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MIRACLE ON 38TH STREET

Our Holiday Basket Program distributed 701 baskets with gifts for 932 adults and 422 children. Thanks to everyone who donated presents, made financial gifts and volunteered.

Here are some notes from members who received baskets this year:

"I was recently introduced to The Aliveness Project. This was my first experience with it, and I was really touched by everyone involved—the cookies, the card and so many things on my wish list were carefully selected. Receiving my gift basket was a great treat for myself. Not only did it put a smile on my face, but made my whole day wonderful."

"Opening the wonderful gifts brought tears to my eyes. My cats started playing with the toys right away! This has been a beautiful experience and the holiday basket program is the BEST! Thank you from me and my cats."

"Thank you so much for the Christmas basket. I waited two days and then I couldn't wait any longer! I remember being a kid on Christmas morning, I had the same thrill. I loved all my gifts—it's just like Santa picked them out! I am so grateful. My prayers for you are for a great year to come for you and everyone you serve. May you all be especially blessed."

2013 PROGRAM STATISTICS

Last year, a total of 1,745 individuals living with HIV/AIDS used our services last year. We also added 160 new members. Here is a summary of program achievements:

- Onsite Meal Program served 31,963 meals
- Food Shelf distributed 94,062 pounds of nonperishable food and hygiene items
- Integrative Therapy Program provided 3,075 sessions of acupuncture, massage and other treatments
- Case Management Program served 105 clients
- Our dietitian completed 533 nutritional counseling sessions
- Peer Program provided 424 HIV tests
- Outreach Program had 1,281 encounters
- Health and Wellness Program offered 37 workshops.



March is Minnesota Food
Share Month. Our Food Shelf
distributed 47 tons of food
last year and currently serves
about 190 members per month.
Three out of four of our food

shelf recipients live in poverty and most of the other clients are low-income. Our new Food Shelf space is allowing us to offer more nutritious choices for our members. You can help by making a donation to help replenish our food shelf supplies during a time of year when donations typically decrease.

Joe Larson

Executive Director



Nutrition Program Update

Greetings and Happy 2014! I am so thankful to be in our new building and would love to show you my new, private office! I am available for individual nutrition appointments Monday-Wednesday and Friday; and Saturdays by request to help with any of your questions or concerns.

Several members recently told me that they got a new blender over the holidays and would like to try making smoothies. I include a smoothie as part of my breakfast almost every day because it is a quick, easy way to pack in fiber and nutrients and my kids love them! I quickly pulled this recipe together for the newsletter, but please note that I didn't test the yield, so you may end up with a bit more or less than what I listed below.

I frequently change up my smoothies so they don't get boring by adding ingredients such as blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, mango, papaya, fresh kale, avocado, peeled oranges, pears, apples, cucumber, peanut butter, or almond butter. You can also use almond, soy, or dairy milk in place of the coconut milk if you prefer. There are unlimited possibilities!

I buy fresh fruits when they are in season, but frozen or canned (in 100% juice) work great as well. Buying the whole fruit and cutting it yourself will almost always be a better bargain.

Enjoy and be well. LISA NADEAU, RDN, LD

Lisa's Green Smoothie Recipe

INGREDIENTS: (Serving size: 8oz Yeild: 2.5 Servings)

4 fluid ounces (1/2 cup)

Unsweetened Pure Coconut Milk (I buy Silk brand at Target)

1 Cup - Plain, 0% Fat Greek Yogurt ½ Cup - Pineapple Chunks, Fresh or Frozen

(I buy whole pineapples from Aldi, cut them into chunks and freeze)

½ Cup - Seedless Green Grape

(you can wash these and freeze in a sealed plastic bag) 1 each - Medium Banana

1 1/2 Cups - Baby Spinach, ready to eat

2 Tablespoons - Chia Seeds or Ground Flax Seed

Add above ingredients into blender starting with the coconut milk and blend until smooth. You may need to stop the blender and push the ingredients down with a wooden spoon or spatula once or twice. If you need additional liquid for blending, add

water or crushed iced as needed. Depending on the strength of your blender, you may want to thaw the fruits before using. Sometimes I put the ingredients (except the banana and Chia Seeds) in the blender and refrigerate overnight so the fruit thaws and it is ready to blend right away in the morning!

