



12915 Weinand Circle
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Current Events

- Rhythm-n-Q's at Servant of Christ Lutheran Church October 6 at
- Wine in the Woods on October 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Woods in Maple Grove
- Maynards in Rogers on November 26 from 4:00 p.m. till close
- Maple Grove Fountains pictures with Santa on November 24, Art Center December 1, Holiday Parade and Hospital Holiday Tree Lighting
- Malone's Pancake Breakfast December 1 at 9:00
- Toys for CROSS please bring in toys to CROSS throughout November and December

List of Foods Needed:

- Juicy Juice
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Paper Products
- Sweet and Instant Potatoes
- Cranberries
- Condiments
- Canned Meats
- Baking Supplies
- Stuffing & Gravy

CROSS TALK

Christians Reaching Out in Social Service

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CROSS ASSISTS OVER 550 FAMILIES A MONTH

Getting Ready for the Holidays

CROSS is beginning to plan for the Holidays. We distribute holiday food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition we provide toys to over 1,000 children in our service area.

The Thanksgiving bag consists of a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn and pumpkin pie filling, green beans, corn, mandarin oranges and jello.

Our Christmas bag includes ham, scalloped potatoes, hot chocolate, baking

supplies, pears, pudding and corn.

The Marines along with local businesses and families contribute to the Toys for



Tots Campaign of which we provide toys to children in the community.

As the Holiday season progresses so does the need for food and toys for our families. Please consider do-

nating to one of these programs.

CROSS serves families in Maple Grove, Rogers, Osseo, West Champlin, Dayton and Corcoran. Bring your donations to CROSS during our regular business hours.

In 2011 we provided 1,716 Holiday Baskets which was 40,188 pounds and 1,083 toys.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

CROSS support

Throughout the year CROSS obtains ongoing support from the community to help local families. Just some of the additional services we currently offer:

- Employment counseling

- Hennepin County Emergency Assistance representative at our office weekly.
- Energy Assistance and Food Support Program representative

- Flu Shots and Health Care Screening assistance
 - Eye care assistance
- These organizations help us and provide additional assistance when clients need further resources to resolve problems.

Clothing Room

The clothing room is always active with clothing going out to families in the community as fast as donations are received.

A lot of our clothing is obtained from families cleaning out their closets, children growing out of clothes

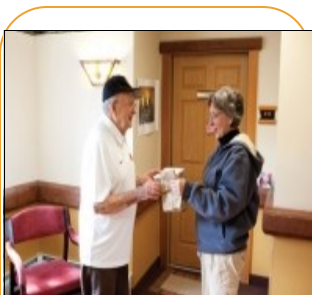
and occasionally new clothing from local retailers and businesses. These items help us help families.

In August we gave out clothing to each family in addition to school supplies.

As the cold weather

approaches we are in need of coats, boots, hats, mittens, and socks.

All new and gently used clothing and household items can be brought during business hours to our location for distribution to our local families.



Meals on Wheels deliverer Kathy White delivers a meal to Harold Beier.

Meals on Wheels

Suzanne Gregory, driving coordinator for Meals on Wheels has been organizing deliveries for 15 years.

“ They develop friendships that go beyond just bringing the food ” says Gregory and Harold Beier has been de-

pending on the service since 1997 when his wife passed away.

“ Someone told me about the program because I can ’ t cook ” Beier, 89, says . “ We chat about sports and so on, it ’ s just nice to have that one-on-one

connection.

If you would like to volunteer please call Stephanie at 763-267-5282.

Fundraisers for CROSS

Fundraisers support CROSS and these are a few of the events CROSS benefited from this summer

- Malone’s Bar and Grill did a second Pancake Breakfast which was even more successful than the first
- The Dean Eggert Memorial Ride took place during Rockin Rogers where motorcycles rode for CROSS

- The CROSS Community Players performed Pinocchio at Maple Grove Senior High in July
- Rogers Elementary provided clothing for children in our community
- The Backyard Production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” collected food each day of their performance
- The Maple Grove Rotary

and the 40 Winks Bed Race which occurred during Maple Grove Days provided 30 beds to families in the community.

- Maple Grove “Ignitors” Car Show
- National Night Out collected food for CROSS during neighborhood celebrations

Thank you for all you do!



Other Events and Fundraisers

Open Your Heart Summer Challenge helped CROSS by providing funds to purchase the snack bag food for our distribution in July and August.

The Hennepin County Fair collected food in exchange for reduced ticket entrance fees during the entire fair.

Carol and Jack Hines celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and in lieu of gifts asked their guests to donate food to CROSS. They obtained over 700 pounds of food and more than \$1,000.00 which was donated to CROSS.

The Osseo and Rogers Lion 's Club each presented CROSS with a

check to support local families in need. They have been supporting CROSS for many years.



Summer Snack Bags and School Supply Drive

CROSS created and provided snack bags to children this summer .

Included in the snack bags were nutritious snacks from fresh fruit and carrot sticks to single serving ravioli, fruit snacks and crackers or granola bars.

The snack bag was given in both July and August. Kids love having treats they can eat during the summer and with all their fun activities it

is a resource to obtain energy and enjoyment.

The School Supply Drive was another success with CROSS distributing school supplies to nearly 900 children.

We help families in the community by providing school supplies and clothes to prepare them for their first day.

We had families come in on

August 21 and 23 for this event. It was a fun week as we helped children throughout the community.

Thank you to all the individuals, local businesses and churches who contributed to the success of the school supply drive.



St. Paul's Lutheran Vacation Bible School with school supplies they do donated in August

Parades and Invest Northwest Award

CROSS participated in parades throughout the summer. We were in the Champlin, Rogers and Osseo parades. Rachel Vizenor a dedicated volunteer, elected by peers as Volunteer of the Year, rode the float.

The parades are a fam-

ily fun event which CROSS has enjoyed being part of for many years.

CROSS volunteers received an Invest Northwest Award for the service provided to families in the community. Pam Hanson former CROSS President re-

ceived an award for her work with the Empty Bowls project. Allan Hartkopf Board Member also received an award for his commitment to community service.





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If you would like to establish a fundraiser, or have any questions please call Char Lake the Executive Director for CROSS at 763-425-1050.

Please join us in our fall activities which include the following:

- Rhythm-n-Q's at Servant of Christ Lutheran Church October 6 at 5:00
- Wine in the Woods - enjoy wine tasting and light appetizers on October 11, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Woods in Maple Grove
- Purchase a Coupon Book from CROSS for \$10 and get over \$400 in free gifts from local businesses
- Maynards in Rogers on November 26 from 4:00 p.m. till close donates all proceeds to CROSS
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Have a safe and happy holiday and thank you all for supporting CROSS food shelf and helping the families in our community.

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