



**Volunteers of Lake Country**

# September

1,000 Volunteer Hours to date in 2009!



**Warning** According to the Surgeon General, Volunteering can become addictive...because it is so much fun...and it make you feel so good!

[August...Volunteers of Lake Country's Month Off...Almost!](#)

Volunteers of Lake Country were concerned of a need not being met in our community and were moved to action.

Please read the story and enjoy the photos at:

<http://volunteersoflakecountry.blogspot.com/>



Judy Litvin and Karen Semrad are the co-coordinators of the

Pewaukee Food Pantry. Karen said *"This was one of the larger donations ever made to the pantry, but even more importantly, it was made at a very crucial time. Our shelves were empty! The need is constant and growing but the giving fluctuates with the time of year. Summertime is the worst time for food donations. Organizations like schools and scout groups who typically run food drives are off, and families are busy and on vacation. We all thank the Volunteers of Lake Country for reading of our urgent need, and working so hard to help us meet those needs.*

### Thanks to this month's Volunteers and Donators!

Though August had been declared a month of rest and reorganizing for VLC, 3 clients from Healthy Families of Waukesha County, were given a crib, stroller, pack and play, and baby clothes, a food drive was staffed for the Pewaukee Pantry, furniture was donated, delivered, and picked up for upcoming Client of the Month projects, the garden is being weeded and watered, and produce continues to be shared from the VLC garden, and from home gardens!

### We Need YOUR Help with September's Client!

We have received a family that has some great needs this month. Two brothers, 8 and 16, have been removed from their mothers custody and have been permanently placed with their father. They have arrived with very little, and the father needs help to ready his apartment. The 3 of them are living in a 1 bedroom apartment. Dad is sleeping on a futon in a good size living room and the boys are sharing a very small bedroom. Thanks to the donation of a couch, love seat, ottoman, 2 side tables, dining table, and a cocktail table this month, we will be sharing those with them, to give them an area to eat, and to relax as a family. These are the other needed items on their wish list that we need your help with:

Priority: We need to find either a bunk bed frame (they have the 2 twin mattresses), or a trundle bed to make better use of the small bedroom space. We also need a 2 chest of drawers for their clothes and a couple of bedroom lamps. We have a desk, but need a desk chair for homework. We have a kitchen table, but need 3-4 wood dining or kitchen chairs for it. We are also looking for 2 living room lamps, and an entertainment center. Please check around, ask around, and watch the area rummages...if they have any needed items, and they don't sell, we have found they are very open to donating leftover items. (we do have a tax receipt to share from Human Services) Items may be dropped off on the porch at W305 N6781 Red Fox Run/Hartland, or if you need something picked up, just email!

### Healthy Families of Waukesha County

Have a new client this month. The mother is a college student, and is working. She has a 3 year old daughter who needs 5T clothing, and a son who wears 24 months (or 2T). Some items that the Healthy Families Clients always

need are safety items. If you have any baby gates, door knob covers or outlet covers to share, please drop them off!

### Apple Harvest Festival Retzer Nature

A fun fall volunteer opportunity Sept. 19th. Read more at: <http://www.volunteersoflakecountry.org/projects.php>

### VLC's Garden for Good

is producing an amazing amount of food! All of it is being donated to area pantries and agencies. Please check out the story and photos at: <http://volcgarden.blogspot.com/> If you have extra produce from your home garden to share, it can be dropped at the front porch of Dave Wolken at 702 E. Capitol Drive/Hartland

\*\*Always looking for someone with a pickup truck, that can get dressers etc...to our storage locker once a month!

### A Special October Project We Need Your Help!

Like many of our collections, we will be setting up outside of 2 area stores. Thanks to Pat Fox, who will be hosting VLC's collection for the Hebron House Homeless Shelter, on Saturday October 24th at the Hartland, and Oconomowoc Piggly Wiggly. Rumor has it the Klement's Racing Sausages may return to Lake Country once again....along with Mr. Pig! For more info, and to sign up, go to the **second** posting listed at: <http://www.volunteersoflakecountry.org/projects.php> We are asking for a 2 hour commitment. (10-12, 12-2, or 2-4) We will be passing out bags and lists of needed items to customers, asking for their help. In past collections, store customers have enjoyed being given the opportunity to participate in this very convenient way, and have been incredibly generous! The last time we filled 4 cars with donations! Along with the collection at the grocery stores, we will also be doing a drive next month of gently used men's, women's and children's winter coats and boots. So please set aside those you have outgrown, or replaced for us as you are organizing your closets this month!

### The November Project is a Christmas Giving Opportunity, that I promise you and yours will wish to continue year after year!

Please help provide 'Christmas' for a child in need in our community. Take time to read about this very personal Holiday Giving opportunity in the **last** posting on the page at: <http://www.volunteersoflakecountry.org/projects.php>

Thanks to all who have volunteered, and who have donated items over the past 8 months. The impact Volunteers of Lake Country is having on the community is quite astonishing! To those how have not yet committed to a project ...please consider making this the month that you sign on to one of the 2 hour projects coming up...join us to make an impact on the lives of others.

**One by One....Together We Can Make A Difference**