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Food Drop '09

More and more people are in need of assistance this year as economic times turn tough.

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Granger Community Church is hoping to help some of those people in Michiana with their annual food drop.

GCC filled eight semi-trucks full of non-perishable items for families around the area. It's enough to help 20 community agencies and 13 neighborhoods.

The event has been going on for about six years. Last year, over 3,000 people showed up and the winter weather didn't deter any of them from showing up this year. The exact numbers are not out on the number of people in attendance but the crowds seemed just as big.

Senior Pastor Mark Beeson says, "some people are really suffering and really hurting right now and when there are hungry people in our community, if we have resources that we can help and feed hungry people, that's what we want to do, it's what we are doing, and we're glad to do it, we love it!"

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Posted by: Dee Location: South Bend, IN on Jan 11, 2009 at 08:25 AM

I am proud to say that our family are members of GCC. God Bless all who helped in the Food Drive as well as the many other things that GCC does for this community. To those skeptics, we welcome you to attend one of our services and you may be pleasantly surprised. We have been members of GCC for 9 years now in in that time our congregation has grown into the thousands. God works in wonderful ways!

Posted by: Steve Location: Granger on Jan 11, 2009 at 07:29 AM

Kay - in answer to your question about location, GCC works in cooperation with community organizations and other churches to target low income communities and area food pantries that are in need. That effort really goes on all year. This annual food drop is simply a larger version of what we do year round. If you want a better understanding, stop by the community center at Monroe Circle sometime.

Posted by: K Location: South Bend on Jan 10, 2009 at 09:39 PM

Im very greatful for the work GCC does, but not because I need it but because if I ever did it is nice to know that there is a great deal of people in our community that are willing to extend there arms and open them up to people who are in need. It is amazing to me how egotistical some people can be. There is a lot of kids, teens, adults, and families that take part in the food drop each year and Im glad there is a place in our community that can put such a good impression on the youth of america these days. During hard economic times im glad my teenage sister is participating in events like the Food Drop and not out on the streets getting into trouble. Thankyou GCC for stepping up and giving the community open arms and praise. United we stand.

Posted by: Kathy Location: South Bend on Jan 10, 2009 at 07:50 PM

Granger Community does the community a awesome service each year by doing this. They also help out all year long by packing boxes at the Feed the Children Center in Elkhart. Some of the people that go to the church are the same people that once and still need the help themselves. Don't be so quick to judge. I have been there!

Posted by: Mary Location: Mishawaka on Jan 10, 2009 at 07:46 PM

To Anonymous...don't beg and get a job? What rock are you hiding under? Have you ever served? It is an honor to give to those that are not as fortunate as others. I pray you are never in a position of need.

Posted by: debra Location: granger on Jan 10, 2009 at 07:23 PM

These people do not BEG for this food. Most of them don't even ask for it- GCC GIVES it to them. We took part in a food drop last year and the people were VERY VERY thankful and even though many of them had NOTHING to give- they wanted to do something. Funny- That doesn't sound like begging to me. Many of them had lost their jobs and couldn't find another one. One man I met had lost his job due to an injury and could no longer work. He did NOT ASK or BEG for this food. He wanted us to give it to "someone who needed it more than he did".. People, we need to take notice of GCC and the good that they do in the community and NOT judge those that are helped by them. Also, most of the people we gave food to last year had kids- young kids. They were just thankful that they now had food for their children. LEAVE GCC ALONE- wake up and start doing something to help instead of judging those that GCC helps!!!

Posted by: tsh Location: sb on Jan 10, 2009 at 06:24 PM

Anonymous, I think the current state of the economy has reminded most of us how close we all are to needing help. I'm glad the church was there to help these people.

Posted by: jennifer Location: MI on Jan 10, 2009 at 05:06 PM

anonymous 3:28 you know its not nice to degrate these people who are tring to feed there families. yeah if there were jobs out there, in this area anywhere to be found i am sure that most if not all of these people would rather be at them, making a stable life for there family. but i guess the foretunate jerks like you who have the wonderful life that all of us who are struggling dream of.. your conscience lets you degrate people in public and also sleep peacefully at night. unlike my husband and myself that haven't slept due to tring to figure out ways to get the money we need to cover the



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bills we have and how to supply the needs of our 3 children. with the way that the economy is now days this is a wonderful helpful gift from god, and i don't think that all of these beleivers in this line consider themselves as beggers, more like there getting their daily bread. FROM GOD!

Posted by: kay Location: sb on Jan 10, 2009 at 04:56 PM

so how do they determine who the food goes to? could anyone just go get food? like people on freecycle, want need must have, don't get me wrong i believe in helping out those you need it but what are the determing factors on who gets the food?

Posted by: Christopher Location: Granger on Jan 10, 2009 at 04:46 PM

I was there this morning and glad that wanted me to be a part of it. Its a great feeling to help people in need especially in such tough economic times. The anonymous user below needs to be quiet. Many people are working, living check-to-check, or even losing their jobs. Dont rush to stereotype.

Posted by: Pam Location: Elkhart on Jan 10, 2009 at 04:06 PM

Hey Anonymous...some of us that are out of work, would LOVE to have a job and do NOT BEG! I did not need help from GCC but the time may come when I may need help. You better repeat in your mind...There but by the grace of God, go I !!

Posted by: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2009 at 03:28 PM

people need to stop begging, and work

Posted by: Mom in mishawaka on Jan 10, 2009 at 02:51 PM

THis is to let you know for the last 3 years I have been blessed to received this from GCC and they all have smiles on their faces and always words of hope and faith. God Bless each one of them!

Posted by: Megan Location: Niles, MI on Jan 10, 2009 at 02:23 PM

I love this church! GCC is awesome!

Posted by: Just Me Location: Warsaw on Jan 10, 2009 at 01:20 PM

GREAT JOB!!! So glad there were so many cheerful givers!

Posted by: Ross Location: Granger on Jan 10, 2009 at 01:14 PM

Don't tell Obama !!!!!!!!!!! He will want HALF

Posted by: JOE Location: ELKHART on Jan 10, 2009 at 11:46 AM

Wow! Kudos to these guys. What a cool and awesome thing the church does. A church that has power, and puts it to good use.

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