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Summer 2023

Dear Friend of Good Samaritan,

We hope you are enjoying your summer! It sure does seem to go by fast! We wanted to send a note to keep you updated on the ministry.

First, I would like to introduce myself as the new Executive Director. My name is Robyn Yarmak and I started with Good Samaritan Family services in April. My door is always open so stop in any time to meet me or bring your suggestions or concerns.

If you have been shopping lately in our resale shop, you can see our floors were cleaned and waxed. The store looks great and we have many awesome deals in there!



Dave & Gayle at Ellsworth Pig Roast Parade

The food pantry is going well but we are in need of some fresh produce! It seems to be in short supply this year. In the month of May we began to limit the number of bread items and the number of cooler items for the first time in a few years. Food Rescue hasn't been able to consistently rescue as much food over the last couple of months as they were earlier. We are slowly retraining our people to adjust to these new realities. Hunger is increasing in our own county and many families are struggling to put food on the table due to inflation, supply chain issues, and many other factors.

Our Moms & Tots center continues to be busy. The Baby Bottle Campaign took place in 32 churches and 6 area businesses. We are thankful for the many donations that came in through this campaign to help this wonderful ministry. Our numbers continue to grow at Moms & Tots, so please continue to pray for these mothers and their children. We also broke ground for our new learning playground and have our rubber mulch and equipment ready. We are coordinating a work day to install the playground equipment.



Baby bottles ready to go out!

Here are some of latest numbers just so you can see the impact your donations are making.

For the month of June, we had 150 visitors at our Moms and Tots Center and served 1788 people in our food pantry. God's Word encourages us in Isaiah 58:10, "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday". We at Good Samaritan Family Services, with your help, are being a shining light in our community in dark times. And with your ongoing support, we will continue to do so.



In case you did not know, we host a Good Samaritan Family Services blood drive on a regular basis. Our next drives are scheduled for September 11 and November 13th, so mark your calendars and come down to give the gift of life! Also, we periodically offer cooking classes with MSU extension and have one going this summer. It is a great way for our moms to learn how to prepare healthy food for their families. And they go home with all the ingredients to do so at home!

Mulch being delivered for playground!

Our upcoming fundraisers are our Tee-Up for Families Golf Outing on August 27. We would love to have you join us. Please call Robyn or go to our website, www.thegoodsam.org to sign up. We also have Austin Hatch coming on October 12th, as our Moms & Tots fundraiser speaker, so look for more information on that soon. It is sure to be a great event!

We are collecting Family Fare labels now! Be sure to save your labels and bring them in and we can turn them in for cash!



Thank you for being a lifeline to so many and a dear friend of Good Samaritan Family Services. We appreciate your prayers, donations and volunteering of your time.

Sincerely,

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