



"Making it Christmas everyday by Paying it Forward"

Santa's Pantry, Inc.

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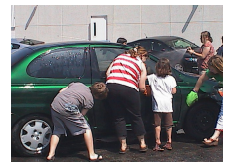
January 2010 Newsletter



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Years! Santa's Pantry ended with a bang in 2009. We raised over 11,700 pounds of food for local pantries and over 1700 books for the unemployed in Elkhart and St. Joe Counties. In 2009 we also returned close to 300 letters to children from Santa, 332 children visited Santa at Linton's during our "Deuel Project", over 50 children visited Santa at our "Santa's Shoppers Pay it Forward" event at Borders Bookstore, numerous Christmas cards were made by children and later distributed to local nursing home residents, over 100 pounds of fresh vegetables were donated by children from Santa's garden, several children visited Santa at Nibco Ice Park and 1000 boxes of crayons were donated to Elkhart schools.



We also held our first Pay it Forward Festival and had roughly 500 in attendance. And held our first car wash fundraiser and our first Christmas in July.



By the end of 2009, we were able to help 15 other non-profit organizations!

Be sure to visit our website for new pictures of our past events In 2009!



We are excited about 2010 and the new opportunities that it brings. Our dynamic Board of Directors are already planning some very exciting events for the upcoming months. Including the first annual "Pay it Forward Day" on May 1st followed by an event filled "Pay it Forward Week" from May 1st – May 8th. Be sure to order your sweatshirts, T-shirts and ball caps when they go on sale on March 1st for this exciting week!



Mark your calendars and plan to visit us at the Expo for Women on March 12th and 13th again this year! Bring non-perishable food donations and receive a discount on admission. Last year we raised 500 pounds of food at this event. We would like to double that this year! We will be offering free activities for children during the expo this year too.



Trading Post

Don't forget, our trading post is open all year now. Many people have taken advantage of trading things for free already!

Birthday Letters

Keep the magic of Santa going all year with your child. Visit our website, Make a small \$5 donation, and register your child. Santa will mail them A personalized Birthday Letter!



We are looking for supporters!

Santa's Pantry does not receive government grants. We rely on donations from the community. We would not of been able to help 15 other non-profits in 2009 without the wonderful support of our community. Your donations make it possible for us to purchase much-needed items for our pantries and shelters. As well as provide for the less fortunate in our community, put smiles on children's faces at Christmas time, and promote fundraising events. For as little as 34 cents a day, you or your business can help support Santa's Pantry!. Visit our website at www.santaspantry.org for more details.



Volunteer Opportunities:

1. We are looking for groups to participate in Pay It Forward activities during the week of May 1st – 8th
 2. Volunteers needed for our Pay it Forward Festival in September
 3. We need people to help with our Santa Run in November 2010
 4. Need 2 volunteer Santas for November and December events. Must have your own, nice outfit and willing to provide a background check
 5. Need workers for the Niles Haunted House in September and October
- *More volunteer opportunities coming soon!

Be sure to watch for our all-new Santa Run and Little Santa Helpers Run in Winter 2010!



Thank you for supporting Santa's Pantry!