

Hope Ministries Food Pantry

Looking to Grow Commodity Program for Low-Income Seniors

Woodford County – Hope Ministries Food Pantry is looking to grow The Commodity Supplemental Food Program in Woodford County. Hope Ministries Food Pantry does not administer this program to low-income seniors, but will now be able to extend this program to as many as **96** people.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income elderly people at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA commodity foods.

CSFP is an enrolled program and participants receive a monthly food box. CSFP food packages do not provide a complete diet, but rather are good sources of the nutrients typically lacking in the diets of the target population. The monthly food box typically contains canned meat, evaporated milk, canned juice, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, cereal and cheese. CSFP is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The following people are eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program:

Senior citizens over the age of 60, living at 130% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (monthly income cannot exceed \$1,174 for a single-person household and cannot exceed \$1,579 for a two-person household).

To apply, adults must bring personal identification (driver's license or birth certificate). Proof of income is required to apply for this program. Acceptable proof includes a Social Security award letter, a copy of a Social Security check, or a bank statement. Proof of Woodford County residence is also required. Acceptable proof includes a copy of an electric bill, water bill, or a home heating gas bill. If an eligible senior citizen is home-bound, an Authorized Representative may come and register the home-bound individual.

To apply for enrollment in the CSFP program through Hope Ministries Food Pantry, eligible individuals must sign up with Hope Ministries Food Pantry personnel at one of the following locations by January 29, 2010:

**Margaret Hall Manor - 117 Elm Street – Versailles – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM –
Wednesday, January 27th**

**Woodford County Senior Citizens Center - 285 Beasley Road – 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 27th**

**Hope Ministries Food Pantries – 299 South Main Street – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM –
Thursday, January 28th**

**Midway Christian Church – 123 East Bruen Street – Midway – 9:00 AM - 12 Noon,
Friday, January 29th**

This is a first come first registered program.

There are 96 boxes available and after the 96 are signed up, a waiting list of eligible registered clients will be maintained