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JOHNSON COUNTY  
CHRISTMAS BUREAU

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Johnson County  
Christmas Bureau  
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Office Hours:  
9 AM - 12 PM  
Tuesday/Wednesday  
/Thursday

#### 2011 MEETING DATES

Please join us at our  
monthly meetings held  
on the third Thursday  
of each month  
at Merriam  
Christian Church  
9401 Johnson Drive,  
Merriam, KS

General Meetings:  
*No meetings in June or  
July*

Aug. 18th 9:30 AM  
Sept. 15th 9:30 AM  
Oct. 20th 7:00 PM

### A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings from your Board President!

I am amazed at how the Christmas Bureau continues to grow and change to meet the growing needs of thousands in Johnson County. I have volunteered for the Bureau for more than 25 years but have not been on the board in recent years. As your new board president, I feel a sense of amazement at the growth, challenges and opportunities facing JCCB. Taking this position has truly opened my eyes to the enormous need in our own backyard.

All committees and the board have been working diligently since the beginning of the year and we will be moving into high gear come September. We continue to look for a shop site for the 2011 Holiday Shop, so keep your eyes and ears open. And call the office with any leads.

We are truly blessed to have Barb McNeile as our Executive Director. Her vision, personal contacts, expertise in business, dedication and personality all enhance our efforts to meet and exceed our goals.

JCCB anticipates a considerable increase in clients this year. Recent news indicates Johnson County is the fastest growing poverty area in similar suburban communities in the state of Kansas. Due to economic constraints, several agencies have eliminated holiday assistance programs to concentrate on year-round needs. JCCB remains the only countywide agency that provides emergency holiday assistance to all ages, infants to seniors across multiple product lines. From December 2-10, we anticipate serving approximately 12,500 clients at the 2011 Holiday Shop. With your support, I am confident that we can master this daunting task.

Several special events are coming up that will have a positive impact, including volunteer opportunities for the Kansas City Royals 50/50

Nov. 17th 9:30 AM

## 2011 SHOP DATES

### **Early October:**

Online volunteer sign-up available at [jccb.org](http://jccb.org)

### **November 19th:**

Shop Move-In

### **November**

### **28th-December 1st:**

Shop Set-Up

### **December**

### **2nd-December 10th:**

Holiday Shop

Suggestions for donated shop space (of 40,000-60,000 sq. ft) would be greatly appreciated.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2 and 16  
Royals Charities  
50/50 Fridays

October 15  
Holiday of Hope  
Auction, Dinner and  
Dance

## HOW CAN I HELP JCCB?

Charity on September 2nd and 16th and the Holiday of Hope Dinner, Dance and Auction on October 15th (we have a goal of raising \$60,000). Join us for a grand evening of food, fun, auction, dancing and great Christmas Bureau camaraderie.

I issue a challenge to each of you. Each current volunteer: get four additional volunteers for both nights at the Royals 50/50, get six additional workers to sign up to work the shop this year, and get one additional person to attend and support the Holiday of Hope.

We have a fantastic base crew of Christmas Bureau workers, and I appreciate all your efforts. Together we can make this the best Holiday Shop ever. Thank you for your dedication in helping those in need in Johnson County.

-Jim Owens

## **DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT: PERSONAL CARE DEPARTMENT**

JCCB's Personal Care Department makes available to clients a variety of items for general household and personal use. We provide household cleaners, laundry soap, dish soap, diapers, personal hygiene items, etc. We purchase many items thanks to generous donations from individuals, schools, and other organizations.

**It is important to understand that the products that we provide cannot be obtained by our clients by using food stamps.** Because many of these items are expensive, our clients sometimes have to go without rather than spend their limited funds on these needed products. Our goal is to help our clients meet their personal care needs, and we welcome any and all donations of these greatly needed products.

Jim and Marj Gerner - Personal Care Department Chairs

## **FRY-WAGNER AND LAKEVIEW VILLAGE RESPOND TO JCCB'S CRITICAL NEED FOR STORAGE SPACE**

A huge thank you goes to Fry-Wagner Moving and Storage and Lakeview Village for responding to JCCB's critical need for year-round storage.

