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**THE SENIOR GIFT CARD PROGRAM-
GOING BEYOND SOCIAL SECURITY**

Rising costs for basic living expenses and other necessary items, such as medications, have put a strain on the budgets of many senior citizens who live on a fixed income. In an effort to help them 'make ends meet' Deus Caritas Est has provided senior families with a years' supply of Spartan Stores' food cards, distributed to them monthly. These cards assure that these seniors' basic nutritional needs are being met.

The recipients have expressed to us how these gift cards have blessed them in many ways – from filling empty cupboards to relieving worry about medications, to the simple joy of being able to invite a friend or family member over to share a meal. Many of our seniors are selected from those who volunteer their time at local charitable organizations to offer what little they have – their hearts and their hands - to help others. We are grateful that we can affirm their own work of love by sharing with them the treasure with which God has blessed us.



*Two of our Senior Recipients
Both Juanita and Frederica have benefited
from of our gift card program since 2008.*

The Past ...

Our foundation was created in 2007 on the belief that if we all do a little we can accomplish a great deal.

Staffed solely by volunteers, we have been working with area churches, as well as various public & private organizations, to identify and assist the forgotten elderly in the Grand Rapids area.

The joy and newfound hope delivered through this helping hand, whether in the form of food cards or financial assistance, reminds us of the beauty of all God's people.

The Future...

We would be grateful for your partnership with us in this mission! Your tax deductible contributions may be mailed to:

*Deus Caritas Est
P.O. Box 2871
Grand Rapids, MI 49501*

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(616) 454-3669*

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~The Invisible Poor~

A disproportionate number of our nation's poor are elderly. 45% of seniors live on income of less than \$22,000 and 15% live on income of less than \$12,000 annually. [Source: Kaiser Family Foundation] For seniors able to work, employment opportunities are limited, full time employment rare, and pay rates low. This makes seniors poor, vulnerable and generally invisible when addressing those living in poverty. Many elderly face the daily choice between medicine and food. Our mission is to find and feed the elderly. We hope you will join us.

**Your Dollars Go to
The Poor in Grand Rapids**

Because we are entirely operated by volunteers and focus on meeting the needs of those in the Grand Rapids area, we can commit to you that beyond phone, postage and printing, your dollars go to the poor. Every contribution of \$250 will fund a monthly food card for a needy senior family.