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## 2009 Scouting for Food...

This year's Scouting for Food was held on October 24th 2009. St. Joe's once again played host to all of the Appleton, Neenah and Menasha troops for a one-stop drop off. Over 70 volunteers were on hand to help unload cars, sort food and direct traffic. Thanks to the gentlemen of BRAVO, Bill Krieg, Don Vyvyan, and Bill Losse who grilled over 500 brats and hot dogs, we also served lunch to our hardworking scouts and families. In addition, we had volunteer groups from US Oil, Affinity, Boys & Girls Brigade and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Youth Group.

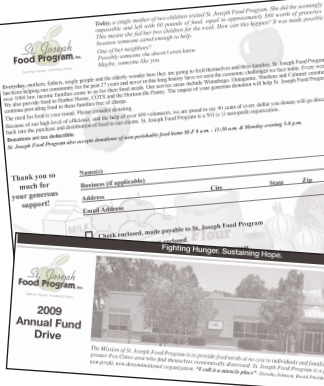
Last year was the first time the scouts used St. Joe's as the one-stop drop off. As a result the boy scouts were able to see the impact of their efforts. Reflecting on this years' event Monica Clare, Director of Operations said, *"We are the areas largest food program and are blessed with this 20,000 square foot facility, so we are able to accommodate a food drive this large. It is amazing to see 60 troops delivering thousands of pounds of food. The sea of totes filled with food bags for all area pantries was quite impressive!"*

Jennifer Allen, District Executive for the Bay-Lakes Council commented *"There is a real sense of community among the troops dropping off all together. We've had a lot of positive feed back."* Scouting for Food is an annual event for the boy scouts and a very important food drive for St. Joe's and all area pantries.



Taking a lunch break.

## Annual Fund Drive Underway...



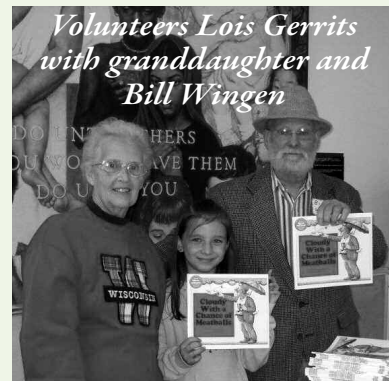
Envelopes have been sent for the 2009 Annual Fund Drive for St. Joseph Food Program, Inc. Money raised from this fund drive will go to purchase food for our clients. With over 1000 families visiting the food program each week, it is necessary to purchase additional food items such as milk, eggs, staples and produce. Our annual milk budget is \$125,000; and we spend about \$100,000 to purchase potatoes, carrots, cabbage, oranges and other seasonal produce. St. Joe's remains committed to the nutritional needs of our clients; therefore purchasing healthy food items is a necessary and expensive part of our food budget. These purchased food items are in addition to the many generous food donations we receive each month. If you have not received an envelope and would like to donate to our annual campaign, please contact St. Joseph Food Program at 734-9472 or visit our website at [www.stjoesfoodprogram.org](http://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org). Thank you in advance for your help!

## Events

### "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

#### A Storybook Series

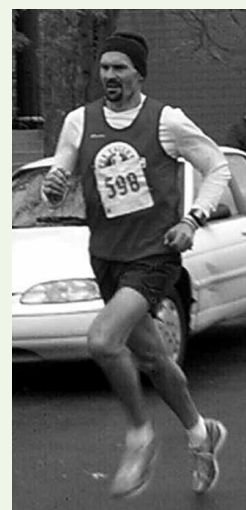
This is the 2nd in what is now being called the Storybook Series event made possible by a \$10,000 grant provided by the JJ Keller Foundation. This past October, 120 families and 210 children took part in this event; all are current clients of the Food Program and the Community Clothes Closet. Using the theme from the popular children's story, each family received a copy of the book, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, in addition to a package of meatballs, pasta and other food items, including a recipe! The Community Clothes Closet distributed sleeping bags and flash lights to each of the 210 children attending the event. *"This was a great follow-up to last year's 'Pigs in a Blanket' theme, where families received hams, blankets and other cold weather gear"* said Mary-Harp Jirschele, Executive Director of the JJ Keller Foundation. *"This is a fun, productive partnership between the food program, the clothes closet and the foundation. We enjoy it as much as the recipients of the food and other gifts!"* We are very grateful to the JJ Keller Foundation for their continued support not only for this program but throughout the year!



