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2014 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE CAMPAIGN

The Annual campaign for St. Joseph Food Program is underway... Look for your envelope in this edition of the newsletter!

This year's goal is \$360,000. The first \$25,000, (with a max of \$500 per individual donation), will be matched by the J.J. Keller Foundation. This is a wonderful opportunity to maximize your generous support.



A CHANGED LIFE

Poem and artwork by Jennifer Bartels, a grateful client of St. Joseph Food Program.

I can't thank you enough, for all you've done... You've helped me when I didn't have anyone... I don't have much to give, so I hope this painting will be... A remembrance of a life you've changed for me... Once again I thank you, everyone who gave your time When we may not have had a dime... Little becomes much in the hands of the Lord... Little blesses much to us who can't afford... May God bless you all forever; bless you as you go... What you give to others will come back to you, you know.

We appreciate Jennifer for allowing us to share her poem and artwork with you.

PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATION, ALLIANCE...

al·li·ance *noun* \ə-ˈlī-ən(t)s\

An alliance is a pact, coalition or friendship between two or more parties, made in order to advance common goals and to secure common interests.

In order for St. Joseph Food Program to meet the program's mission of supplementing the nutritional needs of the economically distressed within our local communities, we need to reach out to individuals with food needs that would not be addressed with normal food pantry operations. This operation consists of two primary components:

Agency & Meal Sites: This program provides nutrition for individuals at agencies such as COTS, Harbor House, Warming Shelter, etc. In addition, support is provided for meal sites such as Loaves & Fishes Appleton, Thompson Community, and Sunday Suppers. 776 individuals are served each week.

Backpack Program: This program provides food to school age children who have been identified by school counselors to have limited or no nutrition available to them on weekends during the school year. Currently 23-schools are participating in this program, serving 359 students each week during the school year.

"St. Joseph Food Pantry has been the most wonderful sponsor for our program. I really appreciate the generosity of the pantry. Because of this opportunity many children will be able to eat over the weekend. Thank you so much for the support!"

*~ Rebecca Jackson,
Coordinator/Founder of Food for Thought*

"The association with St. Joseph Food Program has been a huge help. The milk, vegetables, fruit and additional other food have been a great assistance to the many families in need that come to the Seymour Food Pantry. Thank you so much."

~ The Seymour Food Pantry

CHAMP UPDATE

In 2010 St. Joseph Food Program implemented our CHAMP Program. **CHAMP** (Community, Health, Activity, Motivation, Prevention) is St. Joe's nutrition program designed to encourage our clients to live more healthfully in all areas of their lives. St. Joe's efforts focus on food, and with your generous monetary donations we strive to provide the **healthiest choices** possible for those who come to us for assistance. In addition, we collaborate with other organizations that help us bring **healthy solutions** to our clients in other areas of their lives.



Some of our **CHAMP partners** include:

UWGB Dietetic Interns – several times each year we oversee interns from the UWGB to work on our monthly CHAMP recipes and nutritional information, create info graphics for our lobby monitor, assist with nutrition ideas and offer one-on-one nutrition information to clients.

Riverview Gardens – St. Joe's and Riverview Gardens collaborate on a number of projects. These include composting, cooking classes, food sharing, garden plant assistance, and sharing of resources such as our refrigerated truck.

UW Extension – The UW Extension is a great resource for St. Joe's. They work directly with our clients sharing nutritional information and also teaching monthly nutrition classes. Next year we plan to expand our nutrition classes to include healthy cooking.

Tri County Community Dental Clinic – St. Joe's offers our clients authorizations to benefit from TCCDC services. In addition, several times each year, the dental bus comes to St. Joe's to work with children and adults in providing essential dental care.

Neenah Public Library – this summer the children's department at the library came to St. Joe's to offer story time for children as they waited with parents to be served. In an effort to encourage reading, especially in younger children, the library provided a "Take a Book, Bring a Book" shelf with reading materials for all ages.



EVENT UPDATES

Kimberly-Clark IT Department Charity Golf Event was a huge success! This year's event brought in over \$134,000 dollars with each of the benefiting charities of St. Joe's, The Volunteer Center and Rawhide receiving \$44,700 apiece.

