

RACAP News

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Thank you for helping us help others.

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Dear RACAP Family,

Many celebrated Memorial Day weekend with family and friends, BBQ, and all the “fixins.” It is the weekend everyone in school looks forward to. Not only does this day honor deceased veterans, but it also is the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. Families will be celebrating the summer by going to the beach, taking rode trips to visit friends and family members who live out of state. During the summer months, we need to remember those who may not have enough food in the refrigerator or cabinets to feed everyone in the household. The pantry has been blessed with generous donations from our member churches, friends of RACAP, and the annual postal food drive which took place on Mother’s Day weekend. Thank you to the volunteers who helped process the donations from the food drive. Their efforts ensured that food was processed with dates which included regular volunteer time. Please pray for the families with children because not every child may get breakfast or lunch at home every day. Thank you not only to our loyal volunteers and board members, but to our member churches, individuals, and organizations for their unending support of RACAP. Remember, we all are *difference makers* in a person’s life.

Blessings,

Kathy Staley

***For we walk by Faith,
Not by sight
2 Corinthians 5:7***



Dear RACAP family,

May was an incredible month at RACAP! Where do I begin? I am so full of gratitude. It warms my heart to see the shelves fuller than we have seen in 2 years! Thank you to our amazing community for coming through for us. It truly takes a village!

On May 2, Tracey Blackwell and TBlackwell Insurance hosted their annual Fiesta!! As always, it was a fantastic evening! They collected so much dish soap and laundry soap that we will have it for many months to come! Those 2 items are so important especially during the Texas long brutal summers and neither are eligible when using food stamps. Thank you so much Tracey for supporting RACAP again!! We truly appreciate you all!

On May 8th, we were invited to a delicious dinner at Mikulski Hall. The Good Knights of Columbus spoiled us with such good old-fashioned hospitality, a yummy dinner, an inspirational message and a very generous monetary donation. We also got to meet other nonprofit volunteers that we work closely with over the phone to help our clients in emergency situations. It was lovely to put faces to the voices so to speak! Thank you so much Good Knights of Columbus!

On May 11, RACAP was blessed yet again by our amazing community! The National Letter Carriers Association Stamp Out Hunger food drive happened! Wowzer....Schertz residents provided about 14 car loads of donations!!! A huge thank you to everyone that donated, the postal drivers for collecting and our hardworking volunteers that worked endless hours processing and sorting the donations. It was a physically exhausting week, but what an amazing problem to have! Our muscles were hurting but our hearts were screaming with joy!

On May 22, we were honored to be invited to another luncheon. The Schertz Cibolo Lions Club invited me to a wonderful lunch at Noli's Vite. They have donated 2,000 items to RACAP recently and gave us a generous monetary donation. They are such huge supporters of RACAP and to many other organizations in the community. Thank you so much to the Schertz Cibolo Lions Club for all that you do!

I would also like to say thank you to Thrifty Hippie Thrift Store located in Universal City! The owner use to be a volunteer at RACAP as well as many other places in the community. Their prices are so good and did you know that every week, they give back and donate to other nonprofits? They help other food pantries, animal shelters, local schools and feed the homeless. They even host a weekly craft day. Please be sure to swing by and shop or donate some unwanted items from your closet or garage. As my mum used to say to say, "Your junk is someone else's treasure".

We have begun collecting school supplies for our upcoming Back to School Program. It's always wonderful to bless a family with groceries as well as school supplies. It lightens the heavy burden off of our client's shoulders. It's always a selfish bonus to see the children's faces light up with their bag of supplies too. A child's smile is priceless.

If you know someone struggling and facing hard times, please send them our way. There is no shame in needing help. We all go through challenging times. It helps us grow and develop into better versions of ourselves. We are confidential and would love to help.

With much gratitude,
Lisa Loftus, Program Director

***So, let's not get tired of doing what is good.
At just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessings if we don't give up.
Galations 6:9***

**Month in Review
May 2024 Results**

**107 Families (307 People) Assisted
58 Pantry Orders Prepared -222 People Fed
Estimated Value of Food Given: \$18,807.00**



July Birthdays

**Cookie Baker 7/3
Chuck Consla 7/11**

*****We would like to welcome Credit Human as a new location donation drop off for RACAP. They are currently collecting school supplies for RACAP. They are located at 857 Cibolo Valley Drive Suite 232. Thank you Credit Human! *****

Current Pantry Needs



**Canned fruit
Cereal
Cornbread Mix
Jello-O**

**Jelly
Diapers size 4, 5 & 6
Shampoo
Toothpaste**





RACAP Board of Directors Meeting

The RACAP Board of Directors now meets quarterly.
Our next meeting will be held on July 16th, 2024 at 7:00PM
Location: Cibolo Valley Baptist Church
5500 FM-1103, Schertz 78108



Is your harvest too big for you? Do you have fruits or vegetables you would like to share with RACAP clients? Please feel free to donate any surplus fruits or vegetables you grow to us and we will include them in our grocery orders to clients. We are available for donation drop off Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m.

FOOD DONATION DROPOFFS – BEFORE OR AFTER OPEN HOURS.

RACAP has drop off locations in the lobbies of these three businesses.

1. Physicians Premier Emergency Room, 580 Cibolo Valley Dr. Ste.#137, Cibolo, is a 24/7 donation drop-off location. It is a three-story brick building around the corner from Cibolo Wal-Mart. Donations made here are brought to RACAP weekly. Contact Physicians Premier at (210) 254-0983 for more information.

2. Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic, 4825 FM 3009, Ste. 200 Schertz, is a 24/7 drop-off location. The clinic is located between the ATT store and Bush's Chicken. Donations are regularly brought to RACAP. Contact Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic at (210) 202-1123 for more information.

3. Credit Human, 857 Cibolo Valley Drive Suite 232, Cibolo TX 78108 will collect donations during the following hours M-F 9-5 & Saturday 9-12 Contact Credit Human at (210) 258-1256 for more information.

School Supplies Needed

Drop off at RACAP by June 17, 2024



Pre-K-Elementary School

#2 pencils
Pens
Colored Pencils
Washable Markers
Nor anything else
in all creation
Rulers
Crayons
Scissors
Glue sticks
2 – Wide rule spiral notebooks

Middle/Junior/High School

#2 Pencils
Pens
Colored Pens
1-College rule paper
2-College rule spiral notebooks
2-College rule composition books

NOTES:

- If you want to create the kits in advance place the supplies in 2.5-gallon jumbo clear storage bags and write on the front the school distinction (Middle, Junior or High School).
- **We also need donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes** to be included in the school supply kits.

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