Calories 258: Total Fat 5.8 g; (Sat Fat 1.5 g); Protein 16.4 g; Carb 38.6 g; Fiber 8.8 g; Cholesterol 0 ma: Sodium 102 ma

Great source of: protein, fiber, omega 3 fatty acids, calcium, vitamins A, B12, C, and D, iron, magnesium, zinc and more!





NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Effective with this issue, our newsletter will be published once every guarter instead of bimonthly. Our next publication will be in April. You can help us save printing costs by signing up for the e-newsletter on our website at www.aliveness.org.

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THURSDAY APRIL 24, 2014 Dining Out for Life

Big thanks to all of our 2013 Dining Out for Life Restaurants

Please support our Dining Out for Life restaurants by dining & buying your gift cards there!

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Our Restaurant Agreement form can be found on our website.

www.aliveness.org/2014D0L

Volunteer Bio

Mike R. has been volunteering at The Aliveness Project since last October. He started out helping in the kitchen and has branched out into many different areas of volunteering since then. He helped us paint the interior of our new building, helped to move donated office furniture from places all around the Twin Cities metro area to our new location, and he continues to help us clean and organize the new space (including the basement). Most recently, Mike worked long hours helping us with our Holiday Basket Program. He is a volunteer rock star who wears many hats.



Mike R - wearing one of his many voluntee hats (in this case, Holiday Basket elf ears).

When asked why he volunteers, Mike said, "I do it to keep busy and to meet people." He also mentioned that it feels rewarding when someone notices something that he has done well - like the day he baked a cake in the kitchen (his mother's recipe) and everyone kept talking about how moist and tasty it was.

Mike has been spreading the good word about volunteering at The Aliveness Project to others. "I'm glad I have a place where I can be useful and spend my time well. I want to let others know about this great place too." Thank you, Mike, for all you do!

New Employee Bio

Hello. I am Jerry Rainer and I am the new Medical Case Manager here at The Aliveness Project. In case you had trouble understanding me, it's my New York accent.

One of my favorite pieces of writing is from Harold Klemp, "Service to others is a natural outpouring of one's love for life."

Prior to coming to The Aliveness Project, I have lived in New York, Florida, Connecticut and Minnesota. My experience spans over 15 years working in Hospice and HIV Case Management. Experience has taught me far more than any school or book. I feel that changes are like water to our seeds of inner Jerry Rainer growth.



In my free time, my partner Mary and I enjoy reading, travel, and reflecting on all the wonders of life with each person, place and thing we encounter.

Situations happen not to us -- situations happen for us.

I am looking forward to meeting and greeting everyone without exception.

Food Shelf News

If you haven't seen our new food shelf yet, you are missing a lot of exciting changes. We are bigger and better! We now have frozen meats, fresh milk, eggs, margarine, and more. Now you actually pick what you want, instead of what we choose for you. It is called a choice model and everyone seems to love it. I am hearing a lot of good things about the new food shelf such as, "Now I will use the food shelf again," or "This is better than a supermarket." So if you stopped using the food shelf in the old building for whatever reason, why not come and check us out again? I know you will be pleasantly surprised.

March is Minnesota Food-Share month. If you don't know about this yearly campaign, keep reading. Many years ago the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches



got together to discuss the food needs of hungry Minnesotans. Their discussions led to the creation of March FoodShare Month, because most food shelves, including our own, began to run out of holiday-time stocks by March. At this time, we try to get as many people or businesses to do food drives for us as we can.

You can help The Aliveness Project by hosting a food drive at your work, school, business, place of faith or wherever else you can think of. Go to our website www.aliveness.org and click on the Food Shelf button where you can download a list of non-perishable items that we use in our food shelf. You can also find tips for hosting a food drive and more. If you need more help just call me at 612.822.7946 x205 For more tips and a list of posters, balloons, etc. go to www.gmcc.org/foodshare.

