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Inter Parish Ministry was formed over 48 years ago to assist families and children living in poverty. Today, over 40 churches, plus many individuals, businesses, schools and other community groups support IPM's mission, bringing light to lives darkened by despair.

We invite you to partner with IPM by sharing your "time, talent and treasure" enabling us to help more families know the love of Christ and move toward self-reliance.

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IPM Staff

Executive Director: Lindsey Ein
Development Director: Gail Koford
Program Coordinator: Sarah Cadle
Manager, Pantry Operations: Chuck Swanson
Volunteer Coordinator: Claire Long
Development Assistant: Roseanne White

And 100+ dedicated volunteers!



**CROP
WALK**
Nov. 6th
Brought out
walkers of
all ages.
Thanks to
all who
helped &
walked!

Fill the Truck for IPM

FrameUSA is sponsoring its largest charitable initiative in December and YOU CAN HELP!
Go to www.fillthetruck.org/interparish to help those in need. This amazing project involves filling a semi-truck with all of the items our families need. Donate new items to the truck parked at Walgreens, 719 Ohio Pike or donate online by ordering at the website above. **Let's Fill the Truck!**

Heart Lines . . .



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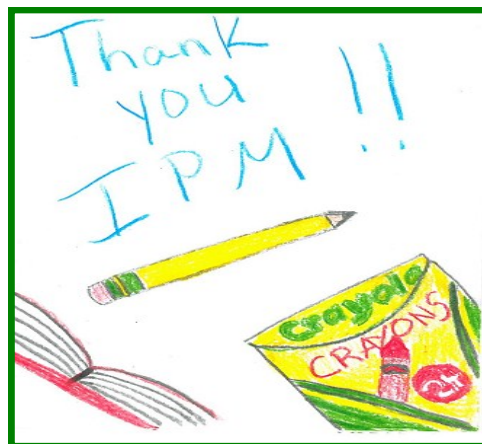
December, 2011



Saturday, December 10th
11 a.m.—2 p.m.
St. Thomas Church
Terrace Park, Ohio

**Homemade cookies & candy
for sale by the pound!**

**Live music, quilt raffle, train display, kid's activities,
family fun! Please bring your family & friends to celebrate
the holidays & support IPM!**



"Dear IPM—we want to thank you for the school supplies and everything you help us with ALL the time. You're the best. God bless!" The support you give to IPM truly makes a difference! We share this with you during this giving season because you need to know that as you have blessed IPM with your gifts, we have been able to bless others.

Choice Pantries:
13,780 people
served through Oct.
**

1075 Families
Served via Mobile
Pantries in 2011
**

350 Families Signed
Up to be Adopted for
Christmas—1500
gifts needed!
**

Please include IPM
in your annual
giving plans!
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God Bless You all
this holiday season
and in the New Year!

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Baby Shower Benefits IPM Pantry

Thank you Women's Auxiliary of Mt. Washington who held a Baby Shower & Tea at the American Legion on October 2nd. An elegant affair with homemade goodies, fancy tea cups for guests to take home, the Auxiliary collected an amazing array of baby goods for the IPM pantry. The diapers, wipes and food were put right onto the shelves. Other items were assembled into lovely gift bags that are given to new moms who come to IPM for assistance. We are grateful for the generosity and goodwill of the Auxiliary.

"You put the magic back in Christmas for my children and for me . . . you restored a piece of much needed faith."

These words from a young mother after our Christmas program last year capture only a part of the true value of our Adopt A Family and Toy Store Programs.

350 families have signed up to be "adopted"—a record number. Please call Sarah at 561-3932 to help. We still have 75 families waiting.

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Meet some of Santa's Helpers from Coors Core Fitness who helped in the Toy Store last year:



Thanks to Michelle Heatheron, Coors Core Fitness and Kamphaus, Henning & Hood for sponsoring toy drives and to all who are helping bring joy to many children and families this holiday season.



Christmas Dreaming—Christmas Wishes!
 Maybe you "adopted" these two little girls who were pictured at our Adopt A Family sign-ups. Or maybe they are on the list . . . still waiting. . .

Volunteer Stars!



In December we honor each of our volunteers as our STARS who shine light on every aspect of IPM. You make it possible for us to overcome challenges & give hope to all who come to us for help. Hundreds of you give thousands of hours to make a difference in this corner of the world. We honor you and want you to know that we appreciate each one of you!

From the IPM Board President:

During this time of year it is wonderful to have moments of time to reflect on what we are thankful for in the past year. **I am certainly thankful for all of you!** Our new and long-standing donors; our volunteers (newbies & veterans) working with our clients on special events and getting their hands dirty; our exceptionally dedicated staff who pour their hearts into carrying out the day-to-day business; and our board members who provide leadership, a voice into the community and a good amount of volunteering and fundraising.

If someone had told me at the beginning of the year that we would see our pantry demand increase more than 30% (year-over-year) after seeing a 115% increase over the last 3 years, I wouldn't have believed it! But, because of all of you, this demand has been met and you have made the difference in the lives of the children and adults served. I wish you all could hear the stories of despair and inspiration that I hear about those served—you are making a difference and don't often get to see the impact of the ripple that starts with you and is truly far reaching.

Have a wonderful holiday season. If you ever wish to visit with me about IPM, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Erick Harback

Volunteer Board President, 513-374-9486



Items of Special Interest



Happy Gardeners Garden Club decorated 21 small trees, 25 wreaths and 3 swags in 2 1/2 hours for IPM families. Each piece was created with love by the 19 ladies in the club. They hope each item will find a wonderful home for the holiday season.

Thank you creative and kind ladies of The Happy Gardeners Garden Club for bringing joy to many families! This was an awesome project and we are grateful.

An Abundance of Blessings!

We are truly grateful to the many groups, individuals, businesses—everyone who has held food drives and donated thousands of pounds of food to IPM this holiday season.

Space prevents listing all of the names.

One of the largest food drives was delivered by the Mariemont High School Key Club pictured below.



Thanks to you all! Hundreds of families will have happy holidays because of you.

Important Dates

- December 10—Cookie Caper @ St. Thomas**
- December 17—Adopt A Family Distribution**
- December 22—January 3rd—Closed (Office & Pantries)**
- January 18—IPM Board**
- February 28—Annual Meeting @ St. Thomas**