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Director's Comments

Here we are, just jetting through the year. We are starting the last quarter of the year. Family visit plans, travel plans, many community events planned, and we're in the mist of it all. Interfaith will be enacting the Co-Vid protections for staff, clients, and community donors. We would like to have some fun during the holidays by wearing seasonal colors...October (orange, black, green); Nov Fall colors; and, Dec reds, greens, silver, bright, and fun. Offices and work areas may be decorated (tastefully...no skeletons, for obvious reasons) to reflect the traditions, meaning, and fun of the seasons. .

We will be off/closed on the following days: (please note)

Oct 10 Mon Columbus Day

Nov 11 Fri Veterans Day

Nov 24-Dec 4 Thanksgiving Holiday/Co-Vid precautions following family gatherings.

Dec 23-Jan 8 Christmas, New Years' Day, and Co-Vid precautions.

This schedule will be placed in the grocery bags starting Mon Oct 4, on the front and back doors, and the sign-in area. Please remind others in your department as well.

October Trainings:

The last series of training classes will be in October. Please sign up with Cathie to assure enough materials.

Oct 17 M. Pantry 1-3PM Conference Room

Oct 19 W C/HH/T/D 1-3PM "

Oct 25 T New Volunteers 1-4PM "

Oct 27 Th Interviewers 1-3PM "

Thank you ALL.....for an enjoyable, friendly and pleasant Volunteer Recognition Dinner event on the 19th. We thank the Board for doing it, Vi Morgado and Carol Reyes for the planning; Elks Lodge and Catering Staff for their service; and, for

the volunteers who sat with others they did not know. For those of you who were not in attendance, we have your certificates here for you to collect next time you come to work.

What's Going On Here????

You may be noticing a lot of changes going on.....

1) Marge's Seasonal décor room is clean, organized, and neat and tidy. Please do not just put things in there....leave things out for Marge and Rhonda to determine if they will store items for upcoming holidays, or make them available for clients and volunteers to take.

2) Showers and bathrooms are ALMOST complete. The last details will be completed by early next week. Again, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has accomplished what we haven't done in many years. We thank them deeply!!!

3) The garden continues to produce fresh items for us each day. And some winter items are beginning to show.

4) The walk-in container is cleaned out as it should be. Only a few items are left...now there is plenty of room for our bags going to Eco-World!

5) The "food storage cage" is almost in compliance with State laws. Lots of other type items are out of there, and the foods are stored properly...in case of inspections.

6) A number of events are coming up to support Interfaith...Halloween Food collection at Sonora Hills; See's Candies Sales at Tractor Supply the Monday following Thanksgiving up to Dec 24 Food Depot (Standard) in November; Clarke Broadcasting Cash and Coat Drive Dec 9 & 10th. All events will need help from our volunteers. Be thinking how you can help.

7) With any of these events, please take time to go to the groups supporting us to thank them so very much. Especially since we are on the upswing in serving the numbers of clients these days. All these thoughtful and helpful events help a great deal with our annual food budget, as costs rise, and we are seeing many more than the previous 3 years.

(Food is the only service we actually purchase for our clients...all other items of clothing, household, toiletries are NOT in the budget, and must be donated or cash earmarked for such items).

8) We are seeing more and more NEDW clients.....alot of single men, and seniors. Please be patient with them when they don't know our system(s).

9 We had five new volunteers at our New Volunteer training in Sept...Teresa Lewis, Scott and Lisa Dasko, Leonides ("Leo" Russell (Tues/Clothing) and, Randy Morris. **Please welcome them, help them in learning your department, and enjoy them.**
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WE NEED.....

- a) **Volunteers**....especially in the Men's Dept; and upcoming events.
- b) **Christmas Cards**...to go in all grocery bags in December;
- c) **Pet food**....
- d) **Plastic bags** for vegetables.
- e) **TP, paper towels**
- f) **Not your best towels**, for our showers...
- g) **Any camping stuff** (tarps, hand warmers, small tents, cook stoves...that you are done using...for our homeless population.
- h) **Folks** to help on wood distribution days for our clients

Holiday Trivia...for you and your families: On your honor...no cheating!!! Try using your own basic knowledge...

1. Is there another name for Veteran's Day?
2. What is the new name for Columbus Day?
3. Why is Halloween ALWAYS on Oct 31?
4. When did Thanksgiving originate?
5. Why the traditional "thanksgiving foods"?
6. Where/when did St Nickolaus (original spelling) change to Santa Claus?
7. Name Santa's reindeer?
8. Name the characters of 12 Days of Christmas song...
9. Above what town does the Grinch live?
10. Tell your fondest/or worst Christmas story (up to age 10).

You may turn your answers in...signed...to Cathie and you (if you didn't cheat) will win a prize. Deadline for entry is Dec 15th Have some fun!

Enjoy the fun, planning, anticipation, grands, and other friends celebrating the holidays. And always keep the real meaning of Christmas in your hearts!

Cathie Peacock