



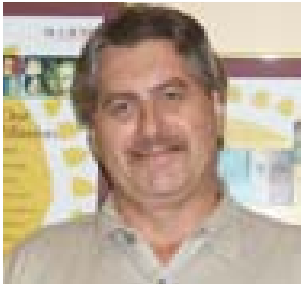


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Providing a Hand Up, not a Hand Out.

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

James' journey takes a turn for the better.



In 2004 **James Buegler's** mother died of heart disease. "She was the last of my family," says James. "Years earlier I had lost my 22-year-old brother and my father to the same disease." So James moved to Columbus to begin life anew.

He found jobs and worked up to 60 hours a week, sometimes stringing together two jobs in order to pay bills. "Then a few years ago, I managed to save enough money to buy a used car from a co-worker." But the day after James delivered the cash - the co-worker quit and disappeared with James' money. This left James with no savings and no transportation to his jobs.

James resorted to riding his bicycle to work year 'round - regardless of the weather. Then James lost his apartment and began residing with friends or in economical but uncomfortable hotel rooms.

"About two and a half years ago, I wound up in Westerville. "First I heard about WARM through **First Link**. I enrolled in the STOP program and began utilizing pantry services," says James. "Talking and praying with people at WARM helped open new doors for me." Then I began working at the **AmVets Clothing Drop-off Center** at Maxtown," says James. Little by little, things changed.

A donor at AmVets noticed James's bike parked in his office one snowy day and inquired about his commute. The donor returned sometime later with the keys to her older model car saying that her family had bought a new vehicle and wanted James to take their old Toyota. The gift of a used automobile opened more doors.


WARM client advisor **Marian Hicks** was now able to help James enroll at the **Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation** in

Columbus. James is currently participating in **HVAC** training. His tuition is paid by government grants secured through with the help of WARM.

Today James is committed to helping others less fortunate. "We don't take furniture where I work, but when people want to donate furniture, I put them in touch with other agencies around town who help victims of crime and poverty." And he is building professional and personal relationships that help strengthen his self-sufficiency. "I believe God had a hand in putting me here in Westerville. Everybody I come in contact with at WARM and at my job - everybody in this town is a blessing."

The resources you donate to WARM could be the turning point in the life of a Westerville neighbor. *Please take a few minutes to send in your donation today. New online giving is as easy as lifting a finger!* Go to www.warmwesterville.org

Everyone has problems -




diabetes, a mother with cancer, an unreliable car, a baby sitter who shows up late. But self-sustaining people have resources - financial, educational, emotional, mental and physical - and support systems to deal with problems. They pay people to tow the car or call a neighbor to care for the children until the sitter arrives. For...others, life

often gets in the way of work.*

Forging new, healthy relationships and habits differentiates WARM from other food pantries. "We seek to remove clients from the dangerous cycle of poverty and provide the resources and the expectations that they can return to self-sufficiency," says WARM client advisor **Judy Voll**.

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The WARM Spot Children Feed Children in Westerville



Teach a child to bake - feed the world? Westerville City Schools teacher **Denise Mundy** is working with **The King Arthur Flour Company** to bring a national giving program to four local elementaries. Dubbed the **Life Skills Bread Baking Program**, King Arthur reps visit schools and demonstrate bread making techniques during school assemblies. The company donates small packages of dry ingredients with instructions for students to try bread making at home. Students are asked to bake 2 loaves. One is for their family. And one is to be brought back to school the very next day and donated.

Huber Ridge students participated in the program two years ago with enthusiastic



results. "We sent home supplies for 200 loaves of bread and the next day 193 loaves of bread came back for donation," Denise Mundy recalls. "I can't think of another project that has created such a sense of community, family and spirit of helping."

This November, about 750 4th and 5th graders at **Huber Ridge, McVay, Cherrington** and **Robert Frost** elementary schools will participate. Event organizers, **Denise Mundy** and colleagues **Lori Malicoate, Rhonda Letterio** and **Sarah Berka**

elected to donate the bread to the WARM pantry. "The opportunity to make a difference right here in Westerville seems to be a natural fit. In addition, our bread making will complement the WARM food drives conducted each November in city schools."

Select student representatives will deliver the baked goods to the WARM pantry just in time for Thanksgiving. Pantry coordinator Denise Firman plans to provide special facility tours for the student bakers.

Your WARM food donations set a holiday table of hope. Your financial contributions maximize WARM giving through bulk purchasing.