The Aliveness Project will also be holding its own food drive on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16 at the Wedge Community Co-op, 2106 Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis from 10AM -- 6PM both days. We will need volunteers to help us; so call me at 612-822-7946 X205 to get on the list. We always have a good time on these food drives.

By the way -- the food shelf is now open from 10AM to 4PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 11AM to 1PM on Saturdays.

Thanks to all of you who help support The Aliveness Project's food shelf!

And a special thanks to The Wedge Community Co-op for hosting The Aliveness Project food drives on a continuing basis.

See you in the food shelf!

Dan Capelli - Food Shelf Director

Save the Date

THINK SUMMER!

The Aliveness Project's Annual Summer HIV Picnic will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014. See you there!

Volunteer Update

Warm tropical greetings to you, volunteers! As I write you from our new location I watch the pedestrian traffic shiver as they amble along Nicollet Avenue wearing countless layers and clinging to mugs of coffee that has already gone cold. Brrr! Governor Dayton did not close schools today, but just a reminder that **the place to check for our open status is our Facebook page and the KARE 11 closure listings**. Meanwhile, it is cozy inside The Aliveness Project, likely generated from the kindness of all our volunteers do. (Sappy? Yes, but true!) Thank you, volunteers!

Here is a **warm welcome to our new Fundraising Assistant, Kristopher George**. He joins us with a healthy background in fundraising and volunteer coordination from several non-profits both locally and nationally. We look forward to his enthusiastic help as we ramp up for our biggest fundraiser of the year: Dining Out for Life.

There is a lot on our plate this season as we lead up to **Dining Out for Life** on **Thursday, April 24, 2014**. Did you know this astounding event raises a *fifth of* our operating budget? The event *cannot* be a success without your help. By the time you see this there may still be an opportunity to recruit your favorite restaurant. We always like to expand our list of great restaurant partners especially outside of the heart of the metro area. If you have some in mind, please be in touch ASAP as we go to print in early February. However, it is having a friendly & known diner/patron who can help us "seal the deal". After that our focus shifts to various promotion activities and recruiting and training our Ambassadors! **Please work extra hard this year to sign up several friends** whether they can work one or more meals we are in need of their help. Please see the attached sign up on pages 9 - 10 or **www.aliveness.org/ambassador** or check for your favorite place on **www.diningoutforlife.com**.

Does the cold weather have you dreaming about riding your bike? We would like your dream to include the **Minnesota Red Ribbon Ride** the **third week of July**. **Team Aliveness** has often been one of the ride's largest agency teams so we'd love your help to grow the event even further. No one has to ride all three hundred miles, but folks frequently surprise themselves with how much they can accomplish. And if your bike is a Harley, well, then they want you for the volunteer crew. There is a place for everyone! **www.redribbonride.org**

There are countless people to thank for all of their amazing work from this last year. I can't say enough about how amazing our volunteers are and just how much your work means to us. Certainly there is the MAC, Board of Directors, and Capital Campaign Committee without all of whom we would not be in this beautiful new space. Some of our hard core painters Carl, and both Mikes together with Archie, Randy, both Scotts and both Daves led other volunteers in moving and getting our space ready. Holiday Baskets wouldn't be such an incredible success without the leadership and stick-to-it-ness of Kelly, Tom, Hazel, Catherine, Anthony, and Charlie and the other 700 + of you who make the event happen in so many ways. From longtime restaurant friends Jakeeno's holding a baby toy drive, General Mills baking cookies, Ameriprise, Target, Thrivent, Wells Fargo, US Bank, Thomson Reuters, Caribou Coffee, CIGNA, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, faith communities, countless school, affiliate, and neighborhood groups adopting, wrapping, sorting, and delivering. I am sorry to not name all of you directly. Our work would never happen without all of your help!



Kingfield Neighborhood Association is hosting another SO ALIVE! 80's & 90's Dance Benefit on Sat. March 1 at our building. Join in the fun!

