



# Food for the Hungry, Inc

Summer 2012

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## From the President's Desk

We're entering our 11th year of operation, starting with a single receiving site from a single bakery. Today we receive food from about 250 donor bakeries and stores, and distribute it to over 1500 food pantries and other programs serving the poor.

About 450 volunteers give of their time and energy to collect, load and distribute to locations from the Milwaukee area west to areas around Tomah, Madison, North nearly to the Michigan border, south to the state line. Many of our delivery sites are distribution centers for many other programs.

And it isn't only bread any more. Other foods, milk, canned goods etc. are part of the mix. We always find someone who needs it.

We've been getting clothing, furniture, household items left over from rummage sales, estate sales, people moving or re-decorating...we always seem to find some poor people who need it.

**John Schmitz**  
*Board President*

## We're Gonna Do It Again



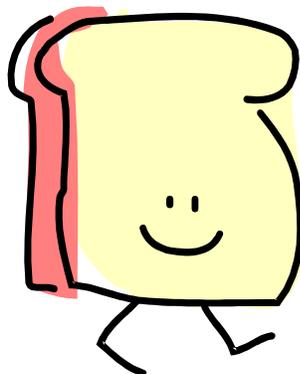
Last year we partnered with the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Food pantry for a Christmas for the Vets.

It was a great success both for *Food for the Hungry, Inc.* and the Vets pantry.

So mark your calendar

**November 14th**  
**For an evening to honor the men and women who have served our country.**

**A special dinner at the Knights of Columbus**  
**1800 S 92nd St**  
**West Allis WI**



## Coordinators Notes



Typical morning: Mike's at Brownberry checking how much bread and buns we have today....he's on the phone. Volunteers needed and where can you go with it if we have a large quantity?

The amount and variety of product varies from day to day, from site to site. Mike finds a place to send it when we have a lot, and who needs it most if the supply is short.

Our agreements with our donor-providers is that we do not re-sell any product, we monitor the places we deliver to so that it goes to the most needy. We try to deliver to sites that need it most. We also try to work with our providers as to the times we pick up, and that we will take what we are given.

To protect our donor-providers, each of our receiving pantries signs a hold harmless agreement.

Of course we always need more help...and we try to determine who can deliver what to where...and that's quite a job.

**Mike Czarnecki**  
*Coordinator*

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## It's Not Just Food

The needs of the poor often go beyond a loaf of bread. We're humbled when we visit some of our receiving programs.

One we'd like to feature this month is MOTHER SCOTT on Milwaukee's north side.

Mother Scott is 85 years old, and works as hard as anybody. It's a remarkable place.

Every day they provide 2 meals a day—real meals, not a sandwich on a bun!

They have a food pantry and provide clothing, furniture and whatever is needed by the poor they serve.

A Church group meets there, as well as a youth group. Whatever the needs, Mother Scott tries to help.

During this summer she has two groups of youngsters giving of their time to Mother Scott's. One group came all the way from Nevada, and the other group is from Minnesota.

You can be sure that these young men and women will have a life-changing experience.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have some of the wealthiest of our country do the same?



Doris White regularly delivers food to Mother Scott. She's always willing to pick up and deliver whenever and wherever needed.

## What Goes On In a Food Pantry



A wise man once said "The Lord gave us two ears and one mouth, and we should use them in that proportion."

This is especially true with the many volunteers working in the programs we "partner with." People who come to the pantries often have a variety of needs. They don't need a sermon, they need someone to listen, to make them feel welcome, they need hope.

Good volunteers listen, try to make the person feel safe in talking about problems, and if we're lucky, the volunteers will be able to help.

It is the human side that makes the difference, that often is the turning point in life.

On the other hand, we have met some of the most wonderful people who give of their time reaching out to help others, and asking nothing in return.

It is interesting that so many of our "partners" are churches or programs operating out of churches.

Thomas Jefferson once bought several Bibles and with scissors and paste, tried to put together the message of Jesus. He concluded that it was mainly the "Sermon on the Mount." *I was hungry, and you brought me food...*

## 211!

During the school year, many children receive lunch (and sometimes breakfast) at their schools. But what happens to them during the summer?



The "221" programs in Milwaukee and other communities provide lunches for needy children who would otherwise go hungry.

Food for the Hungry, Inc. has partnered with Salvation Army and a few other organizations involved. **Brownberry Bakery in Oconomowoc** provides the bakery products.

We're sure the children who would otherwise do without are grateful.

## Thank You Herb

After 11 years at the helm Herb Ayres is retiring from Kathy's House.

Herb has been a member of our Board of Directors from the beginning, and Kathy's House was the second receiving program. Our board meetings have been held at Kathy's House.

*Kathy's House is a place to stay for people and their families who are in town for medical treatment.*

## Watch Those Rummage Sales

It's Rummage Sale Season. What happens to all the left-over clothing, dishes and furniture at the end of the sale?

Many of the people we serve could use them...homeless person who now has a place to stay now needs furniture and dishes.

We can always find a place for clothing, bedding, etc. We can make arrangements to have it picked up...and it's tax deductible!

Just give us a call.

## HELP!



We're at the stage in our growth where we need to step up our fundraising efforts. We're in need of someone who can write applications for grants, solicitations to various organizations for volunteers and financial support.

We can give a lot of support including training. For more info

give John a call at 262-784-6591.

## Thank You Veterans

November 14, 2012  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
1800 S 92nd Street  
West Allis WI

Last year we had *Christmas for Vets* dinner and it was quite a success. We're planning another this year. We've chosen a November date, between Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

We will be looking for sponsors and donors again.

**Send donations to:**  
**Food for the Hungry, Inc**  
405 Lynnwood Lane  
Brookfield WI 53005

In the memo on your check write "Veterans,"

For more info on how you can help, call Mike at 414-774-3095  
Or John at 262-784-6591



War is never a pleasant experience for those who serve. Separation from family and friends, deployment to some place on the other side of the world, danger, injury, death of comrades...and a lot of issues when you return: jobs, housing, food, family relationships, medical care, issues with mental health and addiction... It's time we again say "Thank You"

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Place Postage  
here

## Help !!!!

As our program continues to expand we need additional volunteers who can give a few hours per week:

1. Helping load bread into cars, vans etc. for delivery to food pantries. Not hard work at all.
2. Volunteers to pick up and deliver food to our receiving pantries.

Our main locations where we need help are the Brownberry Outlet stores in Brookfield and Oconomowoc, and Pepperidge Farms in New Berlin.

**Give Mike a call at  
414-771-0715**



We have many young people helping out loading and delivering food: children, grandchildren, relatives...kids and teachers from nearby schools.

Community service has become an important learning experience. Food for the Hungry, Inc. gives a beautiful "certificate of appreciation" to each of them. We hear that many of them are proudly hanging on the walls in their bedrooms.

If you have a group that would like to help, give Mike a call.

## Visit Our Website

Visit our website  
[foodforthehungryinc.org](http://foodforthehungryinc.org)  
to get a bit of our history and a lot of information about our program. We list upcoming events.

One of the important paths in the road to success is "Media" - getting the word out about what we are about, who we serve, and other valuable information.

We are fortunate to have Steven Johnson volunteering his time and talent to design our website, and update it regularly. Thanks, Steve