Chapter of Credit Unions Golf Event: \$30,000 match for Stock the Shelves

Human Race: \$22,000

Lamers Ice Cream Cone Sale: \$4,000

A big thank you to the committees, sponsors and vendors who came out to support these events!

HELPING INDIVIDUALS OUT OF POVERTY THROUGH SELF-RELIANCE

St. Joseph Food Program recently became a worksite for Forward Service Corporation which helps individuals meet the requirements for the W2, FSET or Children's First programs. This means that we will be considered a site where people can gain job skills or build references while they search for work. This has the potential to bring us additional volunteers while demonstrating that St. Joe's is genuinely interested in helping people overcome their present circumstances.

We currently have 29 vacancies for which we are recruiting via the Helping Hands section in the Post-Crescent and through local schools and colleges. If you have access to promotional space in which we could advertise our need for weekly volunteers, please contact Leah Thibodeau, Volunteer Coordinator at (920) 734-9461 ext. 302. And please consider the people in your circle who might make great volunteers.

WELCOME TO ST. JOE'S

FARM TO FORK!



SanDee Feller
Business Manager

SanDee brings 14 years of accounting and bookkeeping experience to St. Joe's. SanDee will take an active part on the Finance Committee.



Jeff Schweitzer
Board of Directors

Jeff is no stranger to St. Joe's... he's been driving the trucks every Saturday for the past 15 years. Jeff works for Community First Credit Union.

In addition to the board position he will continue to drive the truck for St. Joe's and will serve on the Operations Committee.

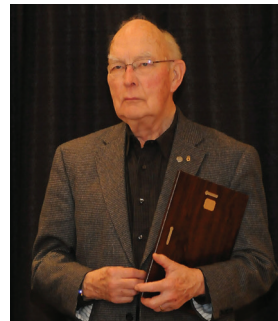
The farm to fork trend is changing the way we eat in America; locally grown produce is not only supplying hospitals, schools, restaurants and grocery stores but it supplies



St. Joe's as well...that's what our Grow a Row for St. Joe's program is all about. From the inception of our program 32 years ago, we have been busy cultivating relationships with local farmers, individuals, schools and churches to donate fresh produce. These donations provide our client families with a broad spectrum of nutrition. We provide recipes at the point of distribution to help families use the fresh produce in a variety of recipes...*from your farm to their fork* your donations provide needed nutrition.

HAT'S OFF TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

St. Joe's is blessed with a wonderful volunteer base! We honored our volunteers last spring at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This year special honors were given to **Tom O'Hearn** (*pictured to the right*) who received the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. Tom has served in many capacities for St. Joe's and continues as an active Board member holding the office of Vice President. Tom serves on the Operations and Building & Grounds committees and volunteers weekly as an interviewer.

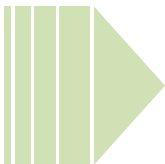


VOLUNTEER!

The evidence is clear. We are doing great things at St. Joe's! But one thing that might not be reflected in all the data is the community that has been built here over the past 32 years and continues with each new volunteer.

Every week about 300 people gather at St. Joe's to give of their most important asset – their time. It is truly amazing to see how bonds are formed and we become like family.

Creating opportunities like this build stronger individuals and stronger communities. The reasons to volunteer are many, but here's what a few people recently said about why they volunteer at St. Joe's:



*"It restores my faith in our community, as well as the generosity of local businesses."
"I am blessed and want to give back now that I have the time."
"To pay back all the help given to my family."
"It's fun and it will look good on my resume. I love the people here!"*

If you'd like to join our family of volunteers, please complete the volunteer application found at www.stjoesfoodprogram.org/volunteer-application. Feel free to contact **Leah Thibodeau, Volunteer Coordinator**, with any questions at (920) 734-9461 ext. 302 or lthibodeau@stjoesfoodprogram.org.

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Annual Giving Issue!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid-October through December 31

Annual Fund Drive

(See the enclosed envelope)

November 25

Look for St. Joe's in the

44th Annual Downtown
Appleton Christmas Parade and
Santa Scamper sponsored by
Wells Fargo

*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.*