

Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry

1179 River Street
Hyde Park, MA. 02136

Dear Hyde Park Business and Community Leader:

November 28, 2008

We have once again concluded a successful Thanksgiving food distribution. The Hyde Park Food Pantry served over 220 Hyde Park families, providing each a 12-14-pound turkey with all the trimmings for the holiday. We also distributed over 1,000 pounds of potatoes, along with vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, and dessert.

The Hyde Park Municipal Building renovations are complete and we have moved back into a location with our own entrance. The costs of moving in and out have left the pantry's checking account at it's lowest since we took over.

The past few months have seen a dramatic increase in the amount of food being distributed. We handed out over 700 bags last month, which is over 30% more than the previous months.

We are sending a truck to Greater Boston Food Bank every 10 days, which is twice as often as last year.

With the Christmas Holiday Season and winter approaching, we need to be prepared for the families seeking help from the Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry. Given the demand at Thanksgiving, we expect it to be as high, if not higher at Christmas time. In addition, during the winter season, these families are too often forced to choose between heat and food.

Can you help Hyde Park's needy families with a donation to the Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry so that we can make up our Thanksgiving shortfall and be prepared for the Christmas holiday and the coming winter?

Many of you have helped us in the past with donations or food drives and we appreciate your generous support.

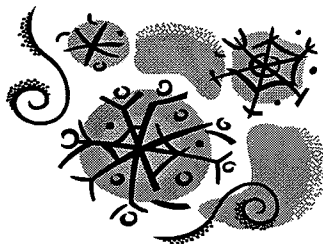
As you may know, we are an all-volunteer organization, dedicated to bringing food to your Hyde Park neighbors in crisis. We serve approximately 200 families each month, for a total of over 300 people, including almost 100 children and 60 senior citizens. We couldn't do it without the help of people like you. Your generosity helps feed people's bodies, and knowing someone cares helps feed their souls.

On behalf of the Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry's clients and volunteers, we thank you for any help you can provide.

Lastly, we are sad to report the passing of long time head volunteer Leona Webb last month after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Sincerely,

Joe & Mary Consalvo
Co-Directors



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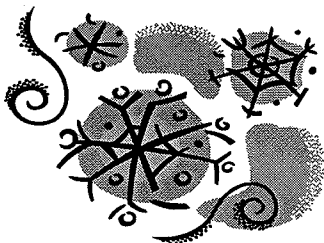
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