Fry-Wagner Moving and Storage has kindly donated approximately 5,000 square feet of warehouse space to store our purchased and

Top Ten Wish List

Donation Barrel Sites  
Needed

Volunteer  
Opportunities

donated merchandise. Special thanks to Frank Senatore (Fry-Wagner) and Keith Baker (CB Richard Ellis) for coordinating this effort.

Lakeview Village, which has donated office space for our Client Services Department for the last several years, has extended the offer to include storage space. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Owens (JCCB Board President and Lakeview resident), and the Lakeview Village management team, we are extremely grateful. The space will be used primarily to sort and box merchandise prior to the Holiday Shop.

## HOLIDAY OF HOPE

Auction, Dinner and Dance  
Saturday, October 15th from 6:00 pm -11:00 PM  
The Ritz Charles, 9000 W. 137th St., Overland Park

Join emcee Joel Nichols from KMBC for an evening of fun featuring live music from 9th Street Incline Band.

Individual tickets (\$60 each) will be available online at [jccb.org](http://jccb.org) beginning July 15.

Please consider supporting the Holiday of Hope as an Event Sponsor.

Sponsor levels: \$2,500, \$1,000, or \$500

Donate an Auction Item. (Suggestions: timeshares, restaurants, jewelry, art, sports tickets, electronics, theme baskets)

Help us "Say Yes to More" families in need!

**JCCB SELECTED  
AS KANSAS CITY ROYALS CHARITIES  
50/50 FRIDAY PARTICIPANT!  
ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The Johnson County Christmas Bureau is honored to be selected by the Kansas City Royals as one of six philanthropies to participate in the Royals Charities 50/50 Friday Program at two games in September.

*Kansas City Royals vs. Cleveland Indians*

Friday, September 2 @ 7:10 PM

Buck Night/Fireworks Friday

*Kansas City Royals vs. Chicago White Sox*

Friday, September 16th @ 7:10 PM

Buck Night/Fireworks Friday

JCCB volunteers will have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets at the Friday Night/Buck Night/Fireworks Night games. Proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets will be shared between the holder of the winning raffle ticket, Royals Charities and JCCB. **The more we sell, the more JCCB benefits!!**

**We need 50-60 energetic, enthusiastic, active volunteers at each game** to sell raffle tickets throughout the stadium - tailgaters, suites, running up and down sections from 5 PM until the end of the fourth inning. In exchange for your energetic efforts, the Royals will provide a ticket to the game, parking pass and \$10 in food vouchers.

**If you would like to be added to the list of interested volunteers** (must be 18 or older), or have any questions, please call the office at 913-341-4342 or email [jococb@aol.com](mailto:jococb@aol.com).

## HOW CAN I HELP THE JCCB?

The Christmas Bureau purchases items year-round for the Holiday Shop. Department heads and shoppers are particularly busy this time of year searching for discounts and clearance items. Monetary donations and gift cards are greatly appreciated to assist with this effort. In addition, in-kind donations are gratefully received year-round.

## TOP TEN WISH LIST

- 1. Hats, Gloves and Scarves-** Men's and boy's gloves, scarves and hats for all ages
- 2. Sweatshirts and Hoodies-** All ages and sizes (youth small - 5X adult)
- 3. Basketballs, Footballs and Soccer Balls - Official sizes**

4. **Bedding**- Sheet sets and blankets ( Full, Queen, King)
5. **Small Kitchen Appliances**- Hand mixers, blenders, crock pots, coffee makers, toasters
6. **Children's Clothing**- Toddler 2-piece sets, children's jeans (sizes 8 to 18)
7. **Coats ( gently worn, clean or new)**- 2X and larger adult sizes and children's coats
8. **Toys - for 8-10 year-olds - boys and girls**- Arts and Crafts kits, science kits, skateboards
9. **Infants** Board Books (New) and Diaper Bags filled with layette items
10. **Personal Care Items**- diapers, shampoo, dish soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, laundry soap

**For Monetary Donations:**

Please visit our website at [www.jccb.org](http://www.jccb.org) or mail checks to:  
JCCB PO Box 14786, Lenexa, KS. 66285

Please support our efforts to say "Yes to More" Families in need.

## DONATION BARREL SITES NEEDED

Brightly decorated donation barrels displaying our "Top 10 Wish List" were placed in thirty businesses throughout the county in 2010. If you have an interest in participating as a donation barrel site in the 2011 September-November timeframe, please contact the JCCB office.

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