

November—2012

Our Daily Bread of Bradenton

710 18th Ave. West

Humble stewards of other people's generosity and grateful courier of a stranger's kindness

KITCHEN HOURS 6:30am till noon Tel. 745.2992



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I thank my God for you and when I pray for you, my prayers are always filled with joy because of your partnership...from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5

It has been a wonderful summer at Our Daily Bread while we were able to continue to fulfill our mission to feed the hungry and needy in Manatee County. None of which would be accomplished without our partners in the community. Whether it is the volunteers, the Churches, the civic clubs, foundations or individuals, they all make it possible!

There are a lot of exciting events coming up for Our Daily Bread:

*On Friday December 7th the BOHO Bash will be held at the Bradenton Country Club to benefit Our Daily Bread and the Community Coalition on Homelessness. What an honor it is that the committee has chosen us to be the beneficiary of their hard work again.

*Starting on December 15th we will be having our 3rd annual "7 Days of Christmas" to benefit those in need in our community. Last year we handed out socks, T-shirts, blankets, gloves and hats among other items for all those who come to our door. We will also have presents for all the children. Thank you to everyone who have and will participate on these giving days.

*On Saturday, March 2, 2013 the Bradenton Rotary Club will once again sponsor the 50,000 meal packaging of macaroni and cheese. This project has kept our Project 5000 Food Pantry and that of several churches in the area stocked with meals for the whole year. What a blessing! What a wonderful function this has become and a big thank you to the Rotary and its members.

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to all!

Thank you partners. God Bless.

Mark McLaughlin, President

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The mission of Our Daily Bread is to provide for the nutritional needs of the poor and needy of our community in the context of compassion and affirmation of their human worth as children of God.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform both volunteers and supporters of the activities and happenings at Our Daily Bread. Please address your comments and suggestions to Bob Eikill.

OUR STAFF

Coach – Bob Eikill - Volunteer
 Kitchen Manager – Penny Goethe

WORKERS

Kirk Goethe Cord Bigham
 John Green Mike Durrance

SPECIAL THANK YOUs

We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive, we try to be stewards of your generosity. In this newsletter we only have limited space to acknowledge the gifts we receive and do send thank you notes to each donor. Our base support is from churches, individuals, community groups, businesses, estates, trusts, schools, and county government.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

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Mark McLaughlin	Melissa Wiese

PENNY'S PANTRY KITCHEN REPORT

We've had several youth groups helping out. I would like to thank Sacred Heart's Youth Group and St. Joe's 8th Grade Class and King Middle School for their canned food drive. Living Lord Lutheran Church did a Project 5000 Food Bag Drive and collected over 70 bags of food. Redeemer Lutheran is in the midst of a Project 5000 Food Bag Drive and they are doing great. The summer kids program went very well and we served 1597 meals for children from June 1 through August 31st. Every child left with a take home food bag. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, they have done a wonderful job.



Meals prepared during a typical week:

Monday Pork stew, green and fruit salad

Tuesday Spaghetti, green and fruit salad

Wednesday Beef and noodles, green and fruit salad

Thursday Chicken and rice, green and fruit salad

Friday Beenie Weenies, pizza, green and fruit salad

Saturday Leftovers , green and fruit salad

Sunday Chicken, potatoes, green and fruit salad

We serve pastry and juice with all meals.

Penny!

**We could really use a Barber to help with haircuts.
If you know of one or can help please see Penny.**



We are still seeking a volunteer to register clients for Project 5000 on Mondays and Fridays—must have computer skills.



While fall brings many changes in schedules, school activities, “season” visitors, and a bit of cooler weather, it has little impact on the population of men, women and children that visit the One Stop Center seeking help. In fact, one of the most prevalent myths about homelessness is that we see a “huge” influx in the homeless population as the winter season approaches. Our experience with new clients does not support this. In the past three years, the months of July and August have consistently been those where we have recorded the greatest number of new clients, topped this past August by a record high 216 new clients! We have also noted a trend where the percentage of men and women seeking services is getting close to even, whereas five years ago, the vast majority of those being served as homeless were men. As more and more families struggle with issues related to homelessness, it is reflected by the number of children accompanying their parents for services, which in August was 93 and in September was 100!

We would not be able to respond to the needs of these people seeking help if it were not for wonderful people like you who are volunteering at the One Stop Center. Excluding volunteers in the medical/dental clinic, there were 75 volunteers who contributed more than \$45,000 worth of service in September. There are so many ways to help out – currently we are seeking barbers/hairdressers and people to help at the reception areas in addition to volunteers for the mail room. If you would like to know more, please contact Cheryl at 747-1509 ext. 334.

We are very excited about changes we are planning for the next year at the One Stop Center. Our partnerships with Manatee Memorial Hospital and LECOM enable us to now have primary care available Monday through Friday, 8:30 – 5:00. In order to accommodate more MMH residents, we are planning to develop the area CCH currently uses for storage, bike repair, kid’s closet and donation center into eight medical examination rooms and accompanying support facilities. This will consolidate all our medical services in one clinic area, enabling us to see more clients. By diverting clients from the emergency room at MMH, we are promoting the efficient use of the personnel and resources there. Naming opportunities for this new clinic are available, as we again seek the support of the community to fund the renovation of this storage area, as well as the purchase of property to expand parking at our Center. For more information, please contact Adell Erozer, Executive Director at 747-1509 ext. 309.

Adell Erozer

The Open Door is part of The Coalition on Homelessness.

