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Our Daily Bread of Bradenton

710 18th Ave. West

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

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Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

What a wonderful summer we had here at Our Daily Bread thanks to the generosity of so many and our terrific volunteers. Here are some of the highlights:

A group of ladies known as The Anna Maria Island Giving Circle donated the funds for our kid's summer feeding program. This program provides the needy children with a second daily meal while they are out of school for the summer. We gave out 1,897 children's food bags! These bags contain items such as peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, apples, fruit juice and trail mix. Thank you ladies so much!

Mosaic had two projects that benefitted Our Daily Bread—"Goals for Food" and "Home Runs for Hungry." For every goal the Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey team scored and for every homerun the Tampa Bay Rays hit, Mosaic donated money and it has been distributed to approximately 15 charities that work with the hungry in the Tampa Bay area. What a great corporate partner Mosaic has become!

As most of you know, we have opened a grocery store style food center. This program replaced the former "Project 5000" prepared food bag program and is called "Loaves and Fishes". Our clients are now able to choose up to 15 items off the shelves which eliminates the waste of some of the pre-packaged food bags. The new program has been a huge success. We are needing to refill our dry good shelves much more frequently. Peace River Electric donated the funds so we could offer fresh fruit and vegetables which helps stabilize the diets of so many of our clients with health issues. Many thanks to the Peace River Electric Foundation!

Once again, I don't know what we would do without our wonderful volunteers. We had over 14,000 hours of donated time last year and are on target for that or more in 2014. This volunteerism is also shared by our actively involved board members that provide their time so that Our Daily Bread is able to operate with no administrative costs.

I hope that your Thanksgiving and Christmas are full of wonderful times spent with your friends and family.

God Bless....President Mark McLaughlin

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

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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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PENNY'S PANTRY KITCHEN REPORT

As we approach the holidays I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday. I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year. As some of you know we have lost SweetBay as they are now Winn Dixie and with that we are having to buy more. The loss has been felt more with the loss of produce and meat. With the holidays approaching I have already received a large donation of turkeys, but I am in need of all the trimmings. We do have some new faces in the kitchen, the most recent is Angie the new cook...and she is a wonderful cook.

Thank you,
Penny

This week's menu:

Monday Shepherd's Pie, green and fruit salad, dessert
Tuesday Chicken and rice, green and fruit salad, dessert
Wednesday Spaghetti, green and fruit salad, dessert
Thursday Beef noodles, green and fruit salad, dessert
Friday Hamburger helper, green and fruit salad, dessert
Saturday Hot dogs, mac and cheese, green and fruit salad, dessert
Sunday Chicken, mashed potatoes , green and fruit salad, dessert

We serve pastry and juice with all meals.

LOAVES AND FISHES

With the completion of the new grocery store style food center the former Project 5000 has been renamed Loaves and Fishes. The center is open on Mondays and Fridays from 9-11 am. Our families can chose 15 items from our shelves once a month. Homeless individuals may get a food bag every two weeks. In addition to these items, fresh produce and other donated items are available. The neat thing about this new project is that our clients can chose the items that they need and want. We are in need of volunteers on Mondays.

Tammy Woodward

CROPWALK

Did you know that Manatee County CROPWALK has provided more than \$25,000 to support Our Daily Bread over the past 10 years? An annual walk is held each year, usually the last Sunday in February, and 25% of the money raised goes to us with the balance going world-wide including the USA.

What is CROP? It is an organization of Church World Service that has been around since shortly after WWII and has been combating hunger on a world-wide basis. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The local walk starts at the Palmetto First United Methodist church at 2pm and goes across the Green Bridge to Bradenton and returns. In 2014 there were 15 Churches and Groups totaling 164 walkers who raised \$14,560.46. We are making a concerted effort to reach more churches. If your church is not involved, then consider being a recruiter and involve yourself and your church in walking as it supports Our Daily Bread and the CROP mission worldwide. For more information, contact call George Strawn 941.705.0156 of Palmetto 1st United Methodist Church or John Bregger 941.708.3051 of Christ Episcopal Church.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK UPDATE

Progress on the new website is going well as it is now up and running and can receive donations. www.ourdailybreadofbradenton.org is getting a fresh new look with more features, information and tools. We are still in the process of developing the complete site.

Our Daily Bread of Bradenton now has a Facebook profile which is like your personal profile. There are also two community pages connected with the profile, ODB Project 5000 and ODB Donations. These pages have "Donate" tabs that link to our regular secure website donation page. Currently, the pages are set up so that anyone can add pictures and comments, but eventually only those "following" the pages will be able to add pictures.

Facebook is going to be our megaphone to get our message out locally. Please add "Our Daily Bread of Bradenton" to your 'Friends' list and select to 'Follow' the pages "ODB Project 5000" and "ODB Donations". Encourage your friends and family to do the same so that we can spread the good news of our mission.

I will be happy to answer any questions or help with any project you would like to promote.

James Barry Moffatt



How can we judge that fall is here? Not by the changing leaves and cold weather but by the proliferation of non-Florida license plates! We welcome our snow birds who are important partners in providing services at the One Stop Center. It seems we constantly have new opportunities for volunteering and sharing your skills to support our programs and services, so check us out! Come on by for a tour if you haven't already, and see if any of our opportunities match your passion!

