



Helpful Happenings

Owasso Community Resources 2010 Annual Spring Benefit

Spring 2010

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By The Numbers:

- OCR has provided 397 bags of emergency food in the first quarter of 2010.
- 237 families in Owasso and Collinsville have found themselves in need of our emergency utility assistance program from January to March 2010.
- 98 individuals in our service area are receiving counseling and working on improving their lives through our partnerships with major counseling organizations.



Our Annual Spring Benefit dinner and auction was held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Bailey Educational Foundation Auditorium at Bailey Medical Center. The theme of this years event was "A Western Affair". Our guests received a "Welcome To The Old West" atmosphere as they had fun and supported OCR in our efforts to assist the communities of Owasso and Collinsville. The evening began with a reception, hors d'oeuvres and the Silent Auction in The Bistro. A BBQ dinner was served in the auditorium courtesy of The Bistro, Trails End Barbeque & Grill, and Reasor's.



Auction items were donated by Owasso and Collinsville businesses and individuals who support OCR's Mission. Our sponsors, donors, and guests helped us raise \$42,000 to support OCR's programs including emergency utility assistance, food pantry, counseling services, Holiday assistance and more.

**Thank You
For Your
Support.**



The presentation by the Board of Directors captured the impact OCR has in our serving areas and how important emergency assistance programs are for families during their time of need.



A good time was had by all. Everyone was there, even the legendary John Wayne.

Please Contact Pat Hardy @ 272-4969 or phardy@owassohelps.org if you would be interested in receiving our quarterly newsletter via e-mail.

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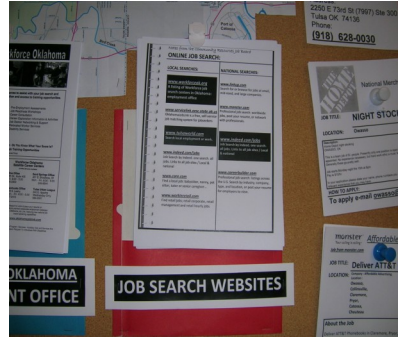
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New Job Postings Board

We have a new and exciting service to help our clients in their search for a job. Our job postings board is updated weekly if not more.



With the conditions of our economy today and the challenges faced by many in finding a job, we are assisting our clients with the process of finding work other than going directly to the companies and filling out applications on site. We are showing individuals the different ways on how to locate employment opportunities with the use of websites, temporary work agencies, and other alternatives. Our goal is to provide them with new tools to help them improve their chances of becoming employed.

We also have available information that our clients may take with them so they continue the process of applying for a specific job.

The Job Board became available early March and many have already benefited from the service. The “word on the street” is that OCR has a job board that is very user friendly and that we are here to help our clients to procure and retain employment so their lives are enriched and they can once again have a positive outlook on their lives.



Friends of OCR

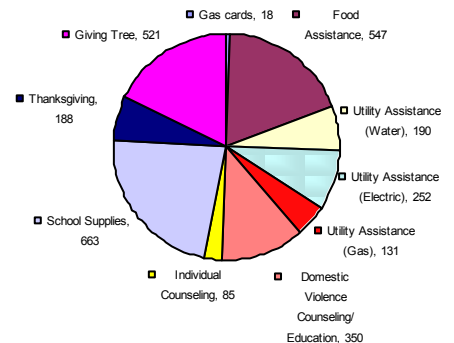
Investing in our Community...One Life at a Time!

Monthly contributions at work:

Everyone can make a difference for the families and individuals in our communities of Owasso and Collinsville. We are inviting you to become part of Friends of Owasso Community Resources. Friends of OCR is a group of community members who have committed to make a monthly gift to our mission. The amount to contribute is your decision and every gift counts.

Any financial contribution to OCR is tax-deductible and helps us provide services that strengthen families and our entire community. For more information or to request a pledge coupon book please contact Nadia Guevara at 272-4969.

- \$10** provides a bag of emergency food for a family
- \$20** enables us to provide essential school supplies to one student
- \$30** provides meals for three to four days for a family of 4
- \$40** provides one hour of counseling for victims of domestic violence
- \$50** provides one hour of counseling for children who have been abused
- \$50** supports families during the Holidays by providing gifts for their child
- \$100** provides the opportunity for a family to avoid disconnect of water, electric, or gas so they can remain safe in their home



Volunteer Opportunities

OCR is a registered site accepting TCC Tulsa Achieve students. Visit www.1-800-volunteer.org to view postings.

Saturday, May 10: National Association of Letter Carrier's food drive "Stamp Out Hunger". Volunteers are needed throughout 5 hours to sort items. Volunteer anytime from 12-5pm for one or more hours. Groups are welcome to participate.

Late June: Back to School Supplies Registration. Please contact Lori Lane at 272-4969 or llane@owassohelps.org for information on specific times, days and detailed information about any of our volunteer opportunities.

CASE MANAGER CORNER

We are working hard to better identify and serve clients who fall within the federal poverty guidelines. Some qualifiers are: Social Security benefits or disability—SSI/SSDI, Department of Human Services Welfare recipients such as: TANF Program, Sooner Care, and WIC, Veterans, people receiving unemployment, or single parent households. People who have experienced a loss of income, are culturally disadvantaged, or are experiencing a short term financial crisis are grateful for the OCR utility assistance program and food we receive from our supporters. Families assisted by our programs are many, and often we receive thank you notes and donations from clients once they are out of their crisis.

Volunteer Appreciation Open House

We will be honoring our OCR Volunteers on Thursday, April 22 from 6:00P.M. until 8:00P.M. with an Open House to commemorate the National Volunteer Week. Our success is based very much on the caliber and the number of wonderful and dedicated volunteers that we have. We are so grateful for each and every one of them and for all of the variety of talents that they bring with them.

We will have snacks, soft drinks, prizes and loads of fun and pictures. If you have been or currently are a volunteer please plan on attending and allowing us the privilege to thank you for your services.

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Top Ten Items Needed in the OCR Food Pantry

1. Tube Packaged Frozen Ground Beef
2. Peanut Butter & Jelly
3. Juice (Canned or bottled)
4. Spaghetti "O"s /Ravioli in a can
5. Canned Meats
6. Beans
7. Dry Cereal
8. Meal Helpers
9. Popcorn
10. Saltine Crackers

