

Community Hygiene Bank Summer Newsletter 2023



Dear Friends of the Community Hygiene Bank!

We hope you are having an enjoyable summer. It seems like a long time since our last distribution on May 6! We served 150 families over that May time period. Between our regular distribution on that Saturday, our mobile delivery service and several emergency boxes, we served 400+ individuals; aged infancy through Seniors. We've distributed at least 3 emergency/mobile delivery boxes every week since then (about 35 total).



May 6 Distribution, we served over 400 individuals. Christine Hunt donated hundreds of "cheerful" daffodils to offer our CHB folks to celebrate Mother's Day. *Thank you Christine and Robert Scholes (left), a CHB volunteer*



Our CHB Volunteers are the heart and hands of this vital ministry!

We were again able to honor our incredible CHB Volunteers and Interns through our annual CHB Volunteer and Intern Appreciation event, held on Saturday, May 6 after our distribution.



Our incoming interns: (left) **Kyle Schottmiller, Jesse Hall and Emily Reinschmidt**, SUNY Brockport Social Work Seniors



volunteered with us since her freshmen year-Congratulations Berit!

-Amari Grady a Senior at Roberts Wesleyan College while interning with us who has recently graduated.

congratulations Amari!

Natalie Otto, a Junior Social Work major interned with us this Spring. She is joined by her parents at this event. We shout out a special THANK YOU! to **Tina Hundt** for making this beautiful cake;

in chocolate and yellow- as the interns requested!

What's New, What's Next at the Community Hygiene Bank?

The Storehouse: We are grateful to now be able to keep all our hygiene inventory in our new Storehouse. It allows us to bring in more inventory, accept larger donations and serve many more people. We are continuing to organize this space to make it easier to see, manage, and access our inventory. We still have a few projects to complete, including asphalting our driveway, but we are getting there! Thank you to everyone who has helped make this happen!

Note: We have a new, large <u>beige</u> collection bin for hygiene item donations in the front of the church

New to You Sale: This fundraiser, which was held for the second year at the end of April, was a wonderful success! We raised \$4000 for the CHB and were also able to provide affordable, quality clothing, household and other items to members of our community and beyond.

The New to You Sale entailed an incredible amount of time and labor in its preparation and on the sale days. We thank Linda LeTouzel, Judy Crissy, Eileen "Sweetie" Ryerse, Diana Rood, Kevin Justice, Fran Hulsizer, Natalie Otto and Amari Grady who worked tirelessly throughout this process. We also had many other volunteers along with this core group who made this event possible and successful. *We cannot say thank you enough*.

-Moving forward, we will be looking for fundraisers that are not as labor, time and space intensive as a New To

You Sale. We invite your ideas and experiences with fundraising.

And as we move forward... we will now be hosting 4 public distributions per year; during the second Saturdays in September, December, March and the first Saturday in May, all from 11am-1pm **Those upcoming distribution dates are:** Saturday, September 9, December 9, 2023 March 10 and May 5, 2024

FYI: We hold the May distribution on the first Saturday rather than the second as our student interns are still with us. The following weekend is often both Mother's Day and College graduation and would be a conflict for our volunteers and community members.

We will continue to pack boxes the Thursdays before a distribution from 4:30pm -6:00pm in the Jubilee Fellowship Hall; September 7, December 7, 2023, March 8 and May 3, 2024. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates

We now offer "*emergency boxes*" for people over the summer months and in between distributions. People are allowed one emergency box per year to help with those kinds of situational needs. Job loss, surgeries, home fires and floods, recent location into our area are just some of the reasons community members have requested these boxes.

We have also *added a mobile delivery service* to our distributions. Cherry Good spearheads a team of volunteers on packing days to put these request boxes together for special deliveries. We average 20-30 of these requests per distribution and they get delivered before the Saturday public distribution.

Our CHB folks are also utilizing JCC's free bread and baked goods offering on Thursday, along with free pet food thanks to Nancy Spilberg's pet food ministry. It's wonderful to partner with each other in this way.

I'm looking forward to "seeing you in September"! Please be sure to RSVP if you are volunteering; Scarlett: 585.953.0764 or <u>communityhygienebank@jubileechristianny.org</u>

Until then, please "Serve one another humbly, in love" Galatian's 5:14

Blessings, Scarlett