

WHAT SOME OF THE AGENCIES RECEIVING FOOD IN 2007 HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

"The food came at a good time because our shelves were bare. It enabled us to the reach the needs of people in our community. You were an answer to prayer!"

-- Brenda Kovatch, Abundance of Love Pantry

"Through the summer, we have been very low on food. We go through 1500 food items a week. With children home during the day, the need for food is greater than normal. Receiving food from Freedom from Hunger helped us meet those needs."

-- Linda Drzycimski, Aid to Women

"Your generous donation of food has had a significant impact on our Heart of lowa food pantry. Many women arrive with little or no resources to purchase food. Without your donation, our agency would incur significant increases in costs to maintain this pantry. Subsequently, we are able to provide many "extras" that might otherwise not be available to our clients."

-- Linda Touro, ASAC Heart of Iowa Program

"The Adult Basic Education Program at the Catherine McAuley Center strives to help immigrants, refugees and/or undereducated adults improve their lives through education. Many of our students and their families struggle to attain the basic necessities, such as food and shelter. The onsite food pantry at the Center provides indispensable support to these families. Many people count on the food we provide them. Thanks to Freedom from Hunger, we are able to help make the lives of our students and their families better."

-- Wendy Arnold-Rodriguez, Catherine McAuley Center

"What a pleasant surprise to learn that we would receive a sizeable donation of food from the Freedom from Hunger 2007 drive! This came at a time when the need was great. During the summer, we had a 51% increase in the number of people served compared to 2006 and our supplies were quickly depleted, so your timing was perfect."

-- Charles A. Beahm, Churches of Marion Food Pantry

"Clients were delighted with the variety of food. We received food that we normally aren't able to purchase due to our limited budget. We are very thankful for all of the food that we received."

-- Christy Martensen, Foundation 2 Crisis Center

"The food we received from Freedom from Hunger provides homeless youth food that they otherwise cannot afford. You can be assured that the food donated through Freedom from Hunger is appreciated and essential to this community."

-- Steve Harford, Foundation 2 Transitional Living Program

"The Freedom from Hunger food is a blessing. It is extremely helpful to our program's budget, which is already stretched. It is estimated that the food provided from this drive will save the Youth Shelter between \$1,500 and \$2,000. From all of the staff and youth here at Foundation 2 Youth Shelter, thank-you for all of your efforts!"

--Paul Swanson, Foundation 2 Youth Shelter

"We are always so grateful to receive a portion of food from your Freedom from Hunger drive. We serve approximately 500 guests per week with a free noon meal and all of our food comes from generous donations. Freedom from Hunger has allowed us to keep our shelves full as we reach out to those in need in our community. Thank-you so much!"

-- Jim Fields, House of Prayer

"Over the summer, our donations go down, so the timing of this gift is perfect. Because of the wide range of items given us, we were not only able to restock our shelves with some of our staple items, but were able to put more items on our "Freebie" shelves. The "Freebie" shelves are a favorite of our customers. They are stocked with items that are not in our staple categories and people can select additional food that they want. We are most appreciative of those organizing the drive, the businesses participating and the generosity of the employees that contribute the food. It is a real blessing to area food pantries."

-- Sue Pearson, Linn Community Food Bank

"The Freedom from Hunger Food drive is one of the most important ways we get our food pantry restocked with food. Congratulations to Freedom from Hunger for exceeding its 2007 goals. We are so pleased that we can partner with you in this wonderful project to combat hunger in our community."

--Jasmine Wu, Fillmore Family Resource Center / Linn County Child Development Center

"Our pantry was bare before we received the Freedom from Hunger food drive products. When our supply runs low or runs out, we have to send Veterans away without the help they requested, leaving them frustrated and stressed. We strive to keep a consistent supply on our shelves and appreciate your efforts. Your hard work is especially appreciated by our Veterans."

--Phillis Pittman & Linda Schutz, Linn County Veteran Affairs

"Receiving food from the Freedom from Hunger drive was indeed a blessing. The food provided our guests with more choices. Every week we see new faces at the food pantry, which means more and more people need food assistance in our area. This contribution will enable us to provide healthy, nutritional food for the remainder of 2007."

-- Valerie Neubauer, Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

"We were so excited to hear that we were one of the recipients of the 2007 Freedom from Hunger food. We serve between 700 and 1000 people each month in our food pantry. Thank-you so much for thinking of us and for all that you do for the poor and the homeless in our community. With your support, we can work together to ensure that people in our area do not go hungry."

-- Reverend Barbara Furman, Mission of Hope

"This greatly benefited our food bank. Thanks again for all of your help!"

-- James Harman, New Life Pentecostal Church Food Bank

"We would like to thank Freedom from Hunger for the generous donation of food. We are a small church with a big need. Sometimes donations are hard to come by and this was a "GOD" send. We thank you and the people we serve thank you."

-- William M. Smith, Open Bible Food Pantry

"We sometimes serve more than 200 families a month. Our church blesses us with an adequate budget; however, there are always more in need. The variety was also an unexpected "plus" for our guests."

--Diane Hung, River of Life Ministry

"In the summer, my pantry is pretty well depleted. What a wonderful supply of food on my shelves now! Thanks to everyone involved with the Freedom from Hunger food drive." -- Janet Lentz, Springville Area Neighborhood Service & Information (SANSI) "It greatly helped a food program in need of help!" --Paul Brawner, St. Vincent de Paul "Our program appreciates the "bonus" foods received through the Freedom from Hunger program. This food is offered to our dinner quests on Sunday evening and to our daily visitors to the food bank. Thank you so much! -- Mary Ann Barry, First Presbyterian Sunday Evening Meal Program "We at Christ Holiness Apostolic Temple are a small group and have no monetary support form anyone. This food was a blessing! Yes, it will help!" -- Christa Johnson, The King's Kitchen "The Salvation Army has both a meal site and a food pantry. The Freedom from Hunger effort saved our agency approximately \$5,250 dollars. As with all non-profits, every penny is valued and this food really provides an avenue to assist more individuals at less cost." -- Amy Grunewaldt, The Salvation Army "During this fiscal year, our shelter is as full as it ever has been. The canned meats and other boxed and canned goods that we received from Freedom from Hunger assure that the families we serve are getting proper nutrition daily."

--Pamm Pudzevellis, Waypoint Services Domestic Violence Shelter