Of the many challenges facing Turning Points, the one our board is struggling with currently is developing a plan for the best utilization of new clinic space. Our "new look" which changed the façade of our main building was completed in July, and we have expanded from three medical examination rooms to eight, enabling us to see many more low income, uninsured Manatee County residents, with the goal of keeping them healthy and out of area emergency rooms. We are very grateful to LECOM which supplies the medical and pharmacy students, along with supervising physicians, to provide primary care in our clinic in the mornings. Unfortunately our partnership with Manatee Memorial Hospital which supplied medical residents to see clients in the afternoons has terminated so we are considering options available to expand the care available at the clinic. If you haven't see the new addition to our clinic or our donation, clothing and bike operations which now are next door, along with the Our Daily Bread food pantry, please come by for a tour! We are excited about our increased capacity to meet the needs of our clients!

We'd love to have you join us at the Turning Points annual holiday season fundraiser on Tuesday, December 2 at 6pm at the River House Reef and Grill in Palmetto. This year we have a new and inspiring program planned to entertain you. Stories of clients that have miraculously turned their lives around and young up and coming talent in from the Del Couch Music Education Foundation promise to touch your heart and mind.

Tickets can be purchased or reserved by calling Turning Points at 941.747.1509. You will be glad you were a part of this memorable evening!

All of the staff, volunteers, and board members of Turning Points wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Regards.

Adell Erozer

Adell Erozer
Executive Director – Turning Points

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS—WHAT DO THEY DO???

The Manatee Community Foundation (MCF) is a creative, cost efficient and tax-efficient way for people to invest in the charitable causes they care about most. MCF encourages individuals, business and organizations to create permanent charitable funds. These funds are prudently invested and managed. The income from these funds is used to respond to new programs, emergency needs and innovative services. The Board of Directors and the Staff of the Manatee Community Foundation are dedicated to assisting donors achieve their charitable goals and legacies –*"For Good. For Ever."*

Our Mission

The Manatee Community Foundation connects the charitable interests of our donors with the needs of the community.

1. Serve as flexible, cost-effective vehicles for communities to attract charitable endowment funds...
2. Can match the charitable intentions of donors with the most appropriate community needs...
3. Can achieve economies of scale from investment and management of individual endowment funds...
4. Can react quickly to changing community problems and opportunities...
5. Are a steady source of community capital in lean as well as in good times...
6. Can respond quickly to emergencies...
7. Can fund new ideas and help sustain tried and true organizations...
8. Can spot problems and stimulate solutions...or can anticipate problems and act to prevent them...
9. Can leverage funds (both private and public) for community projects...
10. Can pool gifts from many sources to meet the large needs...
11. Serve as local eyes for national corporations and foundations...
12. Stimulate public/private partnerships...and provide technical assistance to administer government programs and evaluate their results...
13. Provide technical assistance to nonprofit agencies...
14. Administer scholarship funds and special awards programs...
15. Assist other grant makers...
16. Develop community leaders ...
17. Are a neutral agent, bringing diverse groups together to solve common problems...
- 18. In short, are the vehicles through which people express the full meaning of "community."**

Coach's Note

The summer came and went faster this year. Our new store Loaves and Fishes opened in July. Tami Woodward has some new and former volunteers to help her on Mondays & Fridays (see her report included). We have a wider choice of items available, including produce items than what were in our standard Project 5000 food bags. It's too early to know what items are more in demand than our old standard bags. We are seeing some new people in line but for the most part we are seeing our familiar clients. All the comments we have received are positive.

This Spring we opened two accounts at the Manatee Community Foundation (see report) –an endowment and an agency account. Both are designed to receive gifts for the benefit of Our Daily Bread. If you are interested in this type of giving please call me for more information. The foundation has several plans for life-time giving or estate planning that were not directly available through us.

Barry Moffatt has been busy re-designing our website, www.ourdailybreadofbradenton.org. The new website has a Facebook feature, Donate Now and our E-mail connection. The former website has been having email and other contact problems for quite some time. We plan to use Facebook to post notes on current events and planned special events, like our Christmas programs (see Barry's update).

All our efforts to win over the new owners of the Sweetbay stores have failed. For the last several months we have been purchasing meat products to include in our daily meals. This additional expense is running about \$1000 per month over our budget. Our other expenses are normal except for an air conditioner repair for \$4300 this summer. The summer receipts are down more than usual so please remember us this Christmas season.

Our relationship with Habitat for Humanity this year has grown stronger, they will have completed 6 homes this year, with two more closing in late November. We will again be filling the kitchen cabinets and refrigerators with food and providing the washers and dryers. Habitat has helped us with allowing our food drop-off boxes at their locations. Our working partner here at the One Stop Center is Turning Points. We assist with purchase of supplies and special projects when necessary. Together we are better able to serve at the needs of the poor and homeless in the community. (see Adell's letter)

Mark has commented on the special activities this summer and I need not repeat. We have two new board members Pastor Jared Olson and Bruce Behrens now serving on Jack Manson's group—Sacred Heart on Wednesdays. The Bayside Community Church group is serving two Thursdays per month. Our seasonal volunteers are returning. Thank you regulars for carrying the load this summer.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas to all-- *Robert Eikill*

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