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**THE MISSION OF OUR DAILY BREAD IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE POOR AND NEEDY OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE CONTEXT OF COMPASSION AND AFFIRMATION OF THEIR HUMAN WORTH AS CHILDREN OF GOD. WE ACHIEVE THIS BY PROVIDING A DAILY SOUP KITCHEN AND FOOD PANTRY.**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive. We strive to be good stewards of your generosity. We have limited space in our newsletter to acknowledge the gifts we receive so we do send thank you notes to each donor. Our base support is from churches, individuals, community groups, businesses, estates, trusts, schools, and county government.

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**KITCHEN HOURS**  
6:30am - Noon  
**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Mon & Fri 9 - 11am

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*Humble stewards of other people's generosity and grateful courier of a stranger's kindness*

**"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME A DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME." MATTHEW 25:35**

If Our Daily Bread was to have a second mission statement this would be it! This is what we're all about!

I hope everyone's Christmas was wonderful and that your New Year has started well.

As Our Daily Bread entered the last two months of 2023, the Board of Directors was becoming extremely concerned that we were going to have a budget shortfall. Thankfully, due to the generosity of so many, we ended up on the positive side of the ledger. We are so grateful to the Churches, Foundations, Individuals and Civic Groups who pitched in to make it happen.

Reflecting on 2023, the Board of Directors is filled with gratitude for the incredible job our Staff has done and continues to do every day. Their contributions are seconded only by our Volunteers who donated a total of 15,900 hours in 2023. Amazing!!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Noon to Noon  
April 9-10, 2024



Every two years, The Community Foundation of Sarasota and the Patterson Foundation collaborate to benefit the many non-profit organizations in our community with The Giving Challenge. **DONATIONS UP TO \$100.00 MADE DURING THE CHALLENGE WILL BE MATCHED**

Our Daily Bread has participated in the 2020 and 2022 challenges which has helped us tremendously to the tune of \$28,000 and \$24,000 respectively.

**PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING – THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

May God Bless you all in this New Year,  
**MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN**

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## COACHES NOTES

Included are our year end reports on meals served and Loaves and Fishes report on clients served. The meal count has been about the same for the last several years, good news there are less people finding themselves without shelter living on the streets. More people are shopping at Loaves and Fishes this year. The count is up from 9,412 clients last year to 13,351 in 2023, a 45% increase. We are staying open longer (past 11:00am.) so everyone can shop for what they need.

Also is attached our budget for this year 2024 and last year. Most of the increases are in payroll expenses, we have been increasing the rate of pay over the last several years to get up to the \$15.00 an hour minimum wage requirement. The other large increase was in food purchases for Loaves and Fishes. Most of the food we use comes from our pick-ups from local grocery stores, Feeding Tampa Bay and food drives, but we had to purchase items like jams and canned meats.

Thank you for your Time and Talent  
Thank you for your Financial Support  
Thank you for remembering us in your Prayers!

**BOB EIKILL**

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

INCOME	2024	2023
Churches	60,000.00	60,000.00
Civic & Corp	24,000.00	24,000.00
Individuals	195,600.00	154,800.00
Interest and dividends	30,000.00	36,000.00
Manatee County grant		
Rentals & Parking	16,800.00	15,996.00
Trust & Foundations	96,000.00	114,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$422,400.00</b>	<b>\$404,796.00</b>

**NET \$360.00**

## "SEVEN DAYS OF CHRISTMAS"

For the last 10 years we have been celebrating the Christmas season by having gifts available.

**The schedule this year was:**

**Monday** – Blankets from 5520 Building

**Tuesday** – Tee-Shirts from 5520 Building

**Wednesday** – Sweatshirts

**Thursday** – Undergarments and Socks

**Friday** – Toiletries Bags and Fruit

**Saturday** – Kids Toys from Christ Church of Longboat Key

**Sunday** – Hats and Gloves from Manson Roofing

During the week we had over 200 clients each day, members of the board and volunteers did the passing out of the items. We had sponsors for a couple of days and are looking for more support this year. The totals of what we passed out are, sweatshirts and tee-shirts 2000, undergarments and socks 900, toiletries bags 1900. Please call me if you would like to participate this upcoming Christmas Giveaway season.

