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Our Cupboards are (almost) Bare

Be Concerned, along with **you now!**

many other local agencies, is once again experiencing a shortage of donations. Not only are our cash donations considerably lower than last year, but commodities are also scarce. We can't begin to afford to buy food even at wholesale cost and even local food banks where we are sometimes able to buy items at very low prices do not have available stock.

YOU are our most valuable resource in this community. So many groups, families and individuals respond to our calls for help—**and we need**

Schools are back in session and many groups are gearing up again after the summer. **Can your group organize a drive to help Be Concerned serve the needs of those less fortunate?**

Be creative to make it fun to participate. Have a peanut butter and jelly luncheon where everyone brings their favorite pb&j sandwich and jars of peanut butter and jelly for the drive. Have a cereal drive where everyone comes in pj's with a box of their favorite cereal.

Call Sr. Mary or Brenda at

Donation deadline

October 21!

Your donations of gently used clothing, housewares and toys are greatly appreciated at Be Concerned.

Please note that we will be unable to accept donations of used toys, used clothing and housewares from October 21, 2005 until January 2, 2006 due to storage needs for our Christmas Store.



Christmas Store News

The Be Concerned Christmas Store 2005

Friday-Saturday December 9-10

Monday December 12

VOLUNTEER!

MAKE A DONATION!

Here's Your Chance to Help

Without volunteers, there would be no Be Concerned. It takes hundreds of people to properly run our programs.

A variety of shift times and tasks are available at the Christmas Store. We will begin sign up for volunteers on November 1st. Here are some ways you can help with the 2005 Christmas Store.

Volunteer at the Store. A typical shift lasts 3-4 hours. You may choose a department to work in or offer to help wherever you may be needed. No specific skills are required other than a willingness to help others and a big smile. We ask that all volunteers be 16 or older.

Departments at the Christmas Store include toys, clothing, gifts, health and hygiene, food and bag check. In addition, there is constant behind the scenes work stocking shelves and bagging products.

Volunteer before the Store. If you can't be there during our Christmas Store we have many opportunities during the month of November as we prepare for the Store. This also takes lots of help and energy. Call for details.

Donation drives. Many groups and organizations hold donation drives for the Christmas Store.

Pick a category that appeals to your group including canned goods, new toys, new underwear, socks, hats and gloves for all ages (our senior shoppers like these items), hygiene items like shampoo, deodorant, cleaning products and toilet tissue.

Be creative!

Sponsor a family. Cash donations from this program help us to purchase food and toys for the Christmas Store.

Give a donation as a gift. If you just don't know what to buy for someone, make a donation in their name. We will send them an acknowledgment of your gift.

HUGS: Hats, undies, gloves, socks

A great big hug to all who responded to the request to join the HUGS (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) club for the 2005 Christmas store. The response was very gratifying, especially the hats and gloves. We would like to give each family member a choice of at least one of these items this year. More underwear is still needed—adult larger sizes (XL-5X) are what we need most. **Please keep the HUGS club in**

Shoppers Sign Up November 14-16

We will sign up shoppers who are not currently on our year-round program on November 14-16 from 10 AM until 12 noon each day. If you know someone in No. Ky. who needs help,

Pre-Christmas Sale
Saturday, November 12
10 am—1 pm

*Proceeds will be used to buy toys
for the Christmas Store*

- * Gently used toys, games
- * Gently used Christmas decorations
- * Gently used Christmas apparel


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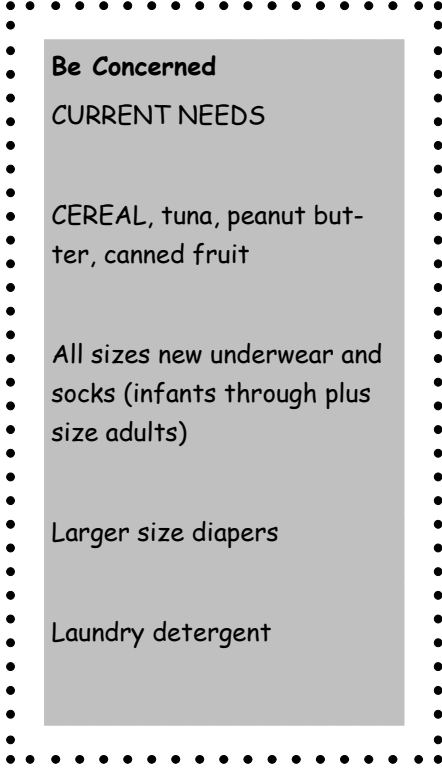
Local farmers for produce.

Wild Oats for food.

Hunters for the Hungry for venison.

Remke, Kroger, Busken, Panera Bread for continued support through donations of food and merchandise.

Friends at St. Agnes who continue to support Be Concerned with gifts of food from "Cans for Kids".

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CURRENT NEEDS

CEREAL, tuna, peanut butter, canned fruit

All sizes new underwear and socks (infants through plus size adults)

Larger size diapers

Laundry detergent

