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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3**
Human Race 
- May 10**
Postal Carriers Food Drive 
- June 1 - June 30**
Lamer's Dairy Ice Cream Cone Fundraiser
- July 18**
Kimberly-Clark IT Golf Outing
Mid Vallee Golf Course, De Pere
- August 4**
Charity Golf Outing for Stock the Shelves

To find out more about our upcoming events visit us on our website.



DONATE

directly to St. Joe's by visiting at stjoesfoodprogram.org

Supplementing nutritional needs of the economically distressed within our local community.



DONATION DROP OFF HOURS

Monday-Friday 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday evenings 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The donation door is located on the northeast side of the building. Look for the Donation Drop off sign.

NEW CLIENT IN-TAKE PROGRAM

IT'S ABOUT GETTING A CLEAR AND ACCURATE PICTURE OF NEED IN OUR AREA AND DECREASING THE DUPLICATION OF SERVICES.

St. Joseph Food Program is very excited to announce the use of a new cloud-based client intake system. This program uses the Salesforce.com platform and has been configured by Mike Ryder, a St. Joe's board member and technology specialist from Alta Resources. Because it is cloud-based, the system can be used by food pantries throughout Northeast Wisconsin, creating a more complete look at hunger needs in the area.

St. Joe's will begin using the program in mid-May. We are very excited to take advantage of its powerful searching and reporting capabilities. The ability to draw information from the program and look at statistics and demographics in an unlimited number of combinations is phenomenal. With other pantries also using the same intake process and reporting capabilities, the capacity to see a real and accurate picture of need will be made possible.

After St. Joe's has the program up and running at the Menasha location, we have plans to share the software with the Kaukauna Loaves and Fishes Pantry, Seymour Community Pantry, Hortonville Community Pantry, Paul's Pantry in Green Bay, and others who show an interest. Meanwhile the Oshkosh Community Pantry has been piloting the program for the past two months and is finding the information extremely valuable. Because of the flexibility, simplicity and low cost of the software, other non-profits will also be able to use this product for their client intake process.



"St. Joe's is thrilled to be able to take a leadership role in development and dispersal of this product to pantries in Northeast Wisconsin. The ability to create a clearer picture of the need in this area will make food distribution more efficient and effective. By building this software, we are able to stretch donor resources to meet the need while decreasing duplication of services. The pantries currently on board to utilize this software are anxious to get started. The use of this program is a win-win for everyone."

~ Monica Clare, Executive Director of St. Joe's

GROW A ROW FOR ST. JOE'S!

Calling all gardeners...we need volunteers to get their hands dirty!

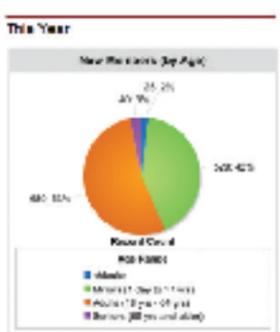
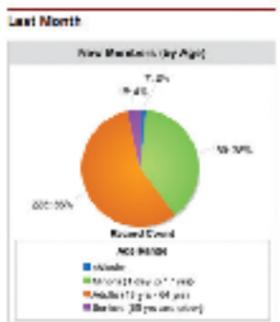
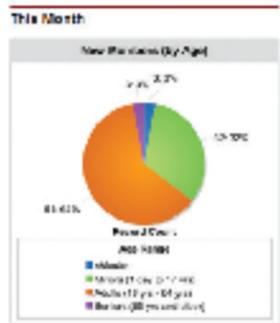
Whether you grow and donate from your own garden or help in one of the gardens that have been established just for St. Joe's... We need your help!

If you can donate 3 hours a week to work in a garden, please call or email, Joe Bellmore, Operations Manager at (920) 734-9461 ext. 311 or jbelle@stjoesfoodprogram.org.



DONATE...SENDING OUT AN SOS

Stock Our Shelves... We are busy stocking our shelves for the summer months. Donations tend to be low during the summer due to many community groups and schools being on break and summer vacations. However, the need still exists and we appreciate your continued support!



THE MYTH OF THE FOOD PANTRY CLIENT

Many myths surround food pantries and those who use them. The fact is there are people who need a helping hand to make ends meet. After monthly expenses, utilities, and medicine, there isn't always enough left to put food on the table. The belief that everyone who comes to a food pantry is on Welfare is a misconception. Many of our clients only use our help to get them through the tough times.

We see people from all walks of life – hard-working people who have to deal with a financial crisis, the elderly who depend on Social Security, the disabled or unemployed and many others in temporary hardships. This year's high fuel costs, both for heating our homes and for our automobiles, has had a negative impact on family budgets that were already strained.

While many people in the Fox Valley may be fortunate enough to have never had to ask for help to feed their family, none of us knows what obstacle may be lurking around the next corner... A car needs repair, a furnace breaks down, or illness occurs; any one of these crises can devastate a family. It happens to someone every day. Seeing someone cry because they just received a free box of food is something that will stay with you; seeing someone cry because they never saw themselves relying on food pantry will haunt you.

Thank **YOU** to our donors and volunteers who help one another through the tough times. How fortunate it is to be able to be the helpers!



"Although I work a full time job it's not enough to feed two growing boys. A simple thank you isn't enough for what's done for me and others you help. Thank you and God Bless."

