



Helpful Happenings



Girl Scout Troop 2012 of Owasso set a goal to collect 1,000 rolls of toilet paper in May to benefit our food pantry. On Saturday, May 22, donations were collected at the parking lot of Faith Lutheran Church. The troop achieved their goal and collected a total of 1,022 rolls.

The Girls Scout Troop 2012 and OCR staff thank Kirk Chiropractic, JAN-PRO of Tulsa, Tim Campbell with AFLAC, and All Maintenance Supply for their support. Also a special thank you to Deborah Bartfield and Dolores Williams for their generous contribution and everyone in the community who stopped and dropped off their toilet paper at the Drive and finally, "Thank You" to the many troops of Osage Service Unit for supporting this Toilet Paper Drive.

Summer 2010

Inside this issue:

Letter from our Director	2
Volunteer Appreciation Open House	2
Case manager Corner	3
Volunteer Opportunities	3
Our Sponsors	3
Top Ten Items	4
Donate online	4

By The Numbers:

OCR has provided **866** bags of emergency food in the first six months of 2010.

Approximately **28** people per week benefit from surplus food delivered through our partnership with Standing In The Gap.

394 families in Owasso and Collinsville have found themselves in need of our emergency utility assistance program in the first six months of 2010.

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

BAKE U'R BUNS OFF

On your mark, get set, go... Bakers.

OCR needs you to mark your calendars and dust off your oven mitts and aprons.

We are having a BAKE SALE on September 18th from 8AM to 1PM at the Owasso Community Center. We would like your bake goods so we have wonderful goodies to sell. Call Pat at 272-4969 for details.



OWASSO COMMUNITY RESOURCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara Owens
Frontier International Trucks
President

Randy Cowling
Claremore Progress
Vice-President

Robin Dean
AEP/PSO
Treasurer

Jennifer Kalvaitis
JP Morgan Chase
Secretary

MEMBERS

Kathy Curtis
Owasso Public Schools

Jerry Fowler
City of Owasso

Gaye Gardner
Uptown Salon

Chelsea Harkins
City of Owasso

Tammy Laakso
Community Volunteer

Rodney Ray
City of Owasso

Kara Swacha
Complete Care Chiropractic

Robert West
First Bank of Owasso

A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Owasso Community Resources Friends,

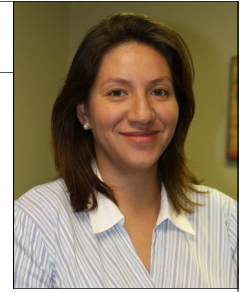
I'm pleased to begin this letter with an announcement of new opportunities to support Owasso Community Resources' mission and the many families that we serve each year. As the economy continues to affect many non-profits, we are facing challenges in raising funds to continue with our programs and meet the needs of the increased number of individuals who are struggling in our serving area. This year, the number of families who needed help from our emergency utility assistance program has increased by 26% and we are helping 48% more families through our food pantry. With the increased number of people in need of our services, we can only anticipate the continued need for our annual projects such as school supplies, Thanksgiving Baskets and Holiday gifts.

Please consider donating to Owasso Community Resources, we have a number of new opportunities that can help us raise much needed funds. We have partnered with local businesses to begin our **U Can Help Campaign**. *A Touch of Sun, Beyond Nutrition, Boyd Family Dentistry, Complete Care Chiropractic, Fitness Together, and Uptown Salon* are helping us collect a One-dollar donation by displaying a pledge card with the name of the person contributing to our cause. If you know of any additional business who would like to help support this campaign please contact our office. The campaign will run through September 1st, 2010. Another way to help support our programs is to join the group: **Friends of OCR**. This is an opportunity for those who would prefer to contribute to our programs on a monthly basis. Monthly donations of \$10 or more help us assist many parents who are not able to meet the basic needs of their family and need a helping hand from time to time. These contributions help us prevent children from going hungry because dad cannot find a better paying job. Your contributions also help avoid the disconnect of utilities so that families are able to continue taking showers, cook meals, and continue with their normal life.

