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### Current Events:

- **Monroe Crossing Concert Friday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m. at Word of Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers**
- **Cross Community Players Honk! The Ugly Duckling at Cross Winds Church on Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23, 24 and March 1, 2, and 3.**
- **Empty Bowls on March 14 at the Maple Grove Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

### List of Items Needed:

Juicy Juice  
Cereal  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Healthy Snacks  
Condiments  
Canned Meats

# CROSS TALK

Christians Reaching Out in Social Service

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## CROSS ASSISTS OVER 600 FAMILIES A MONTH

### Happy New Year!

CROSS is looking forward to the New Year as we continue to help the families in our community.

As we help more families each year we rely on the support of the individuals, schools and churches to help us provide food and services to our clients.

In 2013 in addition to the food, clothing and household goods we provide we plan to continue offering assistance through the following programs:

- Computer classes

- 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

As the New Year progresses, so does the need for food and clothing/household goods for our families. Please consider donating 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.

Happy New Year!

### Businesses help CROSS

The 2nd annual Maynards benefit occurred on November 26 at Maynards in Rogers. All proceeds for the evening from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. were given to CROSS. The night was a fantastic success and we are thankful for the support.

Malone's in Maple Grove hosted a pancake breakfast on December 1. The event provided breakfast with a beverage for a donation. This was the 3rd breakfast that Malone's has done for CROSS. Other businesses that have held fundraising events

include: Rogers Wine and Spirits, Miller Chevrolet of Rogers, Pro Tech, Hardees, Sundance, 21st Century Bank, Maple Grove Hospital, Maple Grove Art Center, Curves, Dollar Store, Rogers Dental and 1st National Bank.

Thanks for your support!

## Clothing Room



The clothing room is being prepared for the New Year by transitioning clothing as the temperatures change and making sure all hats, mittens, scarves, and coats are distributed to families.

Just Between Friends did their annual sale

which enabled CROSS to receive all donated items after the sale. This made additional children's clothing available to all our clients.

We are also preparing for Valentines day by gathering Valentines for children to give to

their classmates and decorations for their homes.

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



Meals on  
Wheels  
delivers

In October CROSS Meals on Wheels formed a partnership with Maple Grove Fire Rescue and Menards to do fire safety checks for the residents of Maple Grove in honor of Fire Prevention Week. They visited MOW residents where they inspected smoke alarms

and provided new batteries and detectors courtesy of Menards.

According to the National Survey of Older Americans, Meals on Wheels helps seniors eat healthier and improve their health. They also feel more secure in their own homes. Over 90% rated

Meals on Wheels service as good to excellent.

If you would like more information on Meals on Wheels, call Stephanie Lehman at 763-267-5182.

Meals on Wheels serves over 9,000 meals per year.

## Fundraisers for CROSS

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

- Wine in the Woods at the Woods in Maple Grove which featured Woodland Hill Winery and Donato's Floral
- Cabelas in Rogers had a food drive for CROSS they collected food for several weeks
- Hardee's donated toys to CROSS from a toy drive in which they gave a free beverage for every toy donated in November
- Hampton Inn and Suites gave a discount on their room rate for every five food items donated to their business.
- Rogers High School did a Trick or Can donation during Halloween
- Maple Grove Art Center and Maple Grove Hospital both accepted food donations throughout December
- The Maple Grove Tree Lighting and Santa Breakfast also accepted food donations at their event
- Rogers Lions held a Santa Breakfast with donations going to CROSS



## Other Events and Fundraisers

The Rogers Lions did their annual food drive. Each year they exceed the previous year's record and give all the food to CROSS. They also held a Santa breakfast with donations going to CROSS.

The Osseo Lions provided a large donation to assist CROSS with continuing to provide service to our clients and help with the turkey meal in the Thanksgiving meal. Word of Peace donated

their first check of \$5,000. For every \$100,000 donated to their church they are giving five percent to CROSS. This is done in addition to a food drive.

The Osseo Lions also provided us with a large donation so we could give a gift card to each family during December for food for the Holidays in addition to

their monthly food visit.

The Maple Grove Lions gave a generous donation for general operations at the food shelf.

Knights of Columbus Council 11941 in Rogers held a coat drive. The new jackets will be used for Christmas distribution.



## Thanksgiving Meals

CROSS created and provided Thanksgiving Meals for over 700 families.

Included in the Thanksgiving meals were a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, pumpkin

pie mix, and condiments.

The Thanksgiving meal was distributed in the last week of October and throughout November. Families love having a meal to

celebrate this enjoyable time of year.

Thank you to all the individuals, local businesses and churches who contributed to the success of the Thanksgiving meals.



## Toys for Tots/Teens

CROSS provided over 1000 toys to children in the community. They were distributed to the families during the annual Toys for Tots days as families came in to shop for their children.

With the help of the Marines and many volunteers (who we

called elves during our event) we were able to provide gifts for children in each of the households registered through CROSS.

We distributed the toys on December 18, 20 and 21st along with hats, mittens, and scarves for the winter season.

In addition to the Marines, CROSS would like to thank the churches, businesses, organizations in the community, and families who donated toys for the children. This certainly brought smiles to the families' faces and ended the year on a perfect note.





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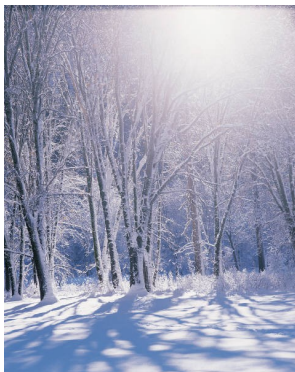
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## CROSS Food Shelf helping families in the community



If you would like to establish a fundraiser, or have any questions please call CROSS at 763-425-1050.

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