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40th Anniversary Edition



*Wow! What if I was one of
those 400 people (who were
laid off). What would I do?
How would I feed my family?*

TOM SCHILTZ
FOUNDER OF ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM



Celebrating
40 years of service.



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Message from the Director



I am very excited to share with you, our stakeholders, this **40th Anniversary edition** of our St. Joseph Food Program newsletter. From 1982 to 2022, we've had the privilege of partnering with you in service

to residents of the Fox Valley region. Together, we have been "Fighting Hunger. Sustaining Hope." as we "Supplement nutritional needs, free of charge, for the economically distressed within our local communities."

In this issue, you'll find information on programs, current statistics, successes, and challenges. You'll see how one man's idea has been transformed into a community nonprofit that distributes an average of 3,000,000 pounds of food annually to our neighbors suffering food insecurity.

The need for food is great and continues to expand. One example you will read about is the Backpack Food Assistance Program. As we work to meet the growing demand for services, we express our deep gratitude to all who support our programs during this time of high inflation. The individuals, families, and school children who benefit from your generosity express weekly to us the difference you are making.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against hunger. We depend on your support now more than ever. **We couldn't do it without YOU!!**

Monica Clare

Monica Clare
Executive Director

On the Cover

Tom Schiltz is a man who didn't just have an idea. He had an idea and acted on it!

In 1982, while going to Bible study, Father Bill, who led the study always asked his students, "How do we bring Christ back to the Fox River Valley?"

After Bible study, Tom was taking work to Green Bay pondering on what he had learned. When he got in the car, the radio was turned on and the news announced that Miller Electric was laying off 400 people. Tom thought to himself, "What would I do if that was me. I would need help."

"I didn't wake up in the morning and decide to start a food program. It was a response to something the Lord put in front of me." Tom put his business into the hands of capable employees and went to work on his idea. For five months he talked to businesses, churches, and individuals about supporting a food pantry in the Fox Valley and the rest is history!!



Message from Peggy Lynch

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Volunteers have been the heart of St. Joe's Food Program for forty years, giving of their time and talents to further the mission of fighting hunger and sustaining hope. Three hundred active volunteers have welcomed more than 50 new volunteers in 2022. Each day the mission is given a smiling face, helping hands, and loving hearts as each volunteer strives toward ensuring every guest is treated with the respect that comes from the loving kindness of sacrificial giving.

We thank our donors for empowering each volunteer to continue the legacy of the past 40 years.

One of our dear volunteers stated, "She (my mother) was a member of St Joe's parish for 70 years, and I know she would be so happy to see the wonderful impact you have on the community. I am honored and humbled to be a tiny part of that. Proverbs says that he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. How true! I am uplifted every week. It truly is a joy to be a part of this organization.

Thank you again for the recognition and appreciation that you continually show us, and for all the good that you are doing on a daily basis in this community."

We are growing and are welcoming new volunteers to support our mission. There are many roles with a variety of ways to make a difference. **To learn more about volunteer opportunities, go to stjoesfoodprogram.org/volunteer or call (920) 734-9461 x313.**



Message from Scott Schefe

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

St. Joseph Food Program has been providing supplemental food to people in our community for 40 years. Our Grow-A-Row for St. Joe's program has been a huge blessing for our guests. Last year alone we received over 33,000 pounds of fresh, locally grown produce. This year we are on pace to receive even more. Not only are our clients receiving fresh nutritional fruits and vegetables from gardens throughout our community, they are doing so without concern of supply chain issues. Growing local has taken on a much more important role in the current world landscape and we are grateful to all who Grow-a-Row for St. Joe's!

After 40 years of serving the community, St. Joe's has never seen supply chain challenges like we have experienced in the last 2+ years. What began as a toilet paper shortage has morphed into a full-blown supply chain crisis and St. Joe's has felt the effects.

In recent years, items could be ordered by the pallet from multiple suppliers throughout the country and could arrive within 5-7 days, no matter the size of the order. Currently, ordering by pallet can take upwards of 6-8 weeks before we receive items. However, if we order an entire semi load of items, it will arrive within 5 days. This is the supply chain issue we currently



face – a continued struggle to procure items in large quantities, along with a depleted trucking fleet that has to maximize every load they move, making individual small loads almost obsolete. But with proper forethought and help from the community through food drives and other special initiatives St. Joe's has been able to maintain just enough of a supply to continue our mission each week. Shockingly our warehouse is currently at less than 10% capacity.

Our outreach partners say, "A lot of people may not realize how much St. Joe's helps other agencies. Your donation at St. Joe's has a ripple effect throughout this entire community. I don't know what we would do without St. Joe's."

Consider supporting St. Joseph Food Program today! We welcome individuals, church groups, sports clubs, retirees, youth groups, scout groups – just to name a few – **to host a Grow-A-Row garden or a food drive.**

To learn more about hosting a food drive or being part of Grow a Row, go to stjoesfoodprogram.org.

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