**RACAP News**

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**Thank you for helping us help others.**

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**Happy 42nd Anniversary RACAP!!!!!**

**RACAP History**

**"If you love me, feed my sheep" John 21:15**

**RACAP opened its doors on May 2, 1983. Father Robert Creasy was the candle under the bushel basket. He had the vision, light, passion and drive to keep it going until they had the pantry set up. Several community leaders and church clergy joined him and together they established RACAP with the goal to meet the needs of low-income people in the community. They felt a central location was necessary to both funnel sources and to refer needy people where records could be kept to deter abuse of the system. The building that RACAP is housed in, is generously provided by The Schertz Housing Authority rent free. RACAP started out with 9 Member Churches and $600 in their bank account to help purchase food items that were needed in order to assist families with their groceries. In November 1983, a motion was made to include rental and utility assistance. At the time, a $25.00 limit was made for each family. By May 1984, Racap had served 250 families.**

**Sadly, in October 1998, there was a terrible flood in the area. Our beloved building was a victim of that terrible rain. Water filled the building, it got into the filing cabinets filling up to the bottom two drawers. Records from 1985-1998 were destroyed. The Red Cross relied on RACAP for emergency food. During recovery, all food was used up on the pantry shelves. What a blessing that was! Talk about making lemonade from lemons! The "hose, bucket, broom brigade" of volunteers cleaned up the pantry. During that time, flood repairs were made and RACAP operated from First Baptist Church of Schertz. RACAP reopened their doors around 6 months later and have been serving families ever since.**

**RACAP has continued to grow and blossom throughout the years. We have 24 Member Churches and assist families in 8 different zip codes.**

***If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with humility that comes from wisdom. -James 3:13***

**Dear RACAP family,**

**It’s been a busy month at RACAP and we are beyond blessed by the support we have had from the community. Local businesses, clubs and groups have held food drives to help fill our shelves for the summer. I would like to say thank you to all of my volunteers that have worked so hard at processing and sorting those donations. It truly does take a village to do what we do!**

**RACAP would like to say a HUGE thank you to The Schertz Cibolo Lions Club. They hosted Easter in the Park and collected food for RACAP. 146 cans plus monetary donations. What a beautiful day it was indeed!**

**Another huge shout out goes to Tracey Blackwell and the Inszone Insurance team and sponsors. They hosted their annual Fiesta with a cause. They collected toiletries that filled two cars! It was an enjoyable evening had by all!**

**Heidelberg Materials hosted their annual food drive for us. With the help of local city offices, businesses and schools, they donated 2,007lbs worth of food. This will help so much for the upcoming summer months. Thank you all so much!**

**Thank you Paschal Parent Teacher Club for the amazing support via a monetary donation from their wonderful military connect tee shirt fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support!**

**Our volunteers were spoiled for volunteer appreciation. Our lovely board members brought in special treats to show appreciation for the many hours of hard work that they put into RACAP no matter the weather. We truly appreciate all of our volunteers and board members!**

**We are now collecting school supplies for our upcoming back to school program. This program is so very important and helps parents with the high cost of school supplies as well as helping our dedicated teachers in our community. Often, teachers will use their personal funds to help provide school supplies for their class room. Teachers work so hard and I would like to help them as well as families in our community that are struggling especially with inflation. If you would like to help and donate a few things, it would greatly be appreciated! Please see the attached list of needed items.**

**With much gratitude,**

**Lisa Loftus**

**RACAP Director**

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. – Mathew 5:16**



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**June Birthdays**



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**Brenda Ratcliff 6/1 Kimberly Beasley 6/28**

**Melvin Compton 6/3 Daryl Parker 6/28**

**Jean Lambert 6/11 Charlie Jay 6/30**

**Margrit Harbich 6/17**



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**”*Today me and my children came to RACAP seeking assistance for food. You all were so very kind to us and I just wanted to thank you once more. You never judged us or asked a bunch of questions, you gave me dignity and I appreciate that so much. God bless you for being a part of such a Christ-filled service. We were reminded yesterday that HE IS RISEN and that we still need to be walk in his example. That’s exactly what you all do! Again, God bless you for caring for me and my family! “***



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**Current Pantry Needs**

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**Size 7 Diapers Dish Soap**

**Laundry Soap Shampoo**

**Month in Review**

**April 2025 Results**

**87 Families (240 People) Assisted**

**68 Pantry Orders Prepared -188 People Fed**

**Estimated Value of Food Given: $18,646.00**



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**RACAP Board of Directors Meeting**



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**The RACAP Board of Directors now meets quarterly.**

**Our next meeting will be held on July 15th, 2025 at 7:00PM**

**Location: Schertz First Baptist Church located at 600 Aero Avenue, Schertz 78154**

**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.**

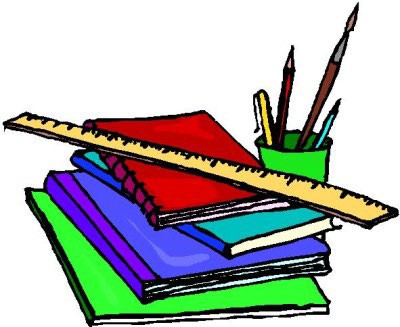
**3. Credit Human, 857 Cibolo Valley Drive Suite 232, Cibolo TX 78108 will collect donations during the following hours M-F 9-5 & Saturday 9-12 Contact Credit Human at (210) 258-1256 for more information.**

***If you would like to make a financial donation, you can click on the QR code and it will link you to our website. Thank you so much for your support!***



**School Supplies Needed**

**Drop off at RACAP by July 14, 2025**



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| **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 1 – Wide rule paper  1-2 Wide rule composition books | **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.

**RACAP**

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