Volunteers Lois Gerrits with granddaughter and Bill Wingen

### Pace Setters

This year the Appleton Pace Setters run for St. Joe's hit an all time record with 641 runners and walkers. This was the 16th year for the run. Over 1500 pounds of food was donated. This January 2010 the Pace Setters will present the check to St. Joe's! We appreciate all the time and effort Ned Hughes, race director, and volunteers put into this annual event. Our thanks to the Appleton Pacesetters Running Club and all who participated!



## Volunteers Make the Difference!

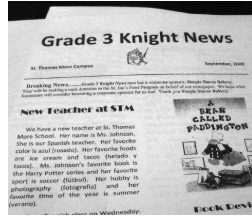
With over 400 dedicated volunteers here at St. Joe's it is difficult to give attention to any one person because they all have an incredible impact on our program. *"Our volunteers work as a team and don't like having special attention on themselves"* said Shari Waldron, Volunteer Coordinator. Therefore, we have decided to feature our Tuesday group of volunteers because of a special in-house food drive they do themselves every Tuesday when they come to work. The Tuesday volunteers bring in at least one canned good each to be donated to St. Joe's. As of November 9th, two years from the start, the Tuesday group has brought in over 4900 lbs. of food...one item at a time. Great job everyone!

### Volunteer Fun Fact...

***Our volunteers donate an average of 55,000 hours a year! Calculated at minimum wage that's approximately a \$357,000 value to our program!***

## Grade 3 Knight News

Mrs. Hyde's 3rd grade class at St. Thomas More is producing a monthly newspaper called Grade 3 Knight News. The paper is filled with everything from book reviews, puzzles, religious education and sports updates. The class is selling this paper for a donation of either food or money that will go directly to us at St. Joseph Food Program! As of November, the paper has collected over \$75 and over six large boxes of food! If you are interested in a subscription or a single edition of this paper, you may contact St. Thomas More for more information!



[www.stjoesfoodprogram.org](http://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org)

Find us on the web for information on volunteering, donating and program events. Check out what St. Joseph Food Program is all about!

## Speakers Bureau

Need a Speaker at your next event, church gathering or community group? St. Joseph Food Program has a Speakers Bureau that will provide a speaker to come and tell the story of St. Joseph Food Program, our mission and our impact on the community. Please contact Karen Ziemke, Development Director at 920/734-9461 or email [karensjfp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karensjfp@sbcglobal.net) or Monica Clare, Director of Operations at [monicasjfp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monicasjfp@sbcglobal.net).

## School and Classroom Visits too...

St. Joseph Food Program has developed a program for students to better understand how our food program works and what our clients experience when attending St. Joe's. Our program includes activities for grades K-12. Call or email for more information.

## 2009 Board of Directors and Staff

Dorothy Johnson	<i>President</i>
Tom O'Hearn	<i>Vice-President / Building and Grounds Committee</i>
Michael Dejno CPA	<i>Treasurer</i>
Doug Sachs	<i>Secretary / Computer Systems</i>
Lou Blasczyk	<i>Marketing Committee</i>
Steve Borden	<i>Marketing Committee / Personnel Committee</i>
Steve Burkhardt	<i>Marketing Committee</i>
Mark Farrell	<i>Deacon</i>
Cheryl Cheslock	<i>Hi-Five Club Director</i>
James Hyde	<i>Marketing Committee</i>
Lo Lee	<i>Hmong-American Partnership</i>

## Conference Room Dedication

This past July, we honored one of our own! While attending a monthly board meeting, Jim Asmuth received the news that our conference room was being dedicated to him and his late wife, Helen. Tom O'Hearn, board member, and Tom Schiltz, program founder, dedicated the **Jim and Helen Asmuth Conference Room** because of the key role Jim played in establishing St. Joseph Food Program over 27 years ago. When Tom Schiltz had the idea for the food program he called on Jim Asmuth to help him establish business contacts for developing the program. "Jim came through with every request!" remarked Tom. "We can't thank him enough for helping to get this program to where it is today!"



