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OUR WISCONSIN HERO...



Tom Schiltz
Founder of St. Joseph
Food Program

Tom Schiltz was surprised when Wisconsin's first lady Tonette Walker presented him with the Wisconsin Heroes Award this past January. As the founder of St. Joseph Food Program, the Governor's Office recognized the wonderful contribution Tom has made to the Fox Valley community. Tom is a hero to the thousands of individuals who have walked through the doors of St. Joe's. Thirty one years ago, Tom believed in the good of his fellow man. For his efforts to pull our community together to help neighbors in need, Tom Schiltz is the recipient of the January 2013 Wisconsin Heroes Award. Modest about this recognition Tom is quick to recognize the communities' dedication to assist its own residents through acts of generosity and commitment.



GROW A ROW FOR ST. JOE'S

PLANT, GROW, HARVEST AND DONATE TO ST. JOE'S!

During World War II they were called "Victory Gardens". Citizens were encouraged to plant these gardens to provide their own fruits and vegetables. Nearly 20 million Americans answered the call. They planted gardens in backyards, empty lots and even city rooftops. Neighbors pooled their resources, planted different kinds of foods and formed cooperatives, all in the name of patriotism.

The result of victory gardening? The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that more than 20 million victory gardens were planted. Fruit and vegetables harvested in these home and community plots was estimated to be 9-10 million tons, an amount equal to all commercial production of fresh vegetables. The program made a difference. **And YOU can make a difference too** by growing and donating fresh produce to St. Joe's. Eating healthy can be expensive. By donating fresh produce from your garden, you will be helping families of our program have healthier food options.

Just like the Victory Garden, Grow a Row for St. Joe's is a way for individuals in this community to do their part on the home front. The process of nurturing a garden and donating the fruits of your effort is a great way for families and young people to get involved and be a part of the effort! **Dig in and Grow a Row for St. Joe's!**



Grow a Row For St. Joe's DISCOUNT CARD

I Grow a Row for St. Joe's!



I _____
Pledge to donate produce from my garden to St. Joseph Food Program
to help provide nutritional food options to families who need assistance.

To help your garden grow, Schmaltz Landscaping is offering a buy one vegetable or herb plant at full price and get one of equal or less value free. Anyone who commits to Grow a Row for St. Joe's will need to show their pledge card before receiving the discount. Pledge cards are available at St. Joseph Food Program, call or stop in; or at Schmaltz Landscaping & Garden Center.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PLANTING TIPS
WWW.HELPFULGARDENER.COM

ICE CREAM! ICE CREAM! WE ALL SCREAM...FOR LAMERS ICE CREAM CONES

Despite the chilly spring weather, summer will be here before we know it. Summer brings June Dairy month and **Lamers Dairy's annual ice cream cone promotion to benefit St. Joseph's Food Program**. Delicious soft serve cones will be specially priced at 50¢ all month long with 25¢ from each cone going to St. Joe's! Last year Lamers donated over \$4,000! Lamers Dairy is celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary in 2013. Join us in congratulating Lamers Dairy by visiting the store and purchasing an ice cream cone for St. Joe's!



IN MEMORY OF...



Jim Asmuth, co-founder of St. Joseph Food Program, passed away this past January. Jim played a significant role in establishing St. Joe's over 31 years ago. "I believe that without Jim, the program might have ceased, or at least would not have become the program it is today," said Tom Schiltz founder of St. Joseph Food Program, Inc. Tom described one of his last visits with Jim before he passed away. "He told me that the program was exactly what he was looking for in his retirement at that time. As I worked with Jim over the years, I found out what a super great person he was. I can't find words to adequately describe the admiration and love I have for that beautiful human being. To say I miss him would be a tremendous understatement." ~ *Tom Schiltz*

PRIZE REQUEST

St. Joe's is fortunate to be benefiting from several golf outings this summer. If you would like to donate a raffle, door or silent auction item for any one of these outings please contact Karen Ziemke, Development Director at (920) 734-9461 ext. 308 or email, kziemke@stjoesfoodprogram.org. Gift cards, sports items, tickets to concerts, sporting events or theater are great prize items!

Thank you for helping to make these events a success for St. Joe's!

FOOD FOR FREEDOM... A WORLD RECORD EVENT

Food for Freedom is a world record food drive taking place this Memorial Day weekend, May 25-26 at Fond du lac High School. This event will attempt to break the world record for the largest food drive in twenty-four hours at a single location. The current record is 559,885 pounds of food! All of the food collected will be distributed to six area food pantries that **include St. Joe's!** For more information on Food for Freedom, visit their website at www.foodforfreedom.org.

Be part of this world record event... St. Joe's is currently taking food donations for the event that will be weighed and included this great food drive event. Please consider donating either by way of a food donation or money that Food For Freedom will use to purchase food so that the world record can be achieved.



25-YEAR VOLUNTEER ANNIVERSARIES

St. Joseph Food Program is fortunate to have dedicated, long term volunteers. Nothing says dedication like 25 years! We are humbled by the commitment and generous gift of time all of our volunteers give to our program. Without this dedication we could not provide the high level of service we do today.

