

Kay Vandivort – Continuing Jackie Waller’s Vision A Heart for the Hungry

When we speak of hunger, many of us picture the desperate needs in faraway lands. Kay Vandivort is continuing Jackie Waller’s vision which is equally compelling, but closer to home . . . at Country Estates and in the neighborhoods of Hereford and Sierra Vista. Jackie had only to look back a few years in her own life to remember times when putting food on the table was a daily challenge. She also remembered the generosity of a church food bank that helped her get through those lean days. In 2005, the thought came to Jackie, “Why not here? Why not a food bank at Country Estates?” Jackie shared her inspiration with Pastor Mike, then with the Church Council, presenting Scriptural support for her mission. Result: without demur or dissent, the motion was made and approved to begin work on a CESBC Food Bank, first headed by Jackie Waller, and now by Kay Vandivort. Jackie said, “It’s the kind of activity that tells the community what kind of church we really are.” Yes, feeding hungry spirits is all-important, but God-given bodies need to be nourished as well. And that’s the new mission of Kay, passed on by Jackie.