Ask how you can help the pantry most by emailing Denise@warmwesterville.org



Seventh Grade Summer is a **WARM** Winner

Not every Westerville 7th grader earned \$500 this summer. And none other than **Josh Winbigger** and **Nick McClary** donated every penny of it to WARM. The two attend **St. Paul School** where students are encouraged to perform community service projects. Josh's dad **Doug** is instrumental in the **WARM Fresh Green** project through the **Westerville Farmer's Market**. And that gave Josh and Nick just the inspiration they needed. Throughout August, the boys sold raffle tickets at the weekly event. The winning ticket holder, they promised, would be lucky enough to take home a pair of **Amish Originals** Adirondack chairs. After 4 weeks of diligent promotion and just before summer break ended, **Scott Marier** drew the winning ticket and accepted the boys' raffle proceeds.

When asked about the decision to help WARM, Josh explained, "Nick and I decided that we are fortunate enough to be able to go to the grocery store to buy food and other people aren't so lucky."

Josh says he "felt closer to God" while working on this project.

Find out what he means. Volunteer at Karan@warmwesterville.org

Going the Distance 4 **WARM**

They're in it for the long haul. Dedicated runners and walkers will participate in the **Columbus Marathon** in October for the 4th consecutive year. Sponsorships and pledges are still being accepted, and every penny will be delivered to WARM in support of eradicating hunger and joblessness in Westerville.

You may not be able to run a city block, but you can make amazing strides locally to resolve hunger.

Log on to www.warmwesterville.org to make your PayPal marathon pledge or call Diana at 899-0196.

Count Out Blessings... 1..2..3



You can count on WARM to help you distribute traditional Thanksgiving trimmings to your neighbors in need. Sign up now to donate three grocery bags filled with holiday dinner essentials plus a \$20 gift card for a turkey. Last year 199 families were served through this program at Thanksgiving time. This year, even more families are depending upon your acts of kindness to fill their dinner tables. *See the program specifics at www.warmwesterville.org or call Diana at 899-8196.*

The Heart of our Mission



*Begun as Paul's Pantry in 1972, WARM nurtures partnerships with dozens of member churches throughout the area. This month, we asked members of **Quest Community Church at 4877 Central College Road** to tell us what they value most about the presence of WARM in their church community.*

Quest members are friends of faith who strive to lead a simple, real Christian life in faith and service. Quest programs like the upcoming 6-week program "What is True Spirituality?" explore what it means to be a true Christian. We strive to interact and engage all people, inside and outside our faith. We focus on making our church a place where people feel comfortable to visit, engage or just sit quietly and listen. Supporting the WARM mission provides a way for members to live out church values. - **Pastor Ross Adelmann**

WARM shares Christ's love to the local community in a practical way. **Quest Community Church** also seeks to share Christ in a relevant way within this community. WARM is a perfect missions partner to work with to accomplish this goal. Working with WARM is an effective outreach because the people there are extremely good at what they do. Their counseling skills and food purchasing power is much greater than if we were to try to do an outreach like this on our own. - **Mitch Given**

WARM is the organizational manifestation of our three-fold mission statement at Quest, which is to Love God, Love Others, and Serve. My volunteer experience at WARM has been eye-opening, heart-softening, and an awful lot of fun! I highly recommend the blessing. - **Beth Miller**

Buckeyes vs. Hunger on Home Turf

Marty Qualls was getting ready to host his 4th annual "Framily" Reunion Buckeye Hog roast party for family and friends united in a love for Buckeye football. In planning the 2010 event, Marty tackled the issue of poverty. "My neighbor has been involved with fundraising for WARM and in the past he's come to the party and set out a donation bucket." I liked the idea of doing something good for local families.

So this year, Marty is going for extra points, "Since I'm hosting a hundred of my friends and family, why not ask them to bring a canned good donation or two to gain entry to the party?" Everyone on Marty's guest

list welcomed the chance to enjoy their Buckeye celebration together and at the same time help someone less fortunate feed their family as well.

Denise at the WARM pantry helped Marty with his fundraising questions. She even secured WARM table displays, signage, pamphlets and offered volunteers and speakers for the big event. Goals? Nobody can predict how many the Buckeyes will have on Saturday, but Marty predicts his "Framily" will help him meet his goal to fill the shelves of the WARM pantry.

Need a creative idea for your next WARM service project, contact Cheryl at 899-0196.



WARM by the Numbers

January through September 2010:

3,087 Families helped

9,703 People served

174,654 Meals provided

42 Job placements achieved

6,319 Volunteer hours logged

Numbers like these show there's great need in Westerville but also, great compassion. Thank you for your partnership in bettering our community.