Jim Asmuth, front center, with his family, Mary Ellen, Tracy and Pat, and Board Members Tom O'Hearn and Tom Schiltz

Humbled by the honor, Jim said in a letter, "Being associated with the St. Joseph Food Program has been a big and important part of my life. To see the organization grow and become an important addition to the community has been very rewarding?" Attending the dedication were Jim's family - Mary Ellen, Tracy and Pat.

## Need Ideas for Christmas?

Or, you don't need another sweater? Ask for, or give, a gift of a donation made to St. Joseph Food Program instead! A donation made in your name or of someone else, is a gift that makes an impact on the lives of people in our community who would otherwise not have food for their families. We are proud to say that **90 cents** of every dollar donated to St. Joe's goes directly to the purchase and distribution of food! A card will be sent to the person for whom the donation is made. Anniversaries, birthdays and memorials are also great opportunities to donate to St. Joe's.

Tom Schiltz	<i>Program Founder</i>
Dennis Simon	<i>Personnel Committee</i>
William Stilp	<i>Insurance Committee</i>
Jim Asmuth	<i>Emeritus Board Member</i>

### Staff Contacts

Monica Clare	<i>Director of Operations</i>
Lori Seeke	<i>Office Manager</i>
Shari Waldron	<i>Volunteer Coordinator</i>
Bill Wolf	<i>Maintenance Supervisor</i>
Karen Ziemke	<i>Development Director</i>

## Give Us Your Hi-Five...

Five dollars per month is all it takes to be part of our Hi-Five Club. The money raised from your membership goes to purchase food for the program. As of November 2009, the Hi-Five Club has raised over \$715,000.



"Our goal is to get to the one million dollar mark in 2010!"

said Karen Ziemke, Development Director. Cheryl Cheslock has been overseeing the

program for her late husband, Joe. Cheryl has also served as a board member since 1997. "My husband had a vision, he told one friend and from there it's been a miracle." said Cheryl.

Give us your Hi-Five! Sign up on-line or by mail. [www.stjoesfoodprogram.org](http://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org).

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~Cheryl Cheslock

St. Joe's Board of Directors

## Did You Know?

St. Joseph Food Program gives out over 2½ million pounds of food annually, free of charge?! That's the same weight as 301 elephants!

## Grow A Row for St. Joe!

That is just what aspiring Eagle Scout Tom Huxtable did! Tom, 16, of Neenah planted and harvested a 20-by-25 foot garden plot as his Eagle Scout project this past June. Hundreds of pounds of tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini beans and onions were brought into our program throughout the summer. "It's a good feeling to hand in the produce. We've done a lot of planning and it's nice to see the results." said Tom in an interview with the Appleton Post Crescent. St. Joe's spends \$100,000 a year on fresh produce.

Having citizens in our community plant and donate their fresh produce is a tremendous help to our bottom line and it gives our clients much more of a nutritional variety.



Eagle Scout Tom Huxtable and a friend tend to the garden

## New Software Program

With the help of a generous \$50,000 capacity building grant provided by the Community Foundation of the Fox Cities back in 2008, St. Joseph Food Program was able to develop, and has now implemented, a new software program used for our client interviews. The program has been up and running since July and has been well received by our volunteer interviewers and staff. The old program made it difficult to track the household changes many of our client's experience. It will document the individual client history rather than only the family history. The benefit? It is now possible to track an individual who may move from household to household due to divorce, child custody or change in living arrangements for whatever reason. The history of our clients is never lost, even if the individual is removed from a household. The software has the ability to grow with the needs of our food program. It provides the ability to include a list of foods each client may receive when they come to St. Joe's. This new software also provides the capacity for better statistical and demographic reporting.

## Charitable IRA Rollovers

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which was signed into law on October 3, 2008, has extended a charitable giving provision that was originally passed as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Known as the Charitable IRA Rollover, the provision, which will be in effect through 2009, allows individuals age 70 ½ and older who have a traditional or Roth IRA to:

- Make a direct transfer from their IRA to a public charity of up to \$100,000 per year in 2008 and 2009;
- Exclude the Charitable IRA Rollover amount from their taxable income;
- Satisfy their required minimum distribution by making a direct Charitable IRA Rollover; and continue to make deductible gifts to charities up to the percentage limitation in addition to the Charitable IRA Rollover.

If you have questions, ask your financial advisor or call St. Joseph Food Program.