

# Milford Miami Ministry

MMM News

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## Letter from our Chairperson

Dear Friends,

Many of you are receiving this newsletter as a past donor to Milford Miami Ministry (MMM). On behalf of the clients and volunteer staff of MMM, we want you to know how much we appreciate your support. This has been a challenging year, but we have been able to help those in our community needing assistance just as we have since 1996.

Our food pantry continues to provide nutritious perishable and non-perishable food as well as cleaning supplies and personal care items. Our financial assistance program allows us to help our clients pay their rent or utility bills

when their current financial situation might prevent them from doing so themselves.

During the first ten months of 2011, 983 families were assisted with food through MMM. These families represent 3,265 individuals who were blessed through your donations. In addition, 252 families received assistance with electricity, rent and other vital needs.

Enjoy learning more about MMM through the articles in this newsletter. We appreciate your continued support of this vital community ministry through your donations and prayers.

Nancy Seng  
Chairperson



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## Your Donations are Vital to Milford Miami Ministry

Your support of MMM is a blessing that we both appreciate and rely on to meet the needs of families in our community. Please consider a donation to MMM this season knowing that your help will be put to

very good use.

A donation form is included on page 4 of this newsletter for your convenience. Please send it along with your check to Milford Miami Ministry.

You can also visit our website at [MMMinistry.org](http://MMMinistry.org) to send a donation using PayPal as directed on the "Donation Page".

Thank you so much for your support!

## MMM help given through October 2010:

- Financial assistance to 252 families.
- Assistance with food to 983 families.
- 3,265 individuals were helped through the food pantry.

## Golf Outing & Chicken Dinner Were Great Successes!

Two fall events to benefit MMM generated over \$3,634 for the ministry!

On October 2 over 40 golfers gathered at Deer Track Golf Course to enjoy the First Annual Milford Miami Ministry Golf Outing. Local businesses were a big part of the day as well and provided hole sponsorships and prizes for the event. Many thanks to the golfers and to our sponsors for making this a

successful day. Special thanks to Phil Coddington and Bill Loomis for jumping in to plan and coordinate this event.

The smell of chicken cooking was wonderful if you drove by Trinity United Methodist Church on October 21. Over 425 chicken dinners were sold.

Special thanks to Steve Reis who coordinated this event

in conjunction with Nelsons Fundraising and Catering.

In addition to the delicious food, a silent auction of donated items and services was held. Thanks to everyone who donated and to those who purchased the auction items.

We hope you will join us next year for each of these events!

## Susan's Story

Susan is like so many other members of our local community. A single mother, working hard at her job every day to make ends meet. She goes to night school in hopes of making a better life for herself and her two children, Rachel, age 6 and Jeffrey, age 4.

Money is always tight, but Susan has always managed to get by... until Jeffrey's recent accident, a tumble down a flight of stairs that resulted in a concussion and a broken arm. Although not life threatening, his injuries required a trip to the emergency room and

numerous follow-up visits to the doctor's office.

Yes, Susan had insurance, but the co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses were adding up and ultimately she was faced with a difficult decision--pay the doctors or put food on the table. One of her neighbors knew of Susan's plight and told her how Milford Miami Ministry was able to help her family in its recent time of need.

Susan and the kids visited our office/pantry at Milford Christian Church, where we were able to provide her with a generous supply of perishable and non-

perishable food items, as well as personal care and cleaning supplies. In discussing her situation with one of our volunteers, Susan mentioned that she also just received a disconnect notice from her utility company. MMM was also able to pay a portion of her utility bill, allowing Susan to keep the lights on and weather her financial storm.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of MMM by our member churches, local schools and businesses, and caring neighbors like you.

*"She was faced with a difficult decision -- pay the doctors or put food on the table."*

## Community Groups Stock the Shelves at MMM

Food drives throughout the year have kept the shelves stocked at MMM. Many thanks to the following groups:

*Great Oaks Practical Nursing  
Rave Motion Pictures  
Milford Junior High PTO*

*Boy Scout Troop 468  
Trinity Vacation Bible School  
Faith Church VBS  
Total Quality Logistics  
MHS Athletic Dept/Soccerfest  
SEM Laurel  
MHS Football Boosters  
MHS National Honor Society*

Thank you so much for coordinating and contributing to these drives. If your group would be interested in sponsoring a food drive for MMM, please contact Steve Reis at 513-476-3997 or sreis@mmministry.org

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Distributions

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are a special time for MMM. Both our clients and volunteers receive so much through our distribution of food boxes and a turkey at Thanksgiving and food boxes with a ham at Christmas.

Our thanks to Busken Bakery on Lila Avenue for providing pies for the Thanksgiving distribution assisted by the community who donated a

“slice” or two of pie when visiting their store.

The Christmas food distribution will include gifts for children that are registered by their parent or guardian. Local churches and other groups take names and information and purchase the gifts for the pre-holiday distribution.

The amazing support of local congregations and

businesses, Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops along with the many, many volunteers make this ministry such a blessing to all who give and to all who receive.

If you have questions, please contact Roxann Clepper at raerae5379@gmail.com.

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## Save the Date for the MMM 5K

Mark your calendars right now and plan to participate in the First Annual MMM Family 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Miami Meadows Park. The race will also honor the memory of Mary Miller who was such a wonderful friend to so many in need in our community during her lifetime.

Plan now for your church or school group to participate.

A little friendly competition is always welcome! Maybe you've been working to get in shape and have a goal of participating in your first 5K? Why not make the MMM 5K your goal and encourage others to join you.

You will be hearing much more about this opportunity, but plan now to participate.

Business sponsors are also welcome. They will be highlighted in all advertising

and race day T-shirts.

If you have questions, please be in touch with Jan Gerdom at 513-469-0958 or Jgerdom@cinci.rr.com.



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## Area Churches are the Backbone of MMM

Milford Miami Ministry is led and supported by the following churches:

*Branch Hill United Methodist Church*  
*Calvary Baptist Church*  
*Christ Presbyterian Church*  
*Epiphany United Methodist Church*

*Faith Church*  
*First Church of Jesus Christ*  
*Freedom in the Wind Church*  
*Grace Baptist Church*  
*Miami Baptist Church*  
*Milford Assembly of God*  
*Milford Christian Church*  
*Milford First United Methodist Church*

*Mulberry Wesleyan*  
*St Marks Lutheran Church*  
*SonRise Community Church*  
*Trinity United Methodist Church*



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### MISSION STATEMENT

*Through the affirmation of our faith in Jesus Christ, we will act in love as the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior, seeking to provide service and support to members of our community in their time of need.*

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## YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I want to help Milford Miami Ministry meet the needs of our neighbors in the Milford Exempted Village School District.

Enclosed is my donation for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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