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For many of us, summer days bring vacations, reunions and a more relaxed pace to enjoy the splendors of life.

For all of us, summer days bring the usual daily needs to clothe, feed and house ourselves and loved ones.

For some of us, summer days bring increased demands, as children are at home for all meals for these two months, jobs are in short demand and increasing prices on all necessities makes anything extra out of reach.

Canandaigua Churches in Action begins its third summer of operation. Our ongoing services are possible because of the generosity of this community. We thank you for all your support in the past and ask your prayers and participation to make summer 2008 a time of continuing service to the needs of the Canandaigua area.

ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry continues to meet the emergency needs of the hungry. In each of the last four months, from February -May, 2008, the number of families increased (*from 182 families in February, to 228 in March, to 277 in April, to 287 in May*). The demands to keep the cupboard shelves with adequate inventory to remain open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings means FOODLINK orders, church collections and individual donations are stretched more and more each week.

ABOUT THE MEDICAL CLINIC: The good news we have recently received from the State Department of Health of approval of our certificate of need to open a medical clinic in partnership with FF Thompson, expands our services in the community. After we have worked through the conditions stated in the approval and have completed the needed renovation to space in our 120 North Main Street facility, the clinic will be open. The hoped-for timeline is fall, 2008. We will keep you updated on the progress with this initiative.

How can you help share in our enthusiasm and service to the needy in our area? On the reverse side is a list of our immediate needs. We hope this serves as a starting point for you to get involved in the mission of Canandaigua Churches in Action.

GET INVOLVED IN THE FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Going to the grocery store?

Consider purchasing some extra of these extra food stuffs we are always in need of...

peanut butter - any size, any brand

spaghetti sauce - any size, any brand

chicken noodle soup - any size, any brand

canned corn - any size, any brand

meat (NOT fresh meat which requires refrigeration) - think of canned stew

Have a couple extra dollars, but don't know what to buy?

Consider purchasing a **gift card** - any amount, any grocery store (*although we are a bit partial to Aldi's, since we seem to be able to get most for the dollar there*)
With a gift card we are able to replenish shelves are getting low on inventory

Have a couple hours to invest?

We can use additional helpers, both on client days and other days, to pick up food, replenish shelves, bag groceries, assist clients. We provide the needed in-service so you can feel comfortable with our procedures.

Call the CCIA office 396-2242 to leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted by one of the pantry leaders to set up a time to have your questions answered, provide the in-service and determine how you can best serve in this ministry. Some of our current volunteers work weekly, some once a month, some as back-ups. There's room for all to be involved.

Have a creative way to generate more food for the pantry shelves?

We'd love to talk with you about your ideas. Maybe the kids in your neighborhood who are out of school for the summer want to create a project, to have a baked sale or a bottle drive or a door-to-door collection for needed foods. What other ideas would you like to explore? We would be glad to help with publicity. Give us a call at 396-2242 so we can get started.

Have a contribution of cash to make?

We always welcome monetary contributions. Checks should be made payable to "Canandaigua Churches in Action" and sent to our mailing address at suite 37, 120 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. All contributions will be acknowledged in writing and are tax deductible. We issue contribution statements at the end of the calendar year annually for your tax purposes. If you wish, you can designate your contribution to be used for general expenses (*although all our staff is volunteer, we do pay monthly rent*) or specifically for food allocation.

Statement of Mission:

*"We are the hands of Christ working together
to address the unmet physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors
in the greater Canandaigua community"*

by providing direct services, advocacy and education”