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Our Vision

To share God's love  
with people in need

Our Mission

Provide for basic  
human needs

Promote positive  
life changes

Restore hope and  
protect dignity

# THANK YOU!



Thank you, thank you, and thank you again! That is the most important message I need to convey this month. You, our friends and supporters, have stepped forward to make a significant impact on the programs of Open Door.

Due to layoffs, lack of available jobs and the generally bad economic situation, the number of individuals and families coming to our programs in need has drastically increased. In the past six months, Open Door has experienced a 27% increase of those seeking a box of food from the Community Food Ministry and a 38% increase in the individuals seeking assistance at the Drop In Center in search of a haven from being on the streets. These are just examples. All of our programs have seen an increase in requests for assistance.

Many of my colleagues in other social service organizations have experienced a decrease in giving due to the economy, but because of your support, I am pleased to say that hasn't continued to be the case with us. Churches, businesses and individuals have stepped up with food drives, bringing additional hygiene items or having special fundraisers that benefited our programs and have made a difference for those in need. Thank you for going the extra mile in these difficult times!

We still have a ways to travel before the curvy road of this economy straightens out. We still need your assistance to get through these difficult times. Please continue the great work! Together, we can see each other through... one person at a time.

With sincere gratitude,

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## Major Gifts Boost Fundraising efforts

Major gifts are giving our capital campaign some early momentum. So far, \$1,823,387 has been committed..



**open your heart  
to open the door**

Spirit AeroSystems presented a \$300,000 gift during the campaign kickoff. They have secured the naming rights for our Community Food Ministry. The Wichita Community Foundation recently pledged \$250,000 for the campaign and our Housing & Referral Services facility will be named in their honor. Other recent foundation gifts include: the Goebel Family Star Lumber Charitable Foundation, \$100,000; KT Wiedemann Foundation, \$150,000 and INTRUST Bank, \$125,000.

Currently, the Steering Committee is focused on making calls to prospective donors and asking them to support this project. Soon, area faith groups and community organizations will be invited to participate in the Open Door capital campaign. From Advent (Nov. 2009) to Lent (March 2010), a video that explains the new Open Door campus project will be available for showing.



## Help in a Time of Need

Last year, a young woman found herself looking for assistance from the Community Food Ministry. A single mom in graduate school, she had suddenly lost her job and needed help with food.



She drove to our food program at 1611 North Mosley. After she completed the simple paperwork and was interviewed to see how else we could help, she took the much-needed box of food home.

While she was still unemployed, she came back several times for her once-a-month box of food. Then a local corporation hired her. She is still working there today and thriving so she no longer needs help. But she remembers the lean times – when she was struggling to provide food for herself and her son.

She is grateful for the help she received from the Community Food Ministry. The young woman understands firsthand the need for help and she donates food when she can.

The Community Food Ministry staff and volunteers always work to provide nutritionally balanced food assistance to those in need.

You can help by donating food items, especially the top three items of the list on the next column that need to go in each bag or box: canned fruit, tuna and peanut butter. Thanks for helping us keep our clients healthy!

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated.

### Food Box List

- Peanut butter
- Canned meats, salmon or tuna
- Canned fruit
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Canned or dried soup
- Canned vegetables
- Sugar
- Cereal or oatmeal
- Dried beans
- Dry milk
- Pudding/Jell-O
- Jelly/jam
- Crackers



Additional items that would be very welcome:

- Toilet paper
- Soap (laundry, dish, bath)
- Baby food
- Canned juices
- Disposable diapers
- Baby formula
- Other hygiene items

Paper sacks are also needed. Our sacking room volunteers place the donated food into paper bags for our individuals and families.



## Join Us at an RSVP Event

Have fun and help us raise money at the same time! There's something to satisfy every taste bud with RSVP – a collection of unique events throughout the year to benefit Open Door. Browse our list of upcoming events, but don't wait too long to make a reservation as some previous events have sold out.

Call Terry or Pam at 316-265-9371 to make a reservation. Future RSVP events can be found at our website, [www.umopendoor.org](http://www.umopendoor.org).

**Come Sail Away.** You and five others can be part of the crew and experience the power of our Kansas wind and water. Join Captain Larry Greenwood and his first mate Dr. Melanie Greenwood for a relaxing afternoon at Lake Cheney. Includes a picnic lunch and afternoon of sailing. Six person party/\$600.

For more information, contact Nancy Davis at 316-689-8108.

**Fajita Rita.** Sautéed peppers and onions won't be the only spicy thing on the menu. Join hosts Steve and Susan Kromer for live music by the Lucky People band – voted Wichita's best cover band. This event will be serving flavorful fajitas and more on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each.

For more information, contact Susan Kromer at 316-253-8426.

## RSVP Events Benefit Open Door

**Frankly, It's Wright.** Here's an opportunity to treat yourself to some fresh flavors and classic architecture at this event. Enjoy a buffet dinner in the garden and tours of the Allen-Lambe house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Hosted by Scott and Donna Goltry, Scott and Elizabeth Wadle and Scott and Stephanie Knebel on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each

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## Thank you once again.

We appreciate our friends and supporters who help make our services to those in need possible. We cannot do this alone.

We, and those whom we serve, truly value your service as volunteers, your gifts (both monetary and in-kind) and your prayers.