

Bernardine Center's Garden "Franciscan Delight"

flourishes, producing a variety of delicious vegetables for food pantry offerings and brunch meals.



Sr. Carolyn (L), Chuck, our Master-gardener (M), and Ron (R) contribute to caring for the garden and harvesting the "veggies" of their labor.



Peppers



Culiflower



Zucchini-Squash



Collards



Eggplant



Beans

"Sightings" at Bernardine Center



Joanne Smith and Zach Hathaway from Renzi's Catering provide a "delecticious" buffet meal for West Side Brunch. Thank you, Renzi's! Notice how Yulundia appreciates it!



Sister Maria Denise packs food for Home-bound clients.



Volunteers, Johanna, Kathleen, Candy, Karen and Jim, help unpack and sort food donations.



Marylou stocks pantry shelf.



Nursing students from Widener University provide a variety of fresh produce for clients using food distribution services.



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A Ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

*We Are All Interdependent:
Those Who Give and Those Who Receive*

Number of **households** Bernardine Center's Food Pantry serviced in FY 2011-2012:
3,637

Number of individuals served from Bernardine Center's Food Pantry in FY 2011-2012:
9,809

Number of Westside Brunch meals served at Bernardine Center in FY 2011-2012:
5,639



Ladies of Minaret Temple, Daughters of Isis, deliver food contributions and provide service in food pantry.



Mark Schreiber of County Savings Bank delivers a monetary donation for a client, Mortgage Professional Society to Sr. Sandra for Bernardine Center.



Mike Del Vacchio delivers 155 pounds of pasta for food pantry use.



Fred Bilotta and George Schaefer of St. Anastasia Parish deliver 327 pounds of collected food.

Mission Statement

The Bernardine Center provides a helping hand to low-income Chester area residents by distributing emergency or supplemental food and supplies.

The Bernardine Center also offers educational, spiritual and advocacy programs to help clients build better lives for themselves, their families and communities.

All the ministries of the Bernardine Center are rooted in Franciscan hospitality and the social teachings of our Catholic Christian tradition.

**Bernardine Center is grateful to
The McLean Contributionship
for a \$5,000 grant for Food Pantry
area Renovations**

*The hardest arithmetic to master is
that which enables us to count our
blessings.*

-Eric Hoffer

You are blessing to us!

Cash Donations

March 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012

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George & RoseMary Alexander
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Barrett Bateman Foundation
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Renzi's Catering
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick M. Ryan
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Heights
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Sister Marinetta Harenza
Sister Noemia
Sister Otilia
Sister Rose MacDermott
Sister Ruth Ann Rogozinski
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Group
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Parish
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Lillian Stuart-Whistler
Joseph Sullivan
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United Way Tocqueville Society
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Betty Wilson

The **SuperCupboard Workshop** offers nutrition education and hands-on experience preparing meals for one's family using cost-efficient food to create healthy meals that provide a balance of basic nutrients. Sitting down to a family-style meal after preparing it together encourages peer support and positive conversation.

Interwoven within the series of nutrition workshop sessions are life development skills, such as valuing one's gifts, anger management, domestic violence education, goal-setting, values-sharing, even setting the perfect table with cloth napkin-folding skills. Spring and fall workshops are offered as a 5-8 week series at Bernardine Center.



Kim and Denina share in preparing a meal.



Kim can't hold back the "onion-dicing" tears!



Ron and Kim enjoy sharing a meal with Mary Lou, Food Pantry Manager.



Denina values her "graduation" certificate.



Ron thanks Sr. Sandra for teaching the workshop sessions.



Setting goals and acknowledging one's own gifts is not easy to do.



Graduation gifts enhance one's achievements in the kitchen.

*We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our
hearts are conscious of our treasures.*

-Thornton Wilder

YOU are our "pearl of great price." Thank you!

In gratitude for your IN-KIND donations March 1, 2012 to July 31, 2012

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**Interested in helping Bernardine
Center? Perhaps you would like to:**

- Have a food drive for the upcoming November/December holidays
- Offer a monetary donation for the Food Pantry Renovations
- Provide fresh produce for Food Pantry distribution on Tuesdays/Wednesdays
- Prepare and serve a Westside Brunch meal
- Volunteer time and talent

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