Thanking you in advance,

**BOB EIKILL**

EXPENSE	2024	2023
Food - kitchen	12,000.00	6,000.00
Government Fees	600.00	600.00
Insurance	12,000.00	9,600.00
Kitchen supplies & services	18,000.00	18,000.00
Labor - cash pay	2,400.00	2,400.00
<b>LOAVES &amp; FISHES</b>		
Food purchase	18,000.00	7,200.00
Occupancy	5,400.00	4,800.00
Payroll expense	48,000.00	48,000.00
Supplies	3,600.00	2,400.00
<b>Total Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$62,400.00</b>
Maintenance & Repairs	21,000.00	21,600.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,400.00	2,400.00
Newsletter	1,200.00	1,200.00
ODB Entity	1,200.00	1,200.00
Office supplies	4,800.00	4,800.00
Outreach - aid to others	4,800.00	6,000.00
Payroll Expenses	162,600.00	144,000.00
Payroll Tax Expense	16,200.00	14,400.00
Postage and Delivery	1,200.00	1,200.00
Rental Expense - 1804	6,000.00	4,800.00
Rental Expense - 705 18th	6,000.00	4,800.00
Security	18,000.00	21,600.00
Telephone	1,800.00	1,800.00
Utilities - gas	2,400.00	1,800.00
Utilities - electricity	32,640.00	32,400.00
Utilities - sewer & garbage	16,200.00	19,200.00
Van expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$422,040.00</b>	<b>\$403,800.00</b>

## ANGIE'S PANTRY NOTES

Happy New Year! 2024 here we are...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and donors for your time and contributions. Your generosity has helped us feed upwards of 300 clients a day. We achieved so much together and help so many. Again, I say Thank You!

**This Week For Lunch...**

Monday – *Barbecue Chicken*

Tuesday – *Spaghetti with Meat Sauce*

Wednesday – *Chicken with Saffron Rice*

Thursday – *Macaroni and Cheese with Ham*

Friday – *Beef Stroganoff*

Saturday – *Goulash*

Sunday – *Chick-fil-A and French Fries*

*Served with a Green Salad, Fruit, Dessert and Beverage (all meals are low sodium, high protein that include 2000 calorie a day diet, may include nuts and dairy)*

If you can help or know of anyone that would like to volunteer, please come join our team. Contact me at 941.745.2992 or email me at [angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto:angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org)



Sincerely,

**ANGIE**

## FAITH AND VALUES NOTES...

In John 13, we read about the last meal Christ shared with His disciples. That night, the Teacher taught them the principles of humble service by washing their dirty feet (vv. 14-15). If He was willing to do the lowly job of washing a dozen men's feet, they too should joyfully serve others.

Every avenue of service we encounter may look different, but one thing's the same: there's great joy in serving. The purpose behind acts of service isn't to bring praise to ones performing them, but to lovingly serve others while directing all praise to our humble, self-sacrificing God.

Beautiful Thought



## LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

**New Year, New Goals, Many Blessings!**

I am very grateful to all our volunteers for everything you do and give, you are all so appreciated by me, our team and all of our clients. Our mission of serving our community would be impossible without you!

A Special thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Christmas Toy Drive", we were able to gift 200 plus children a gift that they picked out themselves. It was wonderful seeing the joy and smiles on their faces. I would like to give a Special thank you to Sue Wertman for helping in coordinating the toy drives and shopping for our clients' children. You are AMAZING! You could feel the magic of Christmas all around. Thank You!

The number of clients we are seeing in the pantry continue to rise above last year's numbers. We are in need of condiments, jellies, jams, boxed cereal, canned meats, soup mix and canned soups. We also find a need for diapers size 3,5 and 6, baby wipes and formula. All donations are so appreciated and can be delivered to Loaves and Fishes. On behalf of our team and clients we sincerely Thank You!!!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email me at [britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto:britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org). We have fun! I look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing everyone blessed year!

**BRITNEY**



## DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that Our Daily Bread of Bradenton now has a presence on Facebook?

Please help us build our social media presence by doing the following:

1. Visit us on Facebook@ourdailybreadbradenton
2. Like the page
3. Under "Following" tab, choose "See First" (instead of default)
4. Invite your family, friends and associates too....