



Central Avenue Center of Hope Newsletter



A Place Where All are Welcome

Winter 2019

News from the Site Director:

I want to thank all the donors for making 2018 a very successful year. Once again through dedicated people the Center ended in the black. In 2018 we served 9,588 meals, had over 700 showers taken, and 7,028 volunteer hours. We helped a lot of people with the services we offer. The center redesigned the website and we'll try to keep it updated with projects that are going on throughout the year. Thank you for all your help!



We are geared up for another busy year. With the winter weather, we have given out lots of coats, hats, and gloves. The homeless also appreciate the coffee, sweet rolls and warm place in the mornings. We are always needing clothing to help those in need.



I try to have a hot lunch each day. I serve soup, ham & beans, meat loaf, chicken, etc. The items I need for a meal may surprise some of you, like ham & beans, I need 30 to 40 cans of beans or 2 or 3 packages of dry beans, 1-ham, 10 to 12 jiffy cornbread mixes, eggs, milk and dessert (4-cake mixes). The center can use food donations all the time.

We had over 50 new volunteers last year. Some are still helping but we are always looking for people or groups to help serve the lunchtime meal and help with different projects we do during the year. If you are interested in volunteering call me 913-233-2511.

The Center is looking forward to another great year in 2019.

Please continue to support this inner city ministry.

Blessings,

Marsha Nave



C.A.R.D. (Central- Avenue –Resource- Drive)

This time of year our pantry shelves empty out. It has been eight months since we restocked the pantry with food from the Postal Food Drive.

Several years ago we received the Feinstein Grant which restocked our shelves during this time of the year. The C.A.R.D. (Central- Avenue –Resource- Drive) replaces the Feinstein Grant and again this year, we are blessed to have some matching funds equal to what we received in previous years. We need pantry items to help the families who are in crisis and need help with basic food. This year more than ever, pantries all over the metro area, are seeing an increase in needs for basic living.

Items needed listed below. Monetary donations are also welcome to buy items needed to help small children, new mothers, and items that we don't receive from the C.A.R.D. pantry restock.

We desperately need your help. Please help us feed our neighbors in need

Kerry



Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner



Thanks to the support of all of our congregations and individual donors we had a very successful Christmas Store! We were able to serve 49 households and provide 160 children with gifts.



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Upcoming Events:

C.A.R.D February 3rd – March 31st

Christmas in July

School Supply Drive in August

Paper Drive in September 1st-Oct 6th

Thanksgiving Meal November 28th

Christmas Store and Meal December 20th