



MORE News

From the desk of the Executive Director—Bob Botts

We are often asked what items does the food pantry need and the standard answer is “everything” from meals in a can to diapers. While this is true, it isn’t a very complete answer. MORE has a website at www.marengomorecenter.org. Here you will find a complete list of items that we need as well as answers to most any questions you may have.

In September, as Executive Director, I had the privilege of hosting a thank you luncheon for our volunteers. MORE has a volunteer list exceeding 125 individuals who give of their time in a truly caring manner. I shared with them some statistics. One was that in August of 1998, the food pantry helped 30 families; in August of 2000, we helped 45 families; in August of 2008, we helped 167 families. This staggering increase may be happening for several reasons, including the economy, job losses, or even our new convenient location. Nevertheless, it takes considerably more food, money and volunteers to meet this need and, so far, our community is doing a great job. A heartfelt thanks from our Board of Directors is extended to all of our volunteers and supporters throughout the community for a job well done.

Death by Chocolate Fundraiser

Mark Thursday, October 23, in your date book for an exciting evening at the Courthouse Grill Restaurant and Pub in Woodstock. From 5-9 p.m., \$30 will buy you a bar buffet, two drinks and an experience with chocolate fit for a king or queen. Start making plans to come with your friends and make this an evening you’ll remember, while helping MORE. The Courthouse Grill is located on the Historic Woodstock Town Square at 101 N. Johnson Street.

Holiday Boxes

Every year, MORE purchases holiday food boxes through the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Fifteen dollars will buy a 12-14 lb. turkey, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, two veggies and dessert. If you are interested in helping other needy families during the holidays with a special dinner, you may make a donation. Make your check payable to MORE and be sure to mark it holiday boxes. Send donations to MORE, 829 Greenlee Street, Marengo, IL 60152.



On September 11th American Legion Post 192 hosted a remembrance of 9/11/2001. Even though it was organized only a few days before the anniversary of this tragic day in our history, it was well attended. Mayor Don Lockhart, Alder Woman Lisa Trainor, Police Departments from Marengo and Union, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and many good citizens were in attendance.

All witnessed the lowering of the flag to half staff, and the ringing of the bell for each flight that crashed as well as each group representing those that were lost, but will never be forgotten.

Thank you for your participation.
Dale Carpenter, Post Commander
Connie Boxleitner, Auxiliary President



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