~A client at SJFP

"Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Food Program. I am in the transition between temporary work to something permanent in Wyoming. Thanks for helping me out in a pinch."

~A client at SJFP

MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Leah Thibodeau
Volunteer Coordinator

After serving in several capacities at a small, local nonprofit organization for 5 years, Leah made her way to St. Joe's in January 2014. As the Volunteer Coordinator, she works alongside the hundreds of volunteers who make what we do at St. Joe's possible. From making sure we have plenty of helping hands to planning fun events and spreading community awareness, Leah is proud to do whatever she can to advance St. Joe's mission. Leah and her husband, Dale, were born and raised in Appleton where they now raise their 3 boys.



David Shrofe
Warehouse Manager

David comes to St. Joe's with over ten years of warehousing and route driving experience. He was familiar with St. Joe's because of food drives at his parish and children's schools. Originally from the Chicago area, David, his wife and their three children enjoy living in the Fox Cities with all the area has to offer.

ST. JOE'S THE "MIRACLE PLACE"

To quote former board member and Appleton Mayor Dorothy Johnson, while we still think of St. Joe's as a "miracle place," food is only here because people either donate it or write a check to buy it. Whether you give of your time, your money or a donation of food, it's the collective action of all of you and this community that makes it possible for St. Joseph Food Program to help others in our community and makes St. Joe's one of the most recognized and respected non-profits in Northeast Wisconsin. Thank you for your kind support throughout the year!

BACK PACK FOOD ASSISTANCE

"Every Friday, the St. Joe's Food Pantry provides bags of food as part of the Back Pack Food Program for some deserving families to several schools in the Menasha Joint School District. Time and time again, as the school social worker at Menasha High School, I hear how excited and grateful students are to receive their weekly bag of food. Weekends can be hard times for those in need because resources are not always available during weekend hours. The Back Pack Food Program has given families the ability to have a few good meals over the weekend so that come Monday, there is one less barrier as students return to school. We appreciate any opportunity to collaborate with organizations like the St. Joe's Food Pantry in order support our families in need."

School Districts currently being assisted by St. Joe's for their programs:

- Appleton
- Black Creek
- Kaukauna
- Menasha
- Neenah
- New London



~Jennifer Keberlein
School Social Worker, Menasha High School

LOCAL VENDOR SPOTLIGHTS

St. Joe's enjoys the support of many local vendors. We serve the local community, and the local community supports us.

BREADSMITH

Six times a week Breadsmith donates trays of their handcrafted bread to St. Joe's. "Our clients appreciate when they receive a loaf of Breadsmith bread," said, Grace Sawyer, a Tuesday volunteer in Bakery.



Breadsmith's philosophy: "At Breadsmith, we are not just another chain store; we are your neighborhood bakery. Breadsmith is focused on being community-based by taking part in local events and causes on a regular basis. We not only sell an affordable luxury, but we also donate our time and products to those who are in need of it. Each location donates day-old bread to shelters and soup kitchens, as well as generous gift certificates and bread orders to assist local fundraisers."

ROUNDY'S

Roundy's Supermarkets, along with Roundy's Foundation and our Cops and Pick'n Save stores, continues to strive to make a difference in the communities we serve. We are strong advocates of investing in our community's future, an investment that has and will continue to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate.



"We have put our advocacy into action by funding valuable organizations that day-in and day-out provide critical services in the areas of hunger relief and family crisis situations. Without these organizations and their response to the needs of the community, a sense of despair would predominate. We remain steadfast in our commitment to these organizations and the energy they bring to improving the quality of life in the community. Although we contribute food and money to our communities, we believe our greatest contribution is hope. That's what drives our mission, that's what makes us advocates, that's what keeps us going."

Bob Mariano
Chairman and CEO, Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc.
Roundy's Foundation President

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM

ASSISTANCE THAT IS FREE AND LOCAL

We know where our food is coming from, the date the food arrives at our door and when this generosity leaves St. Joe's. By knowing our vendors and donors and keeping it local, we can assure good quality control and efficiency of our program.



CHAMP PROGRAM

St. Joe's CHAMP Program has announced their client nutrition classes for remainder of 2014. Class topics, materials and instruction are provided by the nutrition educators from the UW-Extension. Classes are 45 minutes long and are offered free of charge to our clients prior to the hours of distribution. If you find any of these classes of interest and would like to attend, please feel free to call and make a reservation. We would love to have you!

April 22nd
Sugar Sabotage: Stop Drinking Your Calories

May 28th
Smooth Day Ahead! Healthy Breakfast Smoothie Recipes and Tasting

June 26th
Feed Your Bones, Dairy 101: The Importance of Calcium in our Diet

July 25th
Farmers Market: A Healthy Paradise of Nutrition

August 25th
Out to Eat without Missing a Beat: Learn How to Choose Healthy Choices off the Menu

September 23rd
Attack of the Snacks

October 22nd
Enjoying the Colorful Fall Harvest and Falling in Love with Veggies

November 20th
Home for the Healthy Holidays: Don't Let the Upcoming Holiday Celebrations Interfere with Your Healthy Eating Habits.

December 19th
Less is More: How to Use Less Salt and More Spice for More Flavor

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