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*Inter Parish Ministry was formed over 47 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.*

60 year old Grace came to IPM with her social worker from LifePoint Solutions ("a counseling agency with expertise in mental health issues"). Grace was struggling to pay her rent and was overwhelmed when we not only helped pay her March rent, but also her pet fee. With no family, Grace's only companion was her cat so we felt it was important for her to continue to live with her. Grace burst into tears, hugged IPM staff and was so grateful that a huge weight had been lifted from her shoulders.

Working together with other agencies, we truly do "share one another's burdens".

Visit us on facebook and challenge your friends and neighbors to a food drive for IPM!



# Heart Lines . . .



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### 2011 Trends Indicate Great and Growing Need

The economy may show substantial recovery, but this has not translated to improvement for those in need. Many who lost jobs 6 to 24 months ago are out of resources that had supported them thus far. Many of those showing up at IPM are first time visitors to a pantry as they reach new levels of desperation. Summer is particularly difficult as schools are out and children often go hungry. **Please know that your support provides a ray of light and hope to all who come to us for help.**

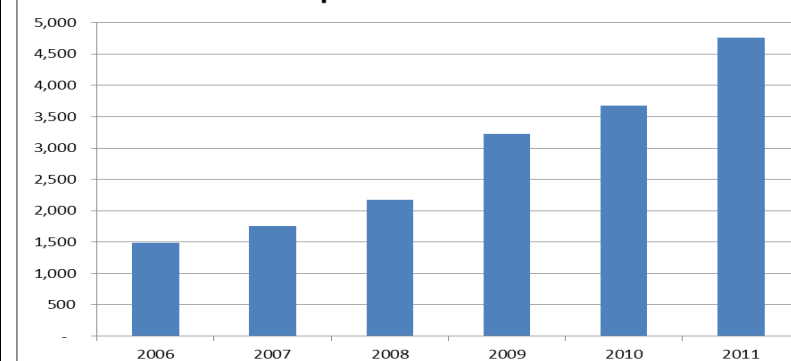


*4756 people have come to IPM for food, Jan-April. Same period last year, 3679, so our numbers continue to rise, even as food supplies do not. We are in need of:*

*Jelly  
Canned meat  
Pasta sauce  
Canned pasta  
"Helper" meals*

*Fresh fruits and fresh vegetables.*

Jan. - Apr. Individuals Served



4th Monday Meals Hosted by Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in June, July and August. IPM families will be invited to enjoy a community dinner, activities for kids and also receive a free, framed family photo to take home, thanks to our partners at Bake Me Home. To volunteer, please call Gail at 561-3932.

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### Annual Soup Bowl Celebration “Blooms” Fantastic Results!

Hope Bloomed for IPM on May 14th at Camp Friedlander when more than 300 guests enthusiastically raised more than \$22,000 for the organization’s food and clothing ministry during the 8th Annual Soup Bowl Celebration.

The event, which honored **Circle of Hope** awardees **Paul Trenez, and Beth and Ken Bronsil**, included 14 yummy soups from area restaurants, 125 silent auction items and, as always, a unique handpainted soup bowl souvenir. **University of Cincinnati President, Gregory H. Williams** presented an inspiring keynote address. He shared his experiences of what it was like to grow up in poverty and be hungry. He values the services that agencies like IPM provide to those who need it most.



Andy Light & Lois Owlett helped with Soup Bowl Registration.



New this year was a live auction that featured a Charlie Harper print, a week at a Florida condominium and a track pass to the Cincinnati Motor Sports Country Club. The live auction also gave guests the opportunity to sponsor a mobile food pantry visit so that our clients have even more access to food. More than 8 mobile food pantry opportunities were sponsored!

**The Soup Bowl Celebration was sponsored by Architects Plus, Beacon Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Bryan Medical, Flagel & Papakirk LLC, Kamphaus Henning & Hood, Park National Bank and THOR Investments.**



### Hunger Walk and Stomp Out Hunger 5k “Get Fit/Stay Fit” with IPM

Thanks to all who participated in the 2011 Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk on Memorial Day to support IPM.

Every dollar raised goes directly to IPM’s account at the FSFB so that we can purchase food at discounted prices and meet the increased demand we are experiencing.

**On October 1, “Stomp Out Hunger” by participating in the 2nd Annual Stomp Out Hunger 5k Run/Walk at Armstrong Chapel UMC in Indian Hill.**

Train with Lisa Coors from Coors Core Fitness and follow her blog @ <http://blog.coorscorefitness.com>.

### Feinstein Food Drives Exceed Expectations

For the third year in a row, the community responded to the \$1 million Challenge issued by the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation to food pantries across the nation in the 2011 Annual Spring Campaign to fight hunger.

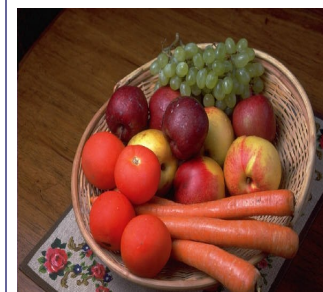
The **Newtown United Methodist Church** raised more than \$10,000 in food and cash donations – a congregation small in size (80 families) but mighty in spirit and enthusiasm! Other food drives included Miami Valley Christian Academy and their Can Art initiative, Anderson Hills United Methodist Church Project 5000, Hydro Systems, Lobsta Bakes, Kamphaus, Henning & Hood, Horizon Community Church and Zimmerman & Co., CPA.

\$52,746 in food and donations was raised in March and April as part of the Feinstein Challenge. This represents a 9% increase over last year.

**Newtown United Methodist crew**



### Items of Special Interest



Please donate fresh fruit and vegetables from your garden or favorite farmers’ market this summer. The families who come to our pantries really appreciate having healthy choices

from local gardens. Many live in places where there is no opportunity to grow a garden, so your donations make it possible for them to provide fresh, healthy food to their families.

Donations are accepted at our Newtown location, M-F, between 9 and 4. Thanks!

### Back to School Backpack Program

#### Basics Needed:

- \*Glue Sticks/Bottles
  - \*Pencils/Pens/Erasers
  - \*Colored Pencils/Crayons
  - \*Water-based Markers
  - \*Loose-leaf Notebook Paper
  - \*Spiral Notebooks
  - \*Pocket Folders
  - \*Three ring Binders/Dividers
  - \*Scissors/Pencil Holder or Case
  - \*Rulers/Index Cards
- AND BACKPACKS! (Especially for grades 4-12).**  
All donated supplies and backpacks are due to IPM the week of August 8th.



With rising prices for food, gas and other basic necessities, many low-income families do not have the average \$97 to spend on school supplies. **Please help us provide these children with what they need to start the school year right!**