From the President’s Desk

Our December Christmas for the Veterans was a success. Over 100 needy vets were our guests. Food was supplied by Silver Spur Restaurant in Elm Grove, and entertainment provided by Jason Moon and Jason Klagstad’s bands. Thanks to our volunteers and hard work we were able to donate over $2500. to the Homeless Veterans Initiative.

Our expansion west continues, reaching into Dane County, Columbus, as well as north. We have a lot of new volunteers to help out. We are impressed with the number of young people who help out when they can. We give each of them a certificate of appreciation. We hope to encourage them to make a habit of giving back to our community.

As we expand, so do our expenses. We are probably the largest non-profit program around that does not have a paid staff or separate facilities (rented or owned.) We need to expand our fund raising capabilities.

We are now in our 10th year, and looking forward to the future. That means we need to bring aboard and train the next generation of leaders.

Mike and Irene Czarnecki’s dedication and hard work are the reason we’ve not only survived but grown into the wonderful mission we have become.

John Schmitz
Board President

On the Calendar

Poverty and want
Have many faces
Speak many languages
Are of many faiths
And have many causes

We are a 501 (c) 3 organization

Sunday, April 29th
1800 S 92nd Street
West Allis WI 53214

Food for the Hungry, Inc’s Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

All you can eat Pasta $7.00
Kids 5-12 $4.00

Raffles and Entertainment

Who would have dreamed?
• That ten years ago was the start of one of the largest charities serving the poor?
• That over 400 volunteers give of their time each week to serve the poor in southeastern Wisconsin?
• That over 1400 meal programs and food pantries would be our partners?
• That our territory would expand westward to near Madison, Watertown and Columbus?

Each day when we read the newspaper we see programs reaching out to the poor...and yes, we have partnered with just about all of them.

Oh, we've had our ups and downs, lost a few providers and found others, had some programs we had to trim from our list.

Our contacts, the willingness to help has been wonderful.

Mike Czarnecki
Coordinator
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- Brookfield WI 53005

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Donations are tax deductible.

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**Special Times**

Thanksgiving boxes distributed by **Hunger Task Force** contained bags of stuffing donated by **Brownberry**. Mike Czarnecki used his begging skills to make the arrangement.

Bakery for the Christmas dinner for about 9,000 people at the **Frontier Airlines Center** was supplied by **Brownberry of Oconomowoc**.

Our **Christmas Dinner for Veterans** brought in over 100 needy veterans in cooperation with the Milwaukee Never Homeless Veterans Initiative. The result was not only much needed funding for the Veterans Food Pantry, but inspired a VFW post to large donations, including an entire truckload of canned green beans.

The dinner was provided by **Silver Spur Restaurant** in Elm Grove, and the raffle included two guitars donated by **Cream City Music**. Two music groups supplied top quality entertainment.

Our expansion westward has brought new volunteers from the **Knights of Columbus** in Waukesha County and other volunteers who deliver to pantries in Mukwonago, Lake Geneva, Fort Atkinson, and serving food pantries almost to Madison.

Our **Breadraiser** will again feature music by **Roger Boll**, one of the area’s finest accordionists. We will also have the **Chris Hanson Band featuring Rae Cassidy.**

**Mark your Calendars**

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- 2:00 to 7:30
- 1800 S. 92nd Street, West Allis

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**Who Are These People?**

In the early centuries of the Christian Church there were people proclaimed “Saints” by acclamation of the people who admired them and felt they were worthy of imitation.

When we look at the people who give of their time to help others, we see the “Saints” of the modern world. No, they probably won't have statues erected or churches named after them, but what they do for others will have a lasting impact for the better.

Some of the most wonderful people we will ever meet in our lives are those we meet by reaching out to those in need. We see them in every program we deal with.

Many of our volunteers are retired, and helping deliver bakery gives them a positive purpose in life. Those who have something to live for age more gracefully.

Thomas Jefferson once bought four Bibles, and with scissors and paste, tried to find the true message of Jesus. What remained after his clipping and pasting was the message of love for one another.

