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Donors fill five truck loads of food



The Divine Intervention held its first food drive Sat., Nov. 15 at Tascali's Decades Pasta and Grill.

Donors showed up in full force, donating enough food and other items to fill five truck loads for the Eastern Cabell County Humanities Organization (ECCHO). After the drive, board members Dave Irwin and Anna Lafferre, joined by volunteer Kim Irwin and Father Jim Sobus, drove the donations to ECCHO to be distributed to families in need.

ECCHO currently serves about 420 families per month. Families are permitted to come once a month to receive food, sundries, clothes, blankets, and other items. Unfortunately funding has been cut to both ECCHO and the families it serves, meaning the organization is relying even more on generosity from the community to fill its shelves. According to ECCHO volunteers, items they could really use include canned fruit, peanut butter, and canned meats, but they will gladly accept any donation.

"We are so grateful to the many people who came out in the cold and generously donated to this food drive," Lafferre said. "The support The Divine Intervention has received from the community is overwhelming, and we appreciate everyone working together to make sure families in need will not go hungry this holiday season."

Winter Warmth Drive

Temperatures this winter are expected to be much colder than normal, according to The Farmer's Almanac, with the coldest temperatures in mid- to late-January. Imagine living through the winter with no blankets, mittens, or even socks.

In order to assist fellow community members have a safer and warmer winter, The Divine Intervention will be holding a Winter Warmth Drive Sat., Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Integrity Wire, 1060 Cedar Crest Drive, off Route 60 in Huntington. Join The Divine Intervention that day for hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies to warm up yourself while helping others have a warmer winter.

Items accepted are blankets, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, underwear, and anything else that would help someone be warmer this winter.

If you are unable to drop off your donation Jan. 17, Integrity Wire will be open to accept donations Mon., Jan. 11 through Fri., Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Divine Intervention continues to provide spiritual guidance to families and individuals in need to assist with the loss of a loved one, addictions, divorce, and other issues. Services are offered free of charge. If you or someone you know is in need, call (800) 743-9412 or email info@thedivineintervention.net.