

## **Food Pantry **Volunteers** Needed for Saturday, April 19**

With apologies for the late notice – we were just informed of our date – we are in need of six volunteers to work our annual Saturday Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry shift on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. In addition to helping load or carry-out items, volunteers assist patrons as they shop. Middle and high school students are also welcome; in the case of the former, an accompanying parent or other responsible adult is requested.

Area Food Pantries have seen a sharp increase in the number of clients over the last three years – over 70% in most cases – and even greater increases are expected. Having to depend on charity for food is no doubt something few of us have experienced, but recent statistics tell us that one in nine Wisconsin adults, and more than one in seven Wisconsin children, live in poverty (defined as income of less than \$20,000 per year for a family of four).\*

The following people have volunteered in the last two years: Fred Clark; Jack Ferver; Gigi La Budde; Jim Mundt and daughter, Michaela; Richelle Winkler; the Sabourin family (twice!); and Michael Whaley. If you haven't volunteered recently, please consider doing so this year. Contact Michael ASAP if you are able to help out: 608-588-2048 or [spikeyboy@earthlink.net](mailto:spikeyboy@earthlink.net). Thanks!

\* Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, August, 2007

## **We Need **YOU** to Help with 2008 Special Events: Meeting on April 27th**

Two (and possibly three) special fundraising events have been planned for 2008. We plan to have a food & information booth at Fighting Bob Fest (and possibly one at the Cow Chip Throw as well) and, the big one, an October Fest celebration on October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Freethinkers Park with an auction during the day and a dance at night in Park Hall.

Board President Beth Persche will convene a meeting following the Sunday program on April 27<sup>th</sup> for all who are interested in helping – in any capacity and however much – with one or more of these events. If you can't make that meeting, please contact Beth asap to let her know of your interest.

The last two years we've earned \$0.00 through fundraising. Let's change that in a big way and have some FUN as well. Thank you!

## **Mother's Day Arboretum Outing – How About “Gimme Shelter”?**

An attachment to the last newsletter offered the tantalizing prospect of touring the UW-Arboretum on Mother's Day afternoon, following the program at Park Hall. Jim Mundt has also looked into renting a shelter at Vilas Park, from which all manner of excursions could be launched. But he needs to know if anyone's interested, as the shelter needs to be reserved by Friday of this week. If you have a definite interest in this possibility, please get hold of Jim within the next three days. Jim Mundt (643-2935, [Kulehand\\_Luke@yahoo.com](mailto:Kulehand_Luke@yahoo.com)).