

Clippings from the Pantry

a newsletter of Personal Essentials Pantry Zion
and the PEPartnership Alliance

Thank you!

A warm thank-you to all who participated –bakers, staffers, organizers, buyers, or singers – in the Carols & Cookies event in December 2012. The event brought in well over \$650. Thanks!



(Mark your calendar now for next year; it'll be the first Saturday in December, December 7.)

SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge

Although, as most of you know, our ministry focus is on an area of need that food stamps don't cover at all, we're very much in support of the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and the good that it does. However, we're also very much aware of the limitations of food stamp budgets even for food. This spring – coinciding with Lent for those of us who are Christian, and with Passover for those who are Jewish – Wisconsin Faith Voices challenges families in Wisconsin to live on a "food stamp budget" for just one week. Members of Congress, governors, state officials, journalists and other community leaders around the country have taken the Challenge and have learned firsthand what it is like to try to make ends meet on the average food stamp benefit.

While living on a food stamp budget for just a week can't come close to the struggles encountered by low-income

families week after week and month after month, it can provide those who take the Challenge with a new perspective and greater understanding.

For further information, or to sign up as a Food Stamp Challenge participant, go to the WFJV website,

<http://wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/Food-Stamp-Challenge.php>.



A Sneak Peek....

Details aren't finalized yet -- heck, they're barely begun yet -- but look for an announcement mid- to late January about another Personal Essentials Pantry opening, this time on the far east side of Madison. More as we know more!

We're doing okay...

...thanks to some very generous end-of-year donations. It's been wonderful to have enough of most of the products we carry to last all through our service day. That won't continue for long, though, without your continued support. If you're already a regular donor, please know that we *greatly* appreciate you. If you're not, please consider becoming a regular donor. Check out the possibilities at <http://pepartnership.net/Supporting-PEPartnership%252C-Inc-.php>. Thanks!



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