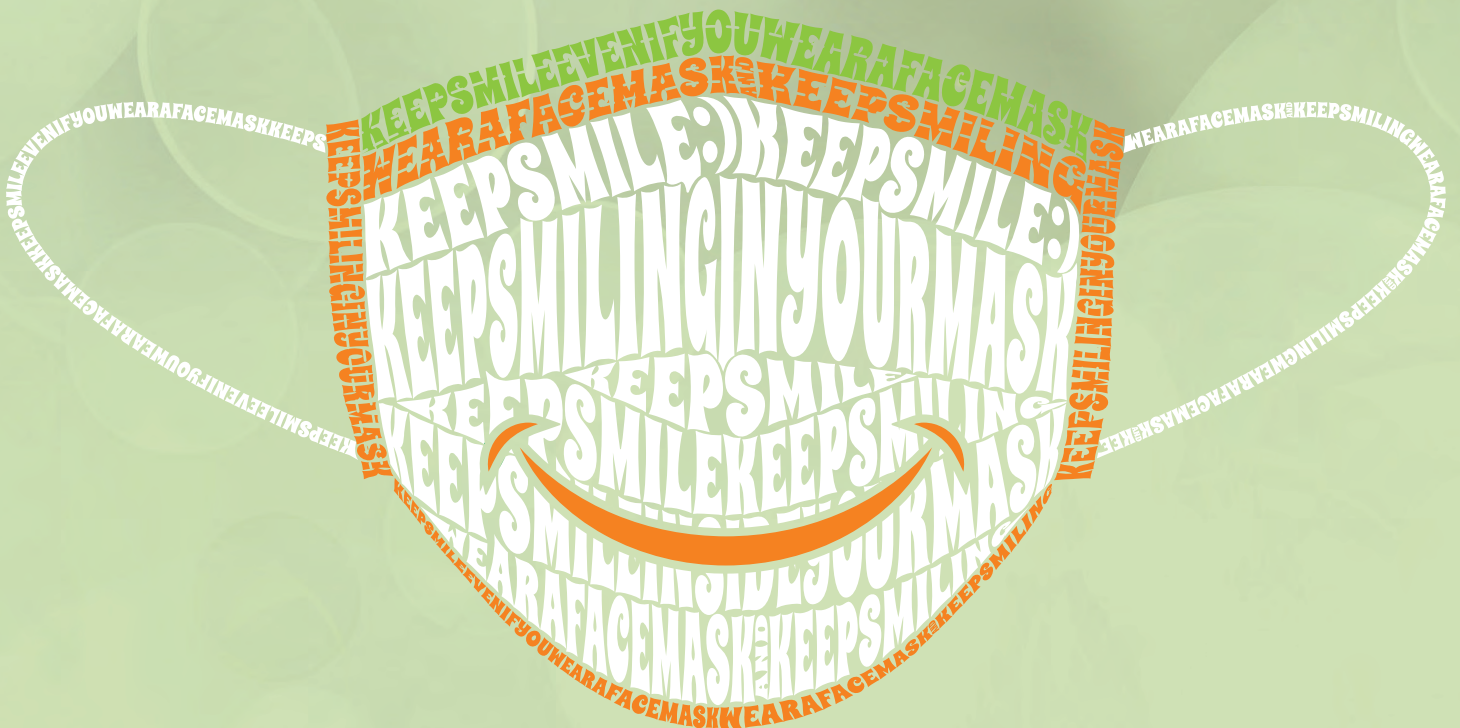


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The Face of Change

Read about how St. Joe's continues to provide for the community during these uncertain times.



Fighting Hunger. Sustaining Hope.

Message from the Director



By the time you are reading this message, we will have survived 8 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, much civil unrest, and an important political election. The year 2020 has been a year of adjustment and change for everyone!

This year has also been a year of change and adjustment at St. Joseph Food Program. In March, when the Stay at Home order was announced, we immediately transitioned to our emergency curbside plan for distribution and implemented a delivery program for those unable to come to St. Joe's. We are happy to say that, with the help of community partners and supporters, we have been able to ensure client families will have the nutrition they require. Without missing a beat, volunteers, staff, and donors came together to guarantee that our neighbors in need can access food for their families.

Our vision stretches to the future. St. Joe's has planned for a long-term response to the pandemic. Plans are under way for changes to our building that will make it safe for our volunteers to serve families year-round. These changes will be useful to our outreach organizations, backpack food assistance program, and delivery drivers even when our clients are back inside our building. We are excited to be able to move forward in an ever-changing environment, looking to the future in anticipation of better days ahead.

Monica Clare
Executive Director

THE FACE OF CHANGE

Since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have been bombarded with information from news sources, social media, friends and family. It seems new information comes daily and at times we wonder what to believe.



Jeff Ellis

It is important for everyone to know that during all this uncertainty and change, St. Joe's will continue to be here for our community. The process may look different and only half of our faces are showing, but the work of our staff and volunteers remains the same. Prior to COVID-19, guests were welcomed into our building and the service model was face-to-face. Just as every other business and agency has had to make changes, so has St. Joe's.

St. Joseph Food Program has the health and safety of everyone as the top priority. We now follow a curbside pick-up model rather than face-to-face and masks are required for all. Guests receive a call from a volunteer to complete the interview process over the phone. They drive up to the building, check-in from inside their vehicles, and food is loaded into the back of the vehicles by volunteers. This allows for fewer people in the building as well as for social distancing to keep guests, volunteers and staff safe. In addition to the curb side pick-up, St. Joe's also has a delivery program for those individuals with health concerns or challenges to transportation.

