



2010 New Building Project Annual Appeal

Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, Inc.
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Dear Friends of The Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry,

We would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are for all the donations we received throughout 2009 in response to our New Building Project Appeal. If you are new to our organization we hope that after reading this letter you too will become one of our supporters.

In 2005 we initiated a New Building Project Campaign to raise money for a new facility and to date we have raised a little over \$104,000.00 through the generous donations of so many. We have a long way to go since the approximate cost of a new facility has been estimated at \$500,000.00 but we are confident that our dream of a new facility will become a reality. We have submitted grant applications but unfortunately have not been selected due to several factors (i.e. not having land to build on). We continue our research but this is a very slow process with no guarantees so we continue to depend on donations from our supporters. Our hope is to find a location in Keyport, since it is centrally located and would not cause any additional travel hardships on the families we currently serve. In the meantime, we continue to provide to the best of our ability and with the help of so many, the much needed assistance required by the needy families we serve.

What would a new facility mean to us? Due to the demand for our services in recent years, the growth of clients we are experiencing, the services being requested, no office space and the lack of space to store items we have completely outgrown our current facility. Initially, the items mentioned below are our main priorities but hope we can have extra space to accommodate any future needs. A new facility would enable us to:

1. Have a private area to conduct interviews and discuss personal situations with people seeking our assistance.
2. Implement programs with the assistance of government and private agencies.
3. Have larger refrigeration/freezer units.
4. Have extra space to accommodate additional food items.
5. Have space for clothing and other household items.
6. Extend our operational hours to be able to accommodate our low-income working families.
7. Have additional volunteers. We currently have a number of people who are willing to volunteer but due to the lack of space we can only have them on call.

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We realize these are challenging financial times for all of us, but every donation, in any amount, will ensure that the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry does not falter in our mission of doing whatever we can to help those in need. We urge you to consider the largest donation you can but like we always say – *No donation is ever too small and all are truly appreciated.* For your convenience we have provided two (2) options for donations and we truly hope you will consider one of them.

We are eternally grateful for the continued support of so many and hope that people who *know us, know what we do* and *know what we want to do* for the future of so many, spread the word about our organization in hopes of getting *new supporters*.

Please be our voice – make copies of this letter along with donation form and distribute to your family and friends.

If you require additional information visit our website or feel free to contact me during our hours of operation, *Tuesdays and Thursdays – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.* You are also welcomed to visit our current location to meet our volunteers and see our operation first hand. Please feel free to call me to arrange a visit.

On behalf of all of us at the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry and all the families we serve, thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Isaiah G. Cooper', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Isaiah G. Cooper,
KMFP Executive Director

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Make checks payable to: Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, Inc.
Please return this form with your donation to address listed above.
Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please complete this section: (Please Print Clearly)

Donor Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Optional: Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Donor Signature (**Required for pledge and/or website listing**): _____
Date: _____

Please check appropriate box:

- I allow the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, Inc. to list name(s) on their website as a donor to their New Building Project. I also allow the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, Inc., if applicable, to list name(s) I have provided in the **In Honor of or In Memory of** section below.
- I do not wish name(s) to be listed on the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, Inc. website.
- Please send acknowledgement of donation. (**Note:** acknowledgement will be sent to donor listed on this form unless instructed otherwise)

Donation: In Honor of: _____
 In Memory of: _____

Enclosed is one time donation of:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____	

OR

I/We pledge (specify amount) \$ _____ over a period of _____ months (up to 12) at \$ _____ per month, beginning _____, 2010, until completion.