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JOHNSON COUNTY
CHRISTMAS BUREAU

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Christmas Bureau
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Office Hours:

9 AM - 12 PM

Tuesday/Wednesday
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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:

Oct. 20th 7:00 PM
Nov. 17th 9:30 AM

2011 SHOP DATES AND VOLUNTEER

A Note from the Executive Director

Greetings!!

The year has flown by and the 2011 Holiday Shop is quickly approaching. For the first three quarters, we have concentrated on increasing awareness of JCCB's mission as well as communicating the significant impact of poverty in our own backyard. It is doubtful that, in 1960, our AAUW 'founding mothers' envisioned 38,000 Johnson Countians (7.1% of the population) would be facing poverty, one in four students in Johnson County schools would qualify for free or reduced lunch, and JOCO would experience the highest poverty growth rate among the six largest metropolitan counties.

JCCB remains the only countywide agency that provides holiday assistance from newborn to nursing home across multiple product lines. At the 2010 Holiday Shop, our 11,879 clients came from all 40 zip codes in the county.

What can we as friends, co-workers, and neighbors do to brighten the holidays and beyond for those in need in our own backyard? Help JCCB serve the anticipated 12,500 clients/3,300 families at this year's shop!!

- **Sponsor a Donation Drive.** Visit www.jccb.org to view our Top 10 Wish List.
- **Place a JCCB Donation Barrel** at your business, school, religious organization.
- **Volunteer to work at the shop.** 3000 volunteers are needed to help with move-in, set-up and run the Holiday Shop. Sign up as a group or individual (www.jccb.org) beginning October 3.
- **Contribute money or gift cards.** Our year-round shoppers do an outstanding job of stretching your dollars to the fullest.
- **Join us at the Holiday of Hope dinner/auction** on October 15th. It will be a fun evening benefiting our neighbors in need. Tickets are available at www.jccb.org

SIGN-UP

(location to be determined)

October 3:

Online volunteer sign-up available at jccb.org

November 19th:

Shop Move-In

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

Shop Set-Up

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

Holiday Shop

December 11

Take Down

for \$60 each.

JCCB is powered by the commitment of our volunteers and the support of our community. I am humbled to be part of such a wonderful organization and greatly appreciate your continued support as volunteers, donors, and community advocates.

Barb McNeile, Executive Director

JOIN US AT HOLIDAY OF HOPE

Purchase tickets now!

(deadline extended to October 8)

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) may be purchased:

online at jccb.org

or make check payable to JCCB Holiday of Hope

P.O. Box 14786 Lenexa, KS 66285

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

THE TIME HAS COME TO VOLUNTEER!

Beginning October 3, volunteers can sign up at jccb.org to work at the 2011 Holiday Shop. 3,000 volunteers are needed to make the Holiday Shop a success. Here's your chance to help those who are less fortunate.

-November 19 **Shop Move In:** load and unload trucks

-Nov. 28, 29, 30 and Dec. 1 **Shop Set-Up**

-December 2 through December 10 **Holiday Shop**

-December 11 **Shop Tear Down:** load and unload trucks

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers. We could not do this important work without the contributions each of you make.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

October 15

Holiday of Hope
Auction, Dinner and
Dance

**HOW CAN I HELP
JCCB?**

Top Ten Wish List

Donation Barrel Sites
Needed

ROYALS 50/50 FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS HIT A GRAND SLAM!

Enduring extreme heat (on September 2nd) and braving the cold (on September 16th), 65 enthusiastic JCCB volunteers donned Santa hats and sold raffle tickets at each of the Friday night Royals games. JCCB was honored to be selected as one of six 50/50 Royals Charities for 2011.

Our enthusiastic volunteers showed up in full force and sold a total of \$16,627 in raffle tickets!! JCCB will be the beneficiary of 25% of the total or \$4,157- finishing second among the charities- outstanding for end of season games.

The Royals staff were duly impressed and commented positively about the large turnout, the passion of our volunteers and, of course, our lovely Santa hats - go Royals/JCCB team!!!

This was an outstanding opportunity to build awareness for JCCB and provide greatly needed funds to support our neighbors in need at the 2011 Holiday Shop.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Hugs

The opening of the 2011 Holiday Shop is near, and the HUGS department has a critical need for new gloves (men, women, and boys).

The HUGS department helps keep clients warm by providing hats, gloves and scarves. It is our goal to provide two items of warmth for each of our 12,500 clients (25,000 total) at the 2011 Holiday Shop.

We help keep little hands warm on the way to school and dads' and moms' hands warm while they work and take care of their families. A special thanks to the many volunteers who knit and crochet beautiful hats and scarves for us throughout the year.

We would greatly appreciate it if your religious or service organization, school, or business could organize a glove drive and/or 'items of warmth' drive (hats, gloves, scarves, coats, blankets, throws).

Dana Grayson and Mary Lou Hardinger, HUGS co-chairs

Client Services

Johnson County has seen an increase of 15% to 20% in the number of individuals and families seeking help through social service agencies. With the aid of SRS and other county agencies, JCCB will distribute applications to more than 12,000 contacts who have been identified as living at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. Of those who respond, we will only be able to serve approximately 3,300 families. Due to budget, time and space restrictions, each year JCCB is forced to turn away hundreds of families who may not be able to get help elsewhere.

We continue to ask for your help in providing the time and goods necessary to make this a happy holiday for those who come through our doors in December.

Beth Athey, Client Services chair

TOP TEN WISH LIST

- 1. Hats, Gloves and Scarves-** Men's, Women's and boys' 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 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

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In 2010, brightly decorated donation barrels along with our wish lists were placed in 30 businesses throughout Johnson County. Our goal in 2011 is to expand from 30 sites to 50 sites. Please help JCCB by signing up now to be a site for a donation barrel in the 2011 October-November timeframe. Contact JCCB at 913-341-4342 or email jccboffice@gmail.com

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