*I was hungry, and you fed me… caring for the needs of others… that’s what it’s all about.*

Food for the Hungry serves people of many faiths, from various ethnic origins, and who speak different languages.
Where Does It Come From?

Walk down the bakery aisle at your local supermarket. Every shelf has a supply of several varieties of bread. Each loaf has a “sell by date” on the plastic bag.

When new product arrives, the stock is rotated, and those closest to the “sell by date” are taken off the shelf, and delivered to an outlet store. The bakery probably has another 5 days of good useful life. As more product arrives at the outlet store, the new replaces that already on the shelves. This amount will vary from day to day.

This is the bakery Food for the Hungry, Inc. receives and delivers to food pantries and meal programs throughout the area.

We carefully monitor the receiving sites on the basis of need. If we have a low volume day, we try to bring it to those in greatest need. On other days the problem is where can we go with it all?

Our agreement with our providers is that we do not sell any product we receive, nor do we allow the pantries we deliver to sell it.

We will take what we receive, and leave nothing behind.

Many of the receiving sites distribute to several programs in their area. Our goal is that nothing goes to waste when there are hungry people.

The people we serve are grateful for the suppliers and the volunteers who deliver it.

Veterans Food Pantry

In the fall of 2010 the Homeless Veterans Initiative opened a food pantry in West Allis. An estimated 300-400 veterans are homeless in the Milwaukee area.

Many more are probably with a family sleeping on a sofa, grateful for a place to stay—until their welcome wears thin.

The pantry provides breakfast one day a week, and has boxes or bags of groceries on another day. About 150 needy people come on each day, served by volunteers from the church and other community members, including the pastor of the church who comes with an apron, and is seen often bussing tables, or running the dishwasher. Most of the needy walk to the church on Greenfield Avenue.

In December a VFW post donated $250 in cash, and a week later arrived with 350 cases of green beans (that’s 4200 large cans) In January a parish came to the breakfast with 150 bag lunches to tide the needy over the weekend.

The program works hard to find places for the homeless to live, and then helps to provide furniture, dishes, bedding etc.

They distribute used clothing to those who need it, especially in the cold winter.

Two nurses take blood pressure, and refers those who need it to medical care. They also give flu shots.

In the Fire House

From
Sharon’s Beauty Salon
Many things happen. Firemen from Milwaukee collect bread and make sandwiches for the needy and homeless in their neighborhoods.

One of her beauticians gathers buns, and left-over cold cuts from another provider...makes sandwiches and delivers to homeless people, often those sleeping under a bridge!

We’re still working on the details, but this should be a great event again this year. We’ve invited homeless and needy veterans again this year.

If you’d like to sponsor a vet, it’s $7.00 per veteran. You can mail your check to Food for the Hungry, Inc. 405 Lynnwood Lane, Brookfield WI. 53005. Your donation is tax deductible.

Donations for our Raffles are welcome. Already we have a flat screen TV, guitar, free nights at hotels, gift certificates, and more.
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Florida?

It’s a small world. After our Christmas for the Veterans, we received a phone call from a retired military chaplain in Florida. He read about the program and wanted details, and is interested in starting a similar program. (We had several people volunteer to meet with him for a couple weeks in Florida) He’s a priest from the Milwaukee Archdiocese, and remembered John Schmitz.

Thank You!

At a recent funeral, the family recommended that any bequests be donations to Food for the Hungry, Inc. The donations from the memorial paid our bills for another month. What a beautiful way to honor a loved one or friend!

Rummage Sales?

Spring is garage sale time. On several occasions, some of our people stop by and drop off a newsletter, asking What do you do with the stuff you have left? Would you like to get a tax deduction for it?

Yes, donated items such as furniture, clothing, dishes, household items, bedding, etc. can be used by some of the people we serve.

Have them give us a call. We can find someone to pick it up...and someone who needs it. That’s much better than the landfill.

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