

## **Message from the New President, Helping In His Name Ministries (Food Pantry)**

We are all aware of the economic changes in our community. There are hundreds of families being impacted by the lay offs, unable to pay their mortgages, medical bills, foods and the list goes on. However, at The Food Pantry, Helping In His Name Ministries, we continue to serve as many as 70 families per day.

The requests for assistance have risen since October of last year. We served 35,407 people which represents 10,939 families in 2008, an increase of 25% from 2007. Many were disabled, Seniors on a limited income and single parents. Since the first of the year we have encountered an 11% increase and have already purchased over \$14,000.00 worth of food at \$.16 a pound. However, I just wanted to share some good news to our community about The Food Pantry.

Many of you know about the Robbery last September, when we lost a load of goods and our truck. We were able to survive the lack of a vehicle for three months. Thanks to Last Call Ministries who daily loaned us their truck and to you who generously gave to the cause, we now are blessed with a 26' truck which holds 12 pallets. We also were able to purchase a refrigerated truck which enables us to pick up frozen foods when donated. Praise God!

Recently a client stood among our Volunteers and Staff, and said, "Thank you for the food we receive here, without it we would go hungry." We often hear these words and we are so grateful to all of you who have stood with us and continue to do so weekly or monthly.

It takes Food, Funds and Volunteers who give their time, to meet the needs daily here at the Food Pantry. *Thanks to all Individuals, Churches, Schools, Organization, Volunteers and Corporate sponsor, who donated Food, Funds and Time.* We pray you will greatly be blessed for your giving. Together we make a definite difference in the community. THANKS!

Jesus said, " It is more blessed to give than to receive." We will continue to share Food, Hope, Encouragement, and Love to all those who enter our doors.

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The Food Pantry