

# BREADCRUMBS

September 2008

It is hard to believe the summer is over and we are on our way to the holidays. Autumn is a great time of year in Chicago but for many of our hungry neighbors, it is a time to worry about seasonal work ending and trying to make ends meet with rising gas and food prices. For the Pantry, there is concern about food and cash donations "slimming down" as our donors also have worries about the economy. Remember, we believe in "neighbors helping neighbors" so our volunteers and donors are all the more appreciated as we head into uncertain economic times.



## SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE

**When:** Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Irving Park United Methodist Church,  
3801 N. Keeler Avenue

**Donation:** \$10/ Seniors and Children \$8.00

All proceeds benefit the Irving Park Community Food Pantry.

For further information, call 773/283-6296 or visit our website at [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com)

## August Statistics

- 1,428 people served
- 486 families served
- 13,990 pounds of food distributed

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



We all know Lois Schill. She can usually be found in the office, working at the computer or more recently, shredding old files or distributing school supplies. But did you know...

- Lois was born in Chicago and went to Cleveland and Linne elementary schools, and Schurz High School. She has also taken classes at Wright College night school.
- Lois met her husband at Schurz and eloped in 1952.
- She worked at Continental Illinois Bank until she took a leave to follow her husband around while he was in Army and then worked at various jobs. As was the norm, she quit her job to raise her children. When they were in school full time, she took a part-time job at Irving Park Lutheran Church as Church Secretary and retired from there in 1996.

- Lois has four sons, George, Gerald, Edward and Matthew and three grandchildren, David, Mark and Kristen.
- Her hobby is genealogy. She and her husband have traveled to some of the places where their ancestors lived to dig through courthouse records and she enjoys surfing the web to get more information.
- She also enjoys doing things with her grandchildren that she never got to do with her children.
- Lois was introduced to the Pantry when she became the representative from her church. She was told it was an easy job. Ha. Ha.

Thanks Lois, for serving on the Board of Directors and for your hard work over the years for the Pantry.

## HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Our holiday distributions are coming up. The Thanksgiving distribution will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The pantry will be closed Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas holiday distribution will be Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> with the pantry closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

As always, we are looking for extra volunteers to help with these big distributions so please mention this to your friends and neighbors. Also, we will be setting up for these distributions the night before, so volunteers are needed to help with this as well.

## contact us

If you are interested in contributing to this newsletter or need more information, you can contact Carol Schultz at [schultzfamily02@aol.com](mailto:schultzfamily02@aol.com) or the Pantry at [irvpkfoodpantry@aol.com](mailto:irvpkfoodpantry@aol.com).

## Community Food Drives

We are pleased to announce that there are a number of upcoming food drives in our neighborhood that will benefit the Pantry. Please help to spread the word to those you know. As you know firsthand the need for food has never been greater.

**November:** Park View Lutheran Church, 3919 N Monticello, Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 267-0072

**November:** Chicago International Charter School, 3829 N Spaulding, Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 433-5015

**March, 2009:** Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60641 (773) 286-6800.

## Nutrition & Cooking Classes:

Beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> the Pantry will once again offer nutritional cooking classes to our participants. The classes will be held during Pantry hours. Graduation is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>. Alicia Theofanis, the instructor, will be present in the next few weeks to promote the classes.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In September, the Pantry had visibility events at the **Irving Park Lutheran Church Rally Day** and during the **Old Irving Park House Walk**, which coincided with the 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Irving Park United Methodist Church. Thank you to all who helped us at these events including: Pat Eisenhardt, Lois Schill, John Psiharis, Eileen Poeppel and Craig O'Conner .