It is open 8:30am until 2pm Monday through Friday. We serve men and women who are homeless, near homeless or at risk. Initially, a new client is interviewed by a skilled volunteer and then s/he receives a card with their picture, our address and a number which identifies them as a client of the Open Door. With this card we can then provide whatever services they need at each visit.

Clients who have not previously registered can meet as early as 6am on the Coalition patio, enjoy some juice, a breakfast sweet, some coffee and some camaraderie until we open. Numbered tickets are distributed to those who are waiting and at 8:30am the line forms to enter the building (average 219/per day.) There are two volunteers each day who sit at the desk where the clients enter, who find out what each client needs that day. One person may want a shower (38/day.) We have 3 lovely showers equipped with towels, washcloths, soap and shampoo. Another may need their clothes laundered (105 loads/day.) We give them a bag with their name on it. The clothes are laundered in a number of industrial washers and dryers, folded and are ready for the clients to pick up the following day. Still another person may need help with getting or renewing food stamps (25/day) or want to get a cell phone. One of 25 trained volunteers help with this. If a client has a doctor's appointment and shows us the appointment card, we will provide a bus pass (10/day). We have a bank of computers with skilled volunteers who rotate to assist the clients looking for jobs (52/day).

With their Open Door Card, they can obtain their mail (119/day) or use our phone for local calls (25/day). Backpacks and repaired bicycles are distributed when they are available. Providing clothing (68/day) and children's clothing to our clients is another service we provide with the help of volunteers in the clothing room. We can even repair bikes (15/day) and help with chains and locks (7/day) to keep them safe. We provide reading glasses and make referrals to health agencies and to our own health clinic (20/day) and dental unit (24/day) which are right on our premises. I have mentioned some but certainly not all our services but I hope it is sufficient to explain what we do at the Open Door, a part of the Coalition on Homelessness, where it is coordinated under the expert supervision of Martha Childress. I am proud to weekly volunteer at the Open Door.

Ellie Hogan

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1, 2012 SATURDAY

Kirkwood Presbyterian Alternative Christmas Market

9am-1pm The market provides an opportunity to purchase a gift for someone who has everything by supporting a local charity. Consider that for every purchase made at the Market, you get a handmade gift card that you then can give to someone to show them that you care enough to buy a gift that gives twice. The beneficiary of your donation knows someone cared for them and the recipient of your card knows that they are remembered by you in a special way. You will be surprised to find meaningful gifts for everyone on your list.

DECEMBER 4, 2012 TUESDAY

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

An interactive dinner theater at Pier 22, 1200 1st Ave. W. 6pm to benefit the Community Coalition on Homelessness. BAH! HUMBURG! Instantly recognizable from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" these words will come alive for you as you participate in a truly unique experience that will demonstrate the powerful message of this tale in a memorable performance. It will be a festive evening with a message that is sure to resonate with caring members of our community like you! Guest will enjoy dinner with characters from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, live music and other entertainment. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions please call Bob at 745-2992.

DECEMBER 7, 2012 FRIDAY

BO-HO BASH at Bradenton Country Club

The evening will include music, delicious food, tasty beverages, raffles and auctions. Of course, the fun-filled evening simply could not proceed without the Annual Mr. Knees Contest! To add to the excitement of the event, Mr. Knees will be accompanied by Mrs. Knees this year! Our Daily Bread and the Community Coalition on Homelessness will be the beneficiaries of the funds raised. If you would like to participate please call Mark at 951-8454.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15, 2012

8 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

Our annual give-a-ways begins on Saturday the 15th. Each day will feature a different gift item, such as socks, gloves, underwear, caps, fruit, drinks, etc. We are looking for sponsors (groups or individuals) to fill open days. Call Bob at 744-6266 if you would like to help in anyway. We need volunteers to assist in distributing the items each day.

Coach's Note

I want to thank Mark for filling in for me this summer again while I was up north. As a general policy we try to cover each task with a backup for the paid staff and as well as volunteers. Sometimes we have people missing their calls and we have to cover but generally we roll along seven days per week.

Another needed thank you is to our former Board Member Graham Bergquist who has been making calls on our church family this summer. We have over thirty churches in our area who support our mission financially, with food drives, and volunteers. Mr. Bergquist has been making semi-annual calls, thanking the churches for their support and fielding questions. Our relationship with our church family provides us with part of our volunteer base. Our volunteers provide 14,729 hours of service last year.

Words hardly express the deep appreciation and gratitude we have for all that our volunteers do but this much we can say with confidence: They are living examples of faithful, Christian service, and the clients are blessed by all they do. Our volunteers often express that they too are blessed in serving.

In our last newsletter we reported on our sources of food supplies as part of our three legged stool, volunteers and financial support being the other vital parts. Our financial base of support comes from the following:

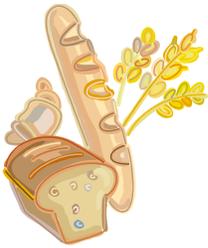
	Number	Percentage
Individuals	900	40%
Churches	40	20
Civic Groups	30	5
Foundations	10	15
Manatee County	1	3
Estates	2	7
Interest and other		10
TOTAL		100%

We are grateful for all our support, over the last ten years the numbers have changed year to year but over all they stay the same. If we lose one source God provides a replacement, some years we have several estates, other years none. We always seem to have what we need through His grace.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season. In the spirit of the holidays come and join in giving out gifts to the needy sometime during the pre-Christmas week.

Bob Eikill

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