



KITCHEN HOURS

6:30am - Noon

LOAVES & FISHES

Mon & Fri 9 - 11am

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It is with great pride that we announce two new members to our Board of Directors!

Carol Whitmore, Registered Nurse, Former Manatee County Commissioner, former Mayor of Holmes Beach and a current Holmes Beach City Commissioner, has dedicated her adult life to organizations that support healthcare, food insecurity and homelessness in our community. Having experienced the issues, she now is so dedicated to, she is an active volunteer at Turning Points and serves on the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness Advisory Committee.

Janet King, an industrial engineer with an MBA from the Wharton Business School, has held various

management positions with General Motors and Xerox. She also held many positions in the healthcare industry. Before moving to our community, she served on the Board of Literacy in Ontario County and volunteered at Cameron Community Ministries which had a soup kitchen, food pantry and after school program in Rochester, NY.

On behalf of the ODB Board of Directors, our many supporters and volunteers, our staff and those we serve in God's name, we are thankful to have Carol and Janet join us.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

As Our Daily Bread ends its 40th year of helping the neediest in our community, I would like to share some of the highlights of the year.

First, in our kitchen, we served 75,146 meals to the hungry in our community. This is a 16% increase over meals served in 2023. Our staff does a wonderful job of preparing healthy meals.

Second, in our self-serve food pantry, "Loaves & Fishes," we had 18,998 visits from clients which is a 42% increase over 2023. We were able to provide some healthy alternatives with choices of meats, fruits and vegetables along with many of their favorites like peanut butter, jelly, mac n' cheese and many more.

Third, in accomplishing the above we acknowledge it

could not have been done without our volunteer base who donated a total of 15,000+ hours to Our Daily Bread in 2024. These are amazing numbers and we are most grateful.

Fourth, to recognize our volunteers and staff, Volunteer Florida Foundation gave a very generous grant for our work during Helena and Milton. We only miss one day in each during both hurricanes. Thank you, all!!!

Fifth, we were needing to purchase a truck due to the wear and tear to one of our vans. In August, Feeding Tampa Bay awarded us one of the box trucks that Walmart/Sam's gave to them for the non-profits in their 10-county area. What an incredible blessing.

Sixth, our Christmas giveaway was a tremendous success again this year. We were able to give our clients blankets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, underwear, socks and more. The best day was when we were able to give toys out to so many kids. It was an incredibly special day. Most of these items were donated which was fabulous.

Seventh and finally, I would like to take moment to acknowledge that Our Daily Bread could not fulfill our mission without our many financial supporters. Whether it is due to the generosity of the churches, foundations, individuals, civic groups and others we were able to meet our budget in 2024.

Happy New Year and God Bless,
MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN

COACHES NOTES

All our year-end service reports are included in this newsletter. The meal count is back to pre pandemic level of 75,000 for the year. In our pantry (Loaves & Fishes) our client count is up 40% from last year. Britney and her team of volunteers are remarkably busy everyday they are open. Our annual budget is also included in this newsletter. Our total expenses are up 5% mostly due to an increase in payroll cost. Angie has been doing an excellent job in keeping hours worked down, but the rate of pay per hour keeps going up. We were on a five-year plan to bring our starting pay from \$9.00 per hour to \$15.00 (the new state minimum) but these are challenging times to find employees that will work for less than \$15.00 dollars an hour. We are looking for van drivers and will more than likely need to pay them more than minimum wage.

The insurance on both the property and the vans has gone up 30% but, thanks to the Lord's answer to our prayers we have the funds to cover our expenses.

John asked, "how do you keep track of all the volunteer's days and hours of service?" Thank you for asking John. We have individual cards for the volunteers in all the locations. Everyday when a volunteer arrives, they enter on their card the date and hours volunteered. At the end of the year,

we collect all the cards and total up the dates and hours from each card (there were over 300 cards for 2024) this information is summarized in the report, in addition, on each card are the names and addresses for each volunteer, this helps us keep track of everything so we can thank them properly. We are starting a website calendar page (for those who have access to a computer) soon for both the kitchen and the pantry where volunteers can sign up for days and services they wish to volunteer for in advance, replacing the current volunteer cards. This will help manage staffing and give us the needed data without all the work it currently takes to calculate days and hours.

We have completed all the needed repairs after the two major storms last year. The repairs on the parking lot building are all finished as of last week. The needed flooring in the pantry is installed and looks great. We need a new water heater in the 1807 building but outside of that we are up to date on major repairs.

Thank you for your Time and Talent
Thank you for your Financial Support
Thank you for your Continuing Prayers

BOB EIKILL

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....

