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HAPPY 2008 to you. The work of Canandaigua Churches in Action has been most blessed during this last year. THANK YOU to the many local church congregations and individuals who have support us with donations of time, service and treasure.

Our **FOOD PANTRY** had 3144 visits in 2007. That number represented 4897 adults, 2732 children and 371 seniors. Since each person in each family receives enough food for three meals for three days when they come to the pantry, that means that in calendar year 2007, the Canandaigua Churches in Action food pantry served **72,000 meals.**

That action was made possible by the weekly donations from local church congregations and individuals, special one-time donations and the ongoing support from FOODLINK. Sometimes, we have come close to looking like Mother Hubbard's cupboard, but the graces of this community continue to replenish the shelves so we always we have been able to help those in need.

The **LENDING ROOM** which began in fall, 2007 has acquired over _____ titles and has circulated _____ volumes. More donations are always welcome.

The major goal of 2008 is to open a **HEALTH CLINIC.** In August, 2007, Canandaigua Churches in Action working jointly with FF Thompson submitted a "Certificate of Need" request to the Department of Health in Albany. We are awaiting approval of that request. The clinic will be an initiative which will extend health care to more in our community.

How can YOU become involved in the work of Canandaigua Churches in Action?

We need:

- ____ internet users, to change their search engine to GoodSearch.com (see back for more details)
- ____ volunteers to help copy, collate and prepare the quarterly newsletter for distribution.
- ____ volunteers to work in the food pantry
- ____ volunteers to work on fund-raisers
- ____ a most special individual, to serve as **COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS**
- ____ volunteers to work on public relations

Sound interesting? Whether you have 2 hours a month to give or 20 hours, we need your assistance and look forward to your involvement. Call Deacon Claude at the CCIA office. He will set up a time to speak with you, give you an orientation and make sure you receive the training you may need to effectively serve in one of the CCIA ministries

At the Holidays, we collaborated with St. Mary Church / St. Vincent de Paul Society in their outreach to over 400 local families. We hosted **KIDSHOP** in room 11. Over three weekends, we distributed 1465 gift items and were able to supply gifts for the Rotary Club's Christmas Day dinner.