Congratulations!

Mike and Mary Gage

"Mary and I became involved simply because we knew Tom Schiltz as a friend. He was a great example of someone driven by faith to work at sharing our collective abundance more justly. And it was fun driving the truck around, getting to know our co-workers better and feeling like we were part of a community that cared. Each of our children and some of our friends have also worked on the truck. It's an activity we all enjoy. Together, we have been inspired to see the many volunteer hands that make this organization work so well as well as the generosity of all the donors."

~ *Mike and Mary Gage*

Bob and Jean Swayne

Bob and his wife Jean started volunteering for St. Joe's while Bob was working for AAL. Once he retired in 1988, Bob and Jean both continued volunteering. Bob has worn many hats at St. Joe's but has run the scale for the past 15 years. "This was a call from God to serve him by serving others. Food is a blessing that God put on this Earth for all to receive."

~ *Bob and Jean Swayne*

Andi Miller

Starting in the basement of St. Joe's parish, Andi Miller has seen a lot of changes and growth over the years at St. Joe's. Andi has made many friends and enjoys the camaraderie of working with people who come each week and share a smile or a kind word to the families who come to St. Joe's for their food needs. Andi has primarily worked in produce.

Gene Beauchaine

Gene started 25 years ago as a driver on the Tuesday North truck. When the staff and board discovered that he was also a truck expert, they were thrilled to be able to turn over the vehicle maintenance to him. Gene makes sure our vehicles receive regular maintenance, does small repairs, and has been involved in the purchase of every truck the Program has purchased in the last 25 years. In 2007 Gene stopped driving the truck for St. Joe's so that he could take care of his wife and best friend, Elizabeth (Betty) at home. Since Betty's death in April 2010, Gene has continued his efforts in keeping our trucks on the road.

LOCAL VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

St. Joe's enjoys the support of many local vendors. We serve the local community, and the local community supports us. This edition spotlights **Festival Foods**.



Festival Foods operates 17 grocery stores throughout Wisconsin. Their high standards and servant-leadership culture set them apart from many other businesses. "We are not simply selling groceries; we are on a mission to positively impact the lives of those we come in contact with every day. Our vision statement sums it up" said Mark Skogen, President and CEO of Festival Foods:

"Festival Foods will be Wisconsin's leading and most innovation grocer. We will consistently deliver the best shopping experience, be the best place to work, and make a positive impact in the communities we serve."

Festival Foods commitment to the community is reflected through their generous charitable giving and fundraising programs, such as Food For Neighbors, which has raised \$750,000 for local food pantries including St. Joe's. Festival Foods is committed to exemplifying ethical standards by serving their associates, business partners and communities, and enriching the lives of the people and places where we live and work.

Next Fall's Featured Business – **WOODMAN'S FOOD MARKET**

MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!



Betsy Wojcik
Volunteer Coordinator

Betsy is a native to Wisconsin. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.A. in International Studies, Betsy became a park ranger for the National Park Service and worked at both Guadalupe Mountains National Park and Olympic National Park. Betsy and her husband happily moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family and now live in Winchester on 7 acres and hope to get chickens in the spring. Betsy started out as a volunteer for St. Joe's and is now our Volunteer Coordinator. Betsy enjoys reading, baking, biking, and hanging out with her dog, Kolby.

REFRIGERATED TRUCK



Because of the generosity of a \$10,000 grant from the Grainger Foundation and an anonymous \$25,000 donation, St. Joseph Food Program now has a refrigerated truck. This truck is a tremendous donation to the program and will create many opportunities for additional donations that otherwise could not be utilized.

RESULTS FROM 2012 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Our 2012 annual fund drive **raised \$331,575**. This money goes directly to the food needs of our client families. Milk, eggs, fresh produce and staple items occupy our food budget. Thank you for your donation and continued support. Most importantly, thank you for providing hope to so many families who rely on St. Joe's for their food needs!.



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NON-PROFIT
US POSTAGE
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PERMIT NO. 63

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11
Postal Carriers Food Drive

May 25-26
Food for Freedom
Food Drive
Fond du lac High School
www.foodforfreedom.org

July 19
Kimberly-Clark IT Golf Outing
Mid Vallee Golf Course, De Pere

July 29
Charity Golf Outing
Fox Cities Chapter of Credit Unions
Butte Des Morts Country Club, Appleton
Visit www.stjoesfoodprogram.org to sign up to play, sponsor
and support the Golf Outing! Benefits the *The Post-Crescent Do It!*
Stock the Shelves program.

August 10
Pierce Manufacturing
Turf Digger Golf Classic
Eagle Creek Golf Club, Appleton



DONATE

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

The St. Joseph Food Program is a private, non-profit, non-denominational, Christian based organization created to provide food needs at no cost to those individuals and families in the greater Fox Cities area who find themselves economically distressed.



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 North side of the building. Look for the Donation Drop off sign.