



**Friends of
South End Community Outreach Ministries (SECOM)
Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

Recently it came to my attention that Community of Christ church has been doing a summer long food drive for SECOM. When I received the email regarding the the organizer's call to action it didn't sound like the typical food drive. It may not be full contact food collection, but it sounded more competitive than the typical food drive.

The two participating groups in this competition are the Gracious Givers and the Blessed Bringers. Since they can do it so much better then me, I'll let the organizers and long time and tireless supporters Katie and Larry Steiner write this weeks SECOM news by quoting from their email to the participating groups.

"OK, The Gracious Givers have taken off the gloves. They are gettin down and gotten serious. They won the Rice Challenge with 101 pounds, that earns them the extra 50 point bonus. Blessed Bringers brought in 33 pounds of rice, a respectable amount. The BBs were way out classed by the 50 pound bag of rice that Colin brought in. I even caught one unnamed person trying to move the bag over to the BBs bin. Can we say COMPETITIVE!!! "

"This great competition brought in 217 1/2 pounds this week. We have a total of 462 pounds of product so far this summer. The folks at SECOM are thrilled with all the personal care items we are bringing in and so thankful for the bags. A big thank you to who ever is bringing in all the toothpaste, what a great contribution. Keep up the good work."

"Now for the break downs:

Gracious Givers: 171 pounds

20 personal care items x 5 point bonus = 100 points

10 household cleaning items x 10 bonus points = 100 points

WINNERS OF THE CHALLENGE THIS WEEK = 50 points

Total for the week: 421 points + total so far 249 = 650 points (food 280)

Good going Gracious Givers!

Blessed Bringer 46 1/2 pounds

2 personal care items x 5 point bonus = 10 points

Total for the week: 56 1/2 points + total so far 432 1/2 = 488 points (food 182 1/2)

God Bless you BBs for you efforts."

"The GGs are leading by 182 points a good lead but nothing that the BBs can't change with next week's challenge if they win it. Dig in, it's going to be a long hot summer."

It *has* been a long hot summer and we are extremely thankful for people like Katie and Larry for keeping the competition for giving hot as well. Summer is a demanding time in our pantry. Donations have a tendency to decline due to vacations and other activities while demand increases with children out of school and not receiving school lunches. Our ability to serve the community is dependent on the generosity of people like the Blessed Bringers and Gracious Givers at the Community of Christ church.

As an update, last week the Gracious Givers and Blessed Bringers collected over 150 pounds of pinto beans. We are honored to be supported by such wonderful and thoughtful people.

Blessings to all who have kept our shelves filled this summer.

Best Regards,

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