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Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services Newsletter
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SOUPer BOWL RESULTS

The SOUPer Bowl X Food Drive was held on August 30, 2019 at the Avon vs. Avon Lake varsity football game. This friendly competition between Avon and Avon Lake was a huge success! Although Avon won the trophy this year, the true winner is CRS and the families we serve!

This year the two communities donated 6,799 pounds of food and collected \$13,356 in monetary donations! Since 2010, the SOUPer Bowl has collected a total of 64,318 pounds of food and \$113,064! This is truly a testament to the generosity of the students, staff and community members of Avon and Avon Lake.

Special thanks to the following individuals, businesses and organizations for their support of this year's food drive: Kristina Buller, Kris Simecek, Chelsea Florentine, Avon High School Athletic Booster Club, Avon High School Student Council, Avon Lake High School Student Council, the Shoremen Moms, Sue Cole from the Avon Lake Transportation Department, Jim Blodgett from the Avon Transportation Department, the staff, students and families at all of the schools in Avon and Avon Lake and all of the individuals who volunteered their time or made donations to ensure the success of this event!

WELCOME TO NEWEST CRS STAFF MEMBER!

On behalf of everyone at CRS, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff member, Sheila Roth! Sheila will be the Special Events Coordinator and a Client Services Coordinator. She lives in Avon Lake with her husband, Todd and their 4 children. WELCOME SHEILA!

CRS CHARITY BALL
Save the Date!
January 25, 2020



BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

CRS has a Back to School Readiness Program that ensures students return to school with the supplies they need to help them have a successful school year. This year we distributed backpacks and supplies to 229 school children in Avon and Avon Lake. They also received a gift card to Old Navy to purchase school clothing and a gift card to Walmart or Meijer to purchase additional school related items.



Youngest Board Member Emphasizes the "C" in CRS

Avon Lake High School Junior, Elisabeth Lendal, understands the importance of Resources and Service, but as the youngest CRS board member she has developed an impressive resume of defining opportunities to address problems by enlisting community participation in providing solutions. The most recent "Birthday Box" project is a continuation of several previous projects she conceived to brighten the experience of CRS clients.

Working with local stores and businesses as well as individual community members and friends, she provided CRS with 50 special Birthday Boxes; 30 for children and 20 for senior citizens. Each box contains a cake mix, icing, plates, balloons, candles and napkins, as well as other gifts and surprises that are sure to make birthdays special for our clients.

In addition to the Birthday Boxes, Elisabeth collected more than 950 personal hygiene items this summer!

THANK YOU ELISABETH!

Mark your calendar for the 31st Annual CRS Charity Ball on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility in Westlake. This year's theme is **"Strong Hearts, Strong Community."**

This event is our largest fundraiser! In 2019 we raised over \$82,000 with 407 guests in attendance. The Charity Ball is black-tie optional and features an open bar, sit-down dinner, live music and dancing, auctions, raffles and many more ways to support CRS.

We are currently looking for Charity Ball sponsors as well as donors to the auction. Please call Sheila Roth at the CRS office for more information.



Our food pantry exists thanks to so many who generously donate. We currently are in need of donations of side dishes, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, toilet paper, and laundry detergent.

Thank you for your generous support in helping to keep our pantry stocked!



COMMUNITY THANKS

CRS has truly been blessed this month with many donations of non-perishable items for our food pantry and school supplies for our Back to School Backpack Program. Thank you to the following businesses and organizations:

Avenbury Ladies of the Lake, Avon Lake Community Garden, Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Avon Lake Swim Team, Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club, Bead Warehouse, Christ Church Westshore, Erieview Kids in the Community, Eyring Movers, Holy Trinity Church, Concrete & More, Eastview Elementary School and the Avon Lake Post Office.

This is in addition to the many individuals who bring donations to the CRS office on a daily basis.

We are so very grateful for all of the donations that help keep our food pantry well stocked and that help us continue our mission of People Helping People!

Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services

Our Mission: Community Resource Services is a responsive, community-based organization whose mission is to diminish the effects of poverty in Avon and Avon Lake. We provide basic needs assistance and individualized resource and referral services in a compassionate and confidential manner.

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