And our third opportunity... We are very fortunate to have a generous, anonymous donor who has created a Grant Matching Fund Program for us. The donor has invited our organization to use this leadership gift to challenge and inspire others to support our programs to help us have the availability to aid the increased number of people living in Owasso and Collinsville who need our help. The program applies to all financial contributions from foundations and corporations given to our organization through December 31, 2010. Matching funds will be given on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$100,000. We invite you to join us in our efforts to raise needed funds for our organization. Please contact me at 918-272-4969 or nguevara@owassohelps.org for more information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nadia Guevara



Volunteer Appreciation Open House

April 22, 2010 was the date that we HONORED our volunteers. We at Owasso Community Resources are grateful and appreciative of the time and energy that we receive from our volunteers. These wonderful people are always there and willing whenever the need arises with the big and small projects that we create to benefit our clients. They work many hours and we love to take this opportunity to thank them, once again, for all of their efforts and support. The Staff of Owasso Community Resources and our Board of Directors send a big **THANK YOU** to every one of our devoted volunteers.

If you would like to join our team of volunteers and have fun doing volunteer work, please call Lori at 918-272-4969 or llane@owassohelps.org





x
Community Helper

U CAN HELP CAMPAIGN
sponsored by
SAVON-Printing

The Following business are collecting ONE Dollar donations to benefit our programs:

- A Touch of Sun
- Beyond Nutrition
- Boyd Family Dentistry
- Complete Care Chiropractic
- Fitness Together
- Uptown Salon

Take part in this campaign and you will be directly involved in helping the most disadvantaged families in our communities of Owasso and Collinsville.

CASE MANAGER CORNER

In the last year, we have implemented a very important change to better serve our clients. We have moved to a case management model when providing basic needs services to families. We now focus our attention to the person's entire situation to help them obtain the resources, information, and guidance needed to improve their quality of life.

People we help are improving their living conditions: Angie was receiving short-term disability since June of 2009, due to deterioration of her spine and back surgery. She owed \$203.00 monthly for medical care and had been referred to an attorney for long-term social security disability. As a result of her condition, her electric bill and water bill were both in cut-off status. OCR assisted her with both bills through our emergency utility assistance. To make her life better, Angie was determined to go to work part-time. OCR guided her employment search as well as her application for extended disability. She found a job she could perform and returned to work on December of 2009. She has now been employed for six months.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ **Back To School Supply Bagging** at First Presbyterian Church, 12800 E. 85th St. N
August 9 - 12 Morning and Evening hours available.
- ◆ **Bake Sale** at Owasso Community Center, 301 South Cedar Street
September 18 - Provide baked goods and/or volunteer. See article for details.

Contact Lori Lane at 918-272-4969 or e-mail : llane@owassohelps.org for all details.

A Big Thank You to Our Sponsors!

GOLD STAR SPONSORS



SILVER STAR SPONSORS



BRONZE STAR SPONSOR



NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
OWASSO OK
PERMIT NO. 11



P. O. Box 2280
109 N. Birch #109
Owasso, OK 74055

Phone: 918-272-4969
Fax: 918-609-0012
phardy@owassohelps.org
www.OwassoHelps.org

*Investing in our
community...
One life at a time!*

Page 4



**Become a fan of
Owasso Community Resources
on Facebook!**

Please note:
"or Current Resident"
has been added to all
mailing labels. This is
a new stipulation that
has been placed by the
United States Postal
Service.

**You can donate directly to OCR
through PayPal on our website!
www.owassohelps.org**



Top Ten Items Needed in the OCR Food Pantry

1. Canned Tamales
2. Canned Carrots
3. Shampoo
4. Deodorant
5. Pancake Syrup
6. Diapers (Children 4 & 5 and Adult)
7. Dry Cereal
8. Laundry Soap
9. Microwave Pop-corn
10. Saltine Crackers