Lastly, a big thanks to the Kingfield Neighborhood Association and our many Kingfield neighbors & businesses for being so incredibly welcoming and helpful. They are hosting another fun **SO ALIVE 80s & 90s themed dance benefit for us on Sat, March 1st, 8 pm - 1 am at our new building**. Spread the word, dancers and volunteers needed!

As mentioned in our wish list, we will be very much in need of warm men's hats/gloves/mittens and long-sleeved shirts for next year's holiday baskets. As those items go on clearance, please consider picking some up for us (perhaps from your local neighborhood place?) If you don't want to store them, we'll happily take them now. They must be in new condition.

Now amble on over to that Ambassador sign-up, please. I promise it will be warmer by April 24!

Monica Travis - Director of Volunteer Services

Jining Out for Life

We're excited to announce the return of Sven Sundgaard and Rena Sarigianopoulos from KARE 11, PLUS, we're also adding Blake McCoy of KARE 11.

It's that time!! YES! It won't be long before you'll hear me inquiring whether you know a restaurant or want to be an Ambassador, or exhorting you to eat throughout the day, so beat me to the punch! Call me at 612-822-7946, extension 204, and surprise me! We will need over 400 Ambassadors and would like to recruit some new restaurants to add. We'll also need prizes and poster distributors. I have one volunteer working on recruitment, but there is much to be done.

If you're a restaurant, you can register at www.aliveness.org/2014DOL



Tim Marburger • Director of Fundraising & Special Events Questions? Contact Tim at 612-822-7946

Finally We are Here

During the first week of November, we moved into our new building at 3808 Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis. It took us a bit of time to unpack boxes, figure out how we wanted our desks oriented, and to put up some cubicle walls, but we did it!

Then, we hit the ground running – serving meals from our new, LARGE kitchen, providing food from our sparkling food shelf (where we offer not only non-perishable foods, but also frozen and fresh items), offering integrative therapies out of our 4 new therapy rooms (1 more than we had at the old building) to ALL of our members, since we are now completely handicap-accessible, and providing case management services in new, spacious and private offices.

If you haven't stopped by yet, please pay us a visit soon to see our new digs.

We would love to show you around!





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"BUDGETING HEALTH"

Tuesday, January 7, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Aliveness Community Room \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time

How do you stay healthy on a limited budget? Does good nutrition have to mean spending half your paycheck at the co-op or natural food store? Lisa Nadeau, Aliveness dietitian, will discuss how to create a realistic food budget to keep your body and pocketbook in good shape.

"SYPHILIS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW"

Wednesday, January 15, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Aliveness Community Room \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time, free testing available after presentation Can you get syphilis from oral sex? Is it treatable? Would you know if you had it? How often should you be tested? John Hirst from the Red Door Clinic is here to answer your questions and offer follow-up screening for those who wish to be tested.

"AFRICAN AMERICANS AND HIV"

Tuesday, January 21, 12 - 1:30 pm, Aliveness Community Room Lunch from Market Barbecue provided, \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time African Americans are more affected by HIV than any other racial or ethnic group: in America, an estimated 1 out of 16 black men is HIV positive. The rate of new HIV infections in black women is 20 times the rate for white women. Jean Willis from Gilead Sciences (an HIV drug company) will discuss issues African Americans face in the prevention and treatment of HIV.

"PrEP: HIV PREVENTION IN A PILL?"

Wednesday, January 29, 6-7:30 pm, Aliveness Community Room Pizza provided, \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time

PrEP (prescribing Truvada to high risk, HIV-negative individuals) can help prevent new infections, but is it the magic bullet we've been waiting for? Our speaker, Dr. Keith Henry, is a director of HIV research at HCMC and professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota.

"HIV, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE"

Wednesday, February 5, 1 - 2 pm, Aliveness Community Room For staff and volunteers (members also welcome); lunch provided In this talk for providers, Betty Kritikos from Gilead Sciences (an HIV drug company) will discuss the prevalence of psychiatric disorders and substance abuse in people living with HIV/AIDS and their effects on adherence and disease progression.

