

# Helping Hands

## NEWSLETTER

Est. 2012

June 2018

The Helping Hands Food Pantry of Roseville exists to improve quality of life for Warren County residents by providing assistance to families in need and by developing programs to strengthen families and individuals.

### Halfway to FREEZING FOR FOOD Benefits Local Pantries



Thanks to Sunny 97.7 WMOI/WRAM's organization of this bi-annual food and fund raiser for Warren County, Helping Hands of Roseville has a significant increase in supplies going into the busy summer months ahead. Members of both the Prairie Radio Communication staff and citizens of



Photo courtesy of WMOI

Monmouth worked to collect non-perishable food and

cash donations to benefit Jamieson Center, Helping Hands of Roseville and the 1st St. Armory Backpack Program. The event took place in front of Sav-A-Lot grocery store on May 30-June 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. There was anything but freezing going on though, with temperatures hovering in the mid-90s at times. Still, the volunteers enthusiastically garnered attention to the cause with signs and waving at passing motorists and pedestrians.



Photo by: Grace McCreery

The community gave generously of both food and funds.



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On Friday alone 815 lbs pounds of goods were brought into the Helping Hands storage room, items ranging from canned vegetables & fruit, to boxed macaroni & cheese, scalloped potatoes, fruit juice, and pancake mix, just to name a few of the selections.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to the radio station and all those who contributed volunteer time to the cause, as well as the community that supported the event.



Photo by Cathy Dwyer

You warm our hearts with your kindness!



## DHS Training Held Locally

Food pantries who are a part of the USDA Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in association with the Department of Human Services (DHS) must attend an annual training meeting in order to continue to receive commodities on a monthly basis. This year, instead of having all partner agencies convene at one location, River Bend Food Bank organized meetings in four quadrants of the Iowa/Illinois region that they serve; the southern region pantries met at the Roseville Community Center on Wednesday, May 23, from 1:00-2:30. Mr. Bob Evans, Agency Relations Manager of River Bend, complimented the community on their very nice facility and appreciated the hospitality shown the visiting pantry representatives.



Following the meeting, tours of the Helping Hands pantry were given to a number of interested individuals.

Helping Hands is now certified to continue to receive EFP commodities in the coming 2018-2019 term.

## UPCOMING EVENT!

Helping Hands of Roseville

# OPEN HOUSE

## SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

### 2:00-3:30 P.M.

Join us for a celebration of 6 years in service to the community and the plans in store for the years ahead.

Tours and refreshments will be offered as you visit with fellow supporters and friends.

### Numbers for May:

162 Family Visits

585 individual served, of which

207 were children.



Helping Hands Pantry would like to give an extra special THANKS! to John Wilson of INDEPENDENT REFRIGERATION



for coming to our immediate rescue when the walk-in cooler suddenly quit, leaving 1200 lbs of produce without a place to be stored. Though swamped with service calls, Mr. Wilson made the Pantry's cooler a priority and had it working again in just a few minutes! THANK YOU SO MUCH, JOHN!

### "The Produce Wagon!"

River Bend Food Bank has worked tirelessly to connect retail surplus with the pantry shelves of the eastern Iowa/western Illinois region in their on-going effort to solve hunger. Helping Hands of Roseville is able to take advantage of these retail donations by visiting the Quad Cities food bank and selecting from the fresh produce and baked goods available on any given day. This particular load had tomatoes, bell peppers, broccoli, zucchini, spinach, pears, oranges, grapefruit, mixed salads, loaf bread, deli bread, and croissants, all at NO CHARGE. (It's the load that Independent Refrigeration saved with their kindness of priority service.)



By offering these fresh foods, Helping Hands is endeavoring to fulfill the promise of their mission statement: providing assistance to families in need.

### 2018 Officers:

- President: Cheryl Britt • Vice President: Grace McCreery
- Secretary: Deb Johnston • Treasurer: Amy Corman

### Pantry Wish List:

Canned Peaches, Pineapple, Beets, Carrots, & Mushroom Soup *Pretty Please!*