BUDGET OVERVIEW

INCOME	2025	2024
Churches	67,200.00	60,000.00
Civic & Corp	21,600.00	24,000.00
Individuals	240,000.00	195,600.00
Interest and dividends	36,000.00	30,000.00
Rentals & Parking	16,800.00	16,800.00
Trust & Foundations	96,000.00	96,000.00
Total	\$477,600.00	\$422,400.00

NET \$360.00

EXPENSE	2025	2024
Food – kitchen	8,400.00	6,000.00
Government Fees	600	600
Insurance	8,400.00	9,600.00
Kitchen supplies & services	19,800.00	18,000.00
Labor – cash pay	2,400.00	2,400.00
LOAVES & FISHES		
Food purchase	18,000.00	18,000.00
Occupancy	7,200.00	5,400.00
Payroll expense	48,000.00	48,000.00
Supplies	2,400.00	3,600.00
Total Loaves & Fishes	\$75,600.00	\$75,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	24,000.00	21,000.00
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	4,800.00
Payroll Expenses	180,000.00	162,600.00
Payroll Tax Expense	18,000.00	16,200.00
Postage and Delivery	1,200.00	1,200.00
Rental Expense – 1804	6,000.00	6,000.00
Rental Expense – 705 18th	6,000.00	6,000.00
Security	20,400.00	18,000.00
Telephone	1,800.00	1,800.00
Utilities – gas	2,400.00	2,400.00
Utilities – electricity	28,800.00	32,640.00
Utilities – sewer & garbage	13,200.00	16,200.00
Van expenses	18,000.00	12,000.00
Total Expense	\$449,400.00	\$422,040.00

SOUP KITCHEN SUMMARY OF MEALS SERVED

MEALS served	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	6477	6973	5661	6070	5159	5877
February	5910	6312	5485	5200	4839	5353
March	5669	6323	5828	5836	5440	6259
April	5813	6275	5104	5325	5125	6286
May	5917	6119	5065	5441	6085	6390
June	5703	6333	4758	5262	5641	6223
Total 6 months	35489	38335	31901	33134	32289	36388
July August	6461	5913	4905	5424	5578	6480
September	6015	5850	5177	5594	5596	7407
October	6277	6130	5234	5771	5750	6156
November	5783	5429	5369	5065	4966	5715
December	6834	5976	5221	5410	5265	5968
Totals	72966	73059	63123	65722	64818	75146

FOOD PANTRY, LOAVES & FISHES SUMMARY OF CLIENTS SERVED

	Number Served	Family Size	Bags	Total
2015	8293	21868	1673	9966
2016	9341	26822	1795	11136
2017	7909	26101	1337	9246
2018	8769	27061	1208	9977
2019	8741	29633	1301	10042
2020	7225	27425	1368	8593
2021	5662	51664	1358	7020
2022	7681	24839	1731	9412
2023	1358	33989	1993	13351
2024	15220	44814	3778	18998

VOLUNTEER HOURS

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Kitchen & Drivers	1651	1720	1760	2027	1447	1110	1170
Dining Room	8229	8440	3980	3069	3895	6510	5992
Loaves & Fishes	2411	2598	2630	4263	4020	6493	6510
Administrative	1500	1600	1800	1800	1800	1800	1900
Totals	13791	14358	10170	11159	11162	15913	15572

ANGIE'S PANTRY NOTES

Happy Valentines Day ♥

In the heart of every community, there are volunteers who give their time, energy, support and passion to make a difference in another's life. We are truly grateful for all your unwavering commitment and compassion. The team and I say often, we have BEST Volunteers!

A special shout out to Publix Supermarkets, Fresh Market and WinnDixie for your much needed and appreciated donations to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton, YOU help make such a difference in our client's daily lives. We all thank you.

If you wish to volunteer, please join our team. We have great fun serving our community. Contact me at 941.745.2992 or email me at angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your families,

ANGIE

This Week For Lunch...

Monday – *Beef Stroganoff*

Tuesday – *Sloppy Joes with French Fries*

Wednesday – *Beef Dogs with Scalloped Potatoes*

Thursday – *BBQ Chicken With Baked Beans and Assorted Chips*

Friday – *Spaghetti with Meat Sauce*

Saturday – *Chick-Fil-A*

Sunday – *Potato Soup and Assorted Deli Sandwiches*

*Served with 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 products)*

FAITH AND VALUES NOTES...

We end up personally attacking people based on the fact that they share a different opinion than us. I don't think this is the way it's supposed to be. I don't think this is the way Jesus intended for us to act. Jesus said in Luke 6:27: 'I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you' a wise man once told me that if God hadn't intended to give me some enemies, He wouldn't have commanded me to love them. Loving people who believe differently than us will never be easy. But at some point we have to come out from behind the anonymity social media offers and just be kind to people. We have to take the words of Jesus seriously and be gracious to people...

Some of the writings from Dr. J. Phillip Hamm for the Bradenton Herald

A Beautiful Thought

LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

As we move into the new year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their continued support. The number of clients seeking assistance from Loaves and Fishes remains very high, with your generosity and donations it helps us meet the community needs. We could not do it without you. THANK YOU!

Update, we are excited to share that we recently had our flooring redone at Loaves and Fishes, it looks super nice! The next project is to replace and restore our shelving units.

A Special Thank You goes out to Feeding Tampa Bay for their continuous support. Your ongoing assistance is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working together to keep our pantry stocked and ready for those in need. On behalf of our team and clients, thank you for playing such a vital role in supporting our mission.

We are specifically looking for donations of peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, condiments and soup. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for considering Loaves and Fishes, our clients say Thank You!

If you are interested in volunteering come join us! We have Great Fun! Contact me at britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

Sincerely,

BRITNEY

HOUSE NOTES

We never Call asking for Donations

We Do Not use Professional Fund Raisers

We only use your Address for mailing Thank Yous and our Newsletter

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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 and 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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