

Faith Folder

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Safeway donation stocks Murray Hills Christian's food pantry

Christmas is a time of giving. Safeway understands that.

And Christmas is not time to be hungry — and Safeway understands that, too.

Safeway proved both last week when it handed off a \$5,000 donation to benefit the Casey's Corner Food Pantry at Beaverton's Murray Hills Christian Church.

The donation, made through the Safeway Foundation, will help the Casey's Corner Food Pantry continue the expanded service levels it took on a year ago. That expansion covers feeding an additional 10 families (about 50 more people) per week, those families referred to Casey's Corner through the Beaverton School District.

In total, the Casey's Corner Food Pantry serves almost 40 families per week. Casey's Corner, which opened in 2005, operates under the direction of a nine-member unpaid board of directors and with an unpaid staff of 55 volunteers.

In addition to the donation from Safeway — which was delivered by Dan Floyd, director of public affairs and governmental relations, to Casey's Corner namesake Casey Leip and pantry director Martha Cook — the pantry also is seeking additional grants and donations to continue its work. More information about the pantry is available at murrayhills.org/outreach/food_pantry.htm.

The Safeway Foundation distributes approximately \$5 million per year, its major causes providing hunger relief, aid-



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ing education, providing health and human services, and assisting people with disabilities.

More information about the Safeway Foundation is available at www.safewayfoundation.org.

January message series to focus on family practice

"Family Practice," a study of the Book of First Corinthians, is the five-part weekend message series for January at Beaverton Christian Church, 13600 S.W. Allen Blvd.

Teaching Pastor Adam Jackson will kick-off the series at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday

"Family Practice will explore how the Gospel impacts our relationship with one another as part of God's family. It will review marriage, immorality, worship, giving and spiritual gifts," said Pastor Dan Ferguson.

"I think there is a forgotten step in relationships. A lot of times, we preachers urge people

to love their neighbors, their children, their spouses. And we should, but it's equally important to be loved. We must let God love us, so that we in turn will have love to give to others," Ferguson said.

"We tend to treat people as we perceive God is treating us. Not as God is treating us, but as we perceive He is treating us. If

HOLIDAY GIFT —
Safeway's Dan Floyd (right) hands off a \$5,000 donation that will benefit the Casey's Corner Food Pantry at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton to Casey Leip (left) and Martha Cook on Dec. 22.

I don't feel like God loves me, then I am not going to love others. On the other hand, if I feel like God has poured out on me a Mount Everest's worth of grace, then I will find it easier to give grace to other people," he added.

For more information, contact the church office at 503-646-2151 or visit www.bcc.org.

Unity Church group to study miracles all year

Unity Church of Beaverton is holding "A Course in Miracles," a yearlong study

group facilitated by Rev. Frances Lancaster.

The group will encourage people to make this a year of miracles and discover their real purposes.

Open enrollment from now through Jan. 18.

The class will meet

Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m at the Unity Church of Beaverton, 12650 S.W. Fifth St.

For more information, visit www.unityofbeaverton.org.

There is no charge for the study group but there will be a free-will offering.