeen in Eureka October 20 Harvest Moon Trivia Andre's West in Fenton



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