We are eager to get back to our face-to-face experience at St. Joe's, and we fully expect to do so. Until then, the Fox Cities and St. Joe's will rise to the occasion and serve those in need. It is indeed one thing that you can truly believe!



Curbside pick up model



Darci Minorik



Gaye Tassoul and Kenda Nemeth

ST. JOE'S WISH LIST

- Meal Mix (Hamburger Helper)
- Jelly/Jam
- Soup
- Cereal
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Egg Cartons
- Copy Paper
- Forever Postage Stamps

View a full item list at stjoesfoodprogram.org

YOUR AMAZING

IMPACT

Only 6 months after moving to the Fox Valley, Earl found himself facing a devastating cancer diagnosis. With no family support and little income, he came to St. Joe's for help. "My diet requires large quantities of fresh vegetables, fruit, lean meats and chicken. I eat 4-6 times daily and make fresh juice to stay healthy and sustain a quality life. Thanks to St. Joseph Food Program, I can afford to do this."

Mr. West is a participant of the newly developed Delivery Program. Recipients call in each week to request delivery and volunteers bring the food directly to their doorstep. "Having only moved here 15 months ago, no family or friends, this is a huge blessing. In all my life I have not found this high quality of love and care from people in my 66 years of life and travel. Thank you from a poor, broke man, but not broken."

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Earl
St. Joe's
Delivery Program Client



Help Us Stock Our Shelves This Holiday Season!

We need your help ... especially during these trying times.

Churches and community programs typically provide a significant amount of food items on a regular basis. Unfortunately, many are currently unable to meet in person. We rely heavily on their food donations.

Consider hosting a Food or Fund Drive for St. Joe's this holiday season! Every little bit helps to make a big difference for those in need.

If you need assistance with your Food or Fund Drive, contact:

Scott Scheffe at (920) 734-9461 ext. 311, Kendra Schmidt at (920) 734-9461 ext. 308 or visit www.stjoesfoodprogram.org.

ST. JOE'S Legacy Circle

One of the most meaningful and impactful ways you can give is by naming St. Joseph Food Program in your will or estate plan. Planned giving enables you to leave a legacy in our community, while ensuring the future of St. Joe's for generations to come. Please contact your financial advisor or estate attorney for more information. If you have already named St. Joe's in your will or estate plan-thank you! You may remain anonymous if you wish, but we'd like to express our appreciation personally! You can also make your IRA charitable!

New! Donation Tax Information

As of March 27, 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act and included a provision for nonprofits. The law allows annual charitable deductions for up to \$300 per taxpayer who take a standard deduction, and deductions up to 100% of 2020 adjusted gross income for taxpayers that itemize. Learn more at stjoesfoodprogram.org/donate.

27th Annual Virtual St. Joe's 5K: Outpacing Hunger

For the 27th year in a row, the Appleton based Pacesetters Running Club hosted the 5k to raise funds for the St. Joseph Food Program. Unlike years past, this race was completed virtually. Participants were encouraged to complete the 3.1 miles by walking, running or biking on their own in order to provide the safest event possible. Participants received goodie bags, medals, and shirts to mark the special race and were asked to share their times and photos on the event's Facebook page. The event raised nearly \$4,000 and more than 200lbs of food was donated. St. Joe's is incredibly grateful for all the hard work in putting this event together and for all the participants who helped to Stomp Out Hunger at this year's St. Joe's 5k! See you next year at the Start Line!



*Pictured from bottom left to top right:
Monica and Steve Clare; Ellen Kunz in memory of
her husband Tuffer; Kristen Biese; Amy and Linda
Draheim; Becky Duel and running buddy Rex.*



New Faces at St. Joe's



St. Joe's is happy to welcome **Traci Junkins** as the Program Coordinator. Traci has been with St. Joe's since January and has been a wonderful addition to the team. Her vital role on the team includes managing the home delivery program, CHAMP Nutrition Program, and other educational opportunities for guests. *"I really like being a part of a great team where the focus is on service to others. This is especially true with all the changes Covid-19 brought. I am so proud to be a part of St. Joe's!"*

St. Joe's would like to introduce **Kendra Schmidt** as the Director of Marketing and Development. Kendra comes to St. Joe's with 10 years of social work experience in Milwaukee and the Fox Cities as well as 7 years of experience owning her own business. Her strong desire to make a difference in our community along with her dedicated work experience has led her to St. Joe's. *"The staff and volunteers have been so welcoming to me. I look forward to many years doing my part to help fight hunger in our community."*



Photo courtesy of simplywhisked.com

CHAMP Meal



Simple Cincinnati Chili

Ingredients

- (1) 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 package chili seasoning
- (1) 15 oz. can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 8 oz. (about 4 cups) cooked spaghetti
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
- **PlusOne** onions, diced

Instructions

1. Cook ground beef in large saucepan until no longer pink; drain.
2. Add chili seasoning, beans and tomato sauce.
3. Add water to bring to correct consistency.
4. Bring to a boil.
5. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.
6. Serve over spaghetti, top with onions and cheese.

St. Joe's would like to extend a very special **Thank You to Karen Ziemke** for her 12 years of service as the Director of Marketing and Development. Karen worked tirelessly to obtain funding and to raise awareness of the work St. Joe's and its supporters have accomplished towards ending hunger in the Fox Valley. The Grow a Row for St. Joe's! Program was just one of Karen's wonderful ideas. Her cheerful spirit, dedication to guests and volunteers, fun and creativity are sorely missed. Thank you, Karen, for all your amazing work!

THANK YOU!

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