"GETTING TO UNDETECTABLE"

Wednesday, February 12, 6 - 7:30 pm

Chiang Mai Thai (3001 Hennepin Ave S, enter restaurant through Calhoun Square alley) Close to #6, 12, 17, 21, 23, 53 bus lines; parking is metered street parking or pay lots Dinner provided in private room during presentation, \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time Having an undetectable viral load has a lot of benefits: besides reducing HIV transmission by 96%, it can mean a longer, healthier life. So why are only 25% of people with HIV undetectable? Ericka Jones from Bristol-Myers Squibb (an HIV drug company) will discuss how to avoid treatment failure and successfully manage HIV.

"POSITIVE WOMEN: EXPOSING INJUSTICE" Documentary Film (2013)

Saturday, February 22, 11:30-12:30 pm, Aliveness Community Room Have brunch during the film if you like, \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time This documentary follows four Canadian women with HIV as they deal with disclosure in their relationships. It explores the challenges of sharing your HIV status and takes a stand against criminalizing the intimate behavior of consenting adults.

"AGING WITH HIV"

Tuesday, February 25, 12 - 1:30 pm, Aliveness Community Room Lunch from Market Barbecue provided, \$5 giftcard if you stay the whole time More than half of people with HIV are now over the age of 50. Jean Willis from Gilead Sciences (an HIV drug company) will discuss what you should know about the effects of long term exposure to HIV and HIV meds, how they interact with aging, and what you can do to maintain your health into your 50s, 60s, and beyond!

JANUARY - FEBRUARY THE ALIVENESS PROJECT Health & Wellness Program

FREE Health Workshops for Members

www.aliveness.org/health-and-wellness

Hanna Dorn • *Health & Wellness • Program Coordinator* hanna@aliveness.org - (612) 822-7946, ext. 213

Please call the Front Desk at (612) 822-7946 to sign up for all workshops





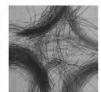




















As a Health & Wellness activity, Aliveness members painted tiles about HIV and the arts for the Disability Mural Project. The tiles were displayed as an art installation in downtown Minneapolis this fall.

FOR MARCH EVENTS PLEASE CHECK WWW.ALIVENESS.ORG

In Living Memory

James D. David B. DEPARTED THIS LIFE 10/1/13

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Be an Ambassador for Dining Out for Life!



On THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 over 190 restaurants across

Minnesota will participate in the 20th Anniversary of Dining Out for Life, (DOL) a fundraiser for The Aliveness Project, a community center for Minnesotans living with HIV/AIDS. The restaurants donate a percentage of their sales to support the many services such as the hot meal program, food shelf, integrated therapies, health & wellness, case management & other programs. Over 400 Volunteer Ambassadors help on the day of the event for 1 or more meal times.



What Ambassadors Do:

- Invite family & friends to your restaurant
- Welcome & thank diners
- Answer questions
- Encourage donations

- It is an easy one-time opportunity
- Need not have volunteered before
- Simple 1.5 hour training provided
- · Work in pairs, if needed

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But wait! There's more!

- Please FLIP to the OTHER SIDE -

diningoutforlife.com



Ambassador Buddy

Some restaurants/meal times work best with two Ambassadors. Sharing the experience will make the day more enjoyable and potentially ease the pressure of working a busy restaurant. If you plan to work with an Ambassador Buddy, please provide your Buddy's information.

	I don't have a Buddy, a	ed below dy, but I'm looking and will let you know that person's info. and I understand I will likely be working on my own. w won't be working with me, but would make a great Ambassador!
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	Their phone ()	Their email_

Training Times

All Ambassadors (preferably Buddies included) will come to training where they will pick up their materials and learn how to work the event. "Seasoned" Ambassadors (those who have volunteered for 2 of the last 3 years) are eligible for a shorter 'Seasoned Ambassador Pick-Up time' listed below (although they may attend a full session if they so choose.) All trainings will be held at The Aliveness Project, address below. Please attend the earliest training that fits your schedule. Please check your training time:

First or Second year Ambassadors:

- 2. □ Mon. March 31, 6:00 7:30 PM
- 3. Fri. April 4, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM
- 4. Tues. April 8, 6:00 7:30 PM
- 6. 🗖 Sat. April 12, 11:30 1:00 PM



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

"Seasoned" Ambassador Pick-Up Times: (Ambassadored 2 + times in last three years)

Trainings are Open House, meaning stop in during time frame and plan to spend 20 minutes to train & pick up materials

- 1. ☐ Mon. April 7, 4:30-6:30 PM PREFERRED
- 2. Thurs. April 10, 4:30-6:30 PM PREFERRED
- 3. None of the above fit my schedule, but I could come
 - a. during the day

We will contact you.

b. \Box early weekday evening

If you cannot make any of these trainings, or to arrange a training for 8 or more at *your* location, please call Kristopher (612) 822-7946 ext. 207 to make arrangements. You may also attend a full training time if you prefer.

Other DOL Volunteering

We'd appreciate your help with some other volunteer tasks related to DOL during daytime, and occasional evening and weekend times. **Check** all that may interest you.



<u>Visibility Campaign</u> Attend events, wear aprons and distribute DOL fliers in quick shifts over lunch, evenings, or weekends. Can be one-time or ongoing. Singles, or groups.



Social Media Outreach Do you Tweet? Blog? (Or read a lot of food related blogs?) Are you Linked-In? Pinterst-ing? Instagramming? etc. Let's talk.



Materials Assembly- Make up the bags, collate materials, bundle stickers, mailings, etc. at The Aliveness Project. Can be one-time or ongoing. Singles, or groups welcome!



■ <u>Materials Distribution</u>- Take materials to area restaurants and other locales in various neighborhoods across Twin Cities, Duluth or Greater Minnesota. One time, or ongoing. Driving or walking routes for singles, or small **groups**.

☐ Photography- Take pictures using your camera or video on the day of DOL. (Note: this often conflicts with being an Ambassador).

Please return this form to Monica Travis at monica@aliveness.org, or send to our NEW ADDRESS:

The Aliveness Project, 3808 Nicollet Ave S., Minneapolis MN 55409 Fax: (612) 822-9668

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PREVENTION PEET to Peer & outreach programs

Due to holiday season, outreach activities at The Aliveness Project slowed down. We, along with countless other people across this country and around the world enjoyed more time with friends, family members, and loved ones.

Now that we have started a new year, our Outreach and Peer to Peer Programs are in full swing! We are doing outreach, HIV testing and providing other referrals as needed. Recently, we partnered with several locations (homeless shelters, drop-in centers, bars and some churches/religious-affiliated charities) where at-risk individuals are most likely to be found -- especially the homeless. All God's Children Church, Simpson Housing, Progress Valley, Youth Link, Saloon Bar, St. Stephen's Men's Shelter, Opportunity Center Catholic Charities and River of Life are some of the locations where our staff has been busy doing outreach and conducting HIV testing.

The cold weather has been a big hindrance to our outreach efforts, but any little opportunity we get – just a tiny, little warm-up -- and we are back at it! I encourage anyone who knows any individuals who are HIV+ or at risk of HIV infection to let our staff (Angelikah Overton, Josh Conrade or Tom Bichanga) know so that they can work with them to get them connected to medical services or to provide them with appropriate referrals.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Tom Bichanga

Director of Prevention and Outreach Services





Holiday Basket Volunteers!

WISH LIST

- X Volunteers to recruit Dining Out for Life Ambassadors
- 2700 ballpoint pens for DOL volunteers
- Mailing labels (Avery 5160, 1" x 2-/8")
- X Avery Name Tag Holders, Lanyard style (Plastic, Laser/Inkjet, 3" x 4")
- X Rubber bands, assorted sizes
- Lots of new, standard size ceramic coffee mugs (we love gifts from corporate groups!)
- X Black Sharpies and Marks-a-Lot pens
- Men's hats and gloves, shirts and coats for 2014 Holiday Baskets

- New office plastic waste cans 3 1/2 gallon size and 23 1/2 gallon size (slim)
- X Rolling Therapist's stool
- X Small kitchen appliances/housewares for 2014 Holiday Baskets
- X 2 CD players for our therapy rooms
- X Vacuum Cleaner, new



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