



# *Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren....*

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## From the ACTS pantry -

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**ACTS will be closed for Thanksgiving November 21-25**

When you think of the holidays, you think of food! Those warm, delicious smells coming from the kitchen, the baking, decorating cookies with the grandchildren, trying to make a pumpkin pie as good as grandma used to make.

And the shopping! You hardly think about the cost but you know it adds up! But what if you did have to think about the cost, and think very hard. That's the problem many ACTS clients have during the holidays—and every week!

When food is provided from the ACTS food pantry, it is given according to a specific list based on the number of people in the family. The list includes grits or cereal, potatoes, crackers, pasta sauce, pasta, macaroni and cheese, shelf milk, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, rice, dry beans, canned tuna or salmon, soup, canned beans, frozen meat or a meal in a can (like stew or ravioli), margarine, bread and dessert (cake or pie).

Clients also receive an extra bag that includes a bar of soap, a roll

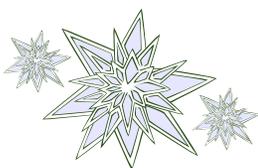
of toilet paper, toothpaste and any other items including produce if available.

This food is to last a family for a week. But what can they make? Years ago ACTS volunteers actually tested to be sure the food could really last a week—and it can!

What can be done today to help families make the best use of the food they get from ACTS? Some people would enjoy the challenge, while others would be completely lost.

How can you help? ACTS is looking for recipes using these ingredients that are easy to prepare and don't require special equipment or many extra ingredients. A simple cookbook will be printed to give to clients with their food order. Want to help? Send your recipes or suggestions to info@actsofaiken.org.





## 5th Annual Icicle Ball January 19, 2013

Tickets go on sale November 1 for the 5th Annual ACTS Icicle Ball! And this year the event will be moved to a larger space just out ACTS' back door—the Gymnasium of the Stevenson-McClelland Parish House of St. Thaddeus Church, 125 Pendleton Street SW. The move will allow for about 20 additional tables.

Once again Newberry Hall will cater the dinner, and Palmetto Groove will provide music for dancing. A silent auction will be held again this year.

Tickets are \$70 per person and can be purchased by check or cash beginning November 1 at the ACTS office, which is open 9 AM to 4 PM. Checks can also be mailed to ACTS at 340 Park Avenue SW, Aiken, SC 29801. Your purchase serves as your reservation for the event.

Tables of eight are available for corporate use, or for groups of friends, neighbors, church members or families who would enjoy sitting together. Table reservations are priced at \$560. Three levels of sponsorships are also available. Call the ACTS office at 649-3800 for more information.

In past years tickets have sold out early, so don't delay! Tickets to the Icicle Ball would be the perfect stocking stuffer for that special, hard-to-buy-for person! All proceeds go to support ACTS food programs so you'll have the satisfaction of knowing your gift will help others all year long.

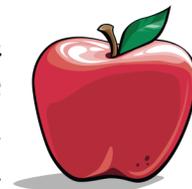


### E-Mail or regular mail?

ACTS now e-mails the newsletter and other information to 100 people instead of printing and mailing. To sign up, please send an e-mail to [info@actsofaiken.org](mailto:info@actsofaiken.org). Save \$ and trees.

### Upcoming Events

**Applefest:** ACTS is one of three charities chosen to benefit from this year's Applefest November 3 at St. John's United Methodist Church. Eleven circles at the church voted for three agencies whose charitable activities fit this year's theme of "Apples for Kids." The other agencies are Tri-Development Center, and a scholarship program for local teens to attend the summer Salkehatchie program, which repairs homes for those in need.



Applefest will feature a wide variety of good food, bake sales, crafts, frozen casseroles to purchase, mountain apples for sale and other events including inflatables and children's games. There will also be a silent auction.

### Fall Steeplechase:

Look for ACTS in the Village of Shops at the 21st Renewal of the Aiken Fall Steeplechase, October 26-27! ACTS will participate in the Paddock Playground behind the Village of Shops.



Tickets can be purchased at [www.aikensteeplechase.com](http://www.aikensteeplechase.com) and are \$10 for advance general admission tickets and \$10 for a general parking pass. Both are \$15 at the gate. Railside, subscriber and guarantor tickets are also available. The Village of Shops opens at 10 AM. The event benefits the Hitchcock Woods Foundation, the Aiken Rescue Squad and several other local charities.

**In honor and in memory—**

*Gifts have been received in memory of* Richard Begley, Robert Bukovitz, James Burleson, Margaret Burns, Elaine Burton Butler, Wilson Hal Chapman, Fred Christensen, Ted Giard, Andrew Girolamo, Bobby Hunt, James Paul Huskey, Joan Murphy, Dean Reinhard, Ruth Scott, Wayne Standlee, and Preston Weeks.

*Gifts have been received in honor of* Jed Alexander, Jed & Penny Alexander, Beth & Bob Barkhau, Jay & Alice Creamer, Jim Lee, Nellie McGee, Lisa Scott, Mike Troy, Tom Williamson, and ACTS volunteers.

**Thank you!**



Grants from the Women of Woodside and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions will fund a much needed upgrade of the ACTS telephone system.

**Heater fund**

Sometimes warm hearts just aren't enough! That's why the 11th annual ACTS Holiday Heater and Utility Drive begins November 1. Your \$40 gift sponsors the purchase of a new, safe oil-filled electric heater from Lowe's or can help pay a family's utility bill to avoid shut-off.



Last year 242 heaters were given to ACTS clients. The heaters provide extra warmth in a drafty home or on cold winter nights. Using a heater instead of turning up the thermostat can help save on utility bills too.

**The ACTS board**

You may not see them often or even know who they are. But the Board of Directors is one of ACTS most important groups of volunteers. The board is now led by Jay Creamer, following Beth Barkhau's move to Pennsylvania due to her husband's job transfer. See page 4 for a complete list of board members.

The board is comprised of individuals from ACTS' member churches. They meet monthly to "establish policies, address issues, and resolve problems in order to develop an effective and efficient organization". They do their work with the help of seven committees:

**Nominating/Personnel:** Presents the board with nominees to fill vacancies on the board, and prepares an annual evaluation of the Executive Director for board review.

**Program/Services:** Studies the effectiveness of ACTS services and programs.

**Finance/Audit:** Reviews financial activities and policies, prepares the budget and annual audit.

**Community Relations:** Promotes community awareness and coordinates special events.

**Development:** Raises funds and other resources.

**Volunteer:** Recruits volunteers.

**Building/Maintenance:** Responsible for building maintenance, insurance and security.

*ACTS Staff & Volunteers thank the Board of Directors for their hard work and leadership.*

**ACTS 11th ANNUAL HOLIDAY HEATER & UTILITY DRIVE**

**340 Park Ave SW, Aiken, SC 29801**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I can sponsor the purchase of \_\_\_\_\_ heater(s) @ \$40.00 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would like to make a donation to ACTS Utility Assistance Fund for \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would like to make a donation to ACTS General Emergency Fund for \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

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