

A Huge Heart for Hunger

The results of the Have a Heart for Hunger campaign are in, (and they are amazing!)

428 individuals, congregations, businesses and other organizations donated \$50,748. These gifts join the \$30,000 matching gift from EECM's anonymous friend to bring the total to **\$80,748** for our Hunger Programs. Wow!

In addition to these fundraising efforts, dozens of community food drives collected more than **10,000 pounds of food** for our Food Pantry.

Highlights from the 2009 Have a Heart for Hunger campaign include:

- **102 individuals** made **first-time gifts** to EECM. This means that you are really spreading the word about EECM. Thank you and keep it up!
- **Calvary Episcopal Church** members collected more than a ton (**2,000 pounds!**) of groceries as part of a Lenten Food Drive Challenge.
- **Food drives by many local congregations**, including Albright Community United Methodist, City Reformed Presbyterian, Shadyside Presbyterian, First United Methodist, First Unitarian Church, and Sacred Heart Parish, collected **more than 8,000 pounds** of food.



Members of Calvary Episcopal Church collected a whole van-load of food in the first week of the Lenten Food Drive.



Chatham University students proudly display their model of the Eiffel Tower at "Canstruction."

- Students at **Chatham University** participated in a "Canstruction" food drive – collecting non-perishable food items and using them in a **fun construction competition**.
- **Local congregations** took up **special offerings** to support the campaign:
 - First United Methodist Church raised \$593 through their annual "Souper Bowl" collection.
 - The First Unitarian Church collected \$809 through their "Share the Plate" offering
 - The members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church donated \$1,240 as part of their annual Have a Heart for Hunger offering.
 - The children of St. Paul Baptist Church raised \$160 for the campaign
 - Members of Congregation Dor Hadash donated \$529 as part of a Purim holiday collection.

- A junior at **St. Joseph High School** organized a **Carnation Sale** at her school and donated the proceeds to EECM.
- EECM **Board Members** staffed an **information table** at Highland Park coffee-shop and hot spot, Tazza D'Oro, raising awareness about the campaign and collecting donations.

- **EECM's Young Professionals** hosted the first-annual **Pancakes in the P.M. benefit dinner** at P&G Pamela's in the Strip, raising \$2,700.
- The 7th graders of the **Falk School** organized their annual **Feed the Brain** food and used-book drive.
- An EECM **Board Member** organized an **e-mail fundraising appeal** in honor of Pittsburgh's "Sixburgh" identity, raising \$746.
- A pair of civic-minded twins organized a **"Souper Bowl" Food Drive** in their neighborhood and at their church.
- The student council at **St. Bede School** organized a **Lenten fundraiser**, asking students to donate the cash they would have spent on lunchtime snacks to EECM instead. The fundraiser raised more than \$280!



*EECM supporters graze on pancakes and homefries at the first annual **Pancakes in the P.M.***



The first-annual Food Pantry Baby Shower collected 3,355 diapers.

- With the help of **women's associations** from local congregations, EECM hosted a **"Baby Shower"** for our Food Pantry clients, collecting thousands of diapers, wipes, cans of formula and other necessities
- **Sacred Heart Elementary** students created **"birthday in bag"** gift bags for Pantry families – complete with birthday cake mix, frosting, and candles.
- Sociology students at **Indiana University of Pennsylvania** organized a **community food drive** to benefit EECM's Pantry for a class on social inequality.

- **Allegheny Valley Bank** hosted a bank-wide food drive at all their Pittsburgh locations, collecting more than **500 pounds of food**.
- Students at **Sewickley Academy** earned casual dress privileges ("Jeans and Hoodie Day") by donating items to the EECM Food Pantry.
- The Evangelical Student Fellowship of **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary** hosted a **hunger-awareness discussion**, led by an EECM staff member.
- Students at **The Ellis School** hosted a **school-wide food drive**.
- More than 1,000 young people from the **Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh** participated in the annual **Love Walk for the Poor**, donating hundreds of bags of groceries to EECM's Food Pantry.



Participants in the annual Love Walk for the Poor march through East Liberty.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the 2009 Have a Heart for Hunger campaign!