



KITCHEN HOURS

6:30am - Noon

LOAVES & FISHES

Mon & Fri 9 - 11am

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FOR THE POOR SHALL NEVER CEASE OUT OF THE LAND. THEREFORE, I COMMAND THEE, SAYING: 'THOU SHALT OPEN THY HAND WIDE UNTO THY BROTHER, TO THY POOR, AND TO THY NEEDY IN THY LAND.'

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Thank you to our dedicated staff, generous supporters and to our committed volunteers who have worked tirelessly to create a positive atmosphere at Our Daily Bread. Thanks to the many folks listed above, we have been able to make our mission continue to be a reality.

Great news! The Giving Challenge will be returning in 2024. On April 9th and 10th from noon to noon your non-profit donations will be matched up to \$100. Please consider making a donation to Our Daily Bread during this time to maximize your impact! The Giving Challenge has been made possible by a collaboration between The Community Foundation of Sarasota County and the Patterson Foundation to benefit the many non-profit organizations in our community. We will have much more information about this in our February newsletter.

2024 GIVING CHALLENGE
 Connect, Collaborate, Come Together
 Noon to Noon, April 9 - 10, 2024

As you are aware, there is a great deal of food insecurity in our community and Our Daily Bread plays a vital role in helping to feed the