



CARE WEEK 2009 REPORT- Kids Caring for Kids

Twenty-one area schools participated in this year's event and, together, collected 13 ½ tons of food for seven southwest pantries. (Three schools that previously participated have closed). Kent County food pantries are serving nearly 8,000 families each month. This number represents nearly 25,000 individuals—the most the Pantry Network has ever served. On behalf of the pantries, our sincerest thanks for this outstanding effort!

Participating Schools:

Brown Elementary	Calvin Christian Middle
Byron Center Charter	Central Elementary
Century Park Learning	Cummings Elementary
Discovery High	Grandville Christian
Grandville East Elementary	Grandville Middle
Jackson Park Middle	Marshall Elementary
Oriole Park	Orion High
Potter's House	Rogers High
Vision Quest	South Elementary
West Elementary/Grandville	West Elementary/Wyoming
Wyoming Park High	

We are so grateful for the many schools who continue to sign on to participate in Care Week each year. Food security is one of the most fundamental essential needs a family can have. Rather than be overwhelmed by the great need we are currently experiencing, we celebrate the response from those who are able to share. One grocery bag at a time, we are making a difference for our neighbors in need.

Our sincerest thanks to all the principals, teachers, school secretaries, support staff, parents, students and pantries who have shown an unwavering commitment to addressing hunger needs in our community. Next year's Care Week is November 15- 19. Plan to join in!

* Weight was changed from 40# per box to 35# per box this year to more accurately reflect box weight. If using the former weight calculation, the total would have been nearly 15 tons.