

Help raise funds during Hunger Helpers 2008

Volunteers from Open Arms Mission Food Pantry will collect donations May 16 and 17 at the Antioch Jewel/Osco as part of Hunger Helpers 2008.

Proceeds collected will help the food pantry purchase low cost food items distributed to Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst area residents.

The food pantry, 1548 S. Main St., provides nutritious food and fresh milk every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to needy area families, but with the rising cost of milk and food the food pantry needs donations.

“We are providing 250 families with food and milk every week, and we deliver 45 food boxes to the elderly and homebound,” said Rev. Scott Keenan, OAM director.

The food pantry’s budget is 30 percent higher than it was last year, due to a steady increase in families visiting the food pantry and the rising cost of food and milk. The monthly cost of milk alone is \$1,900.

While donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome, cash donations go further because the food pantry has the ability to buy food in bulk. “Every \$1 donated buys nine pounds of food,” said Rev. Keenan. “The donations we collect as part of this fundraiser will allow us to pay for food items for our local families.”

Tax deductible donations may also be sent to Open Arms Mission, PO Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002. For more information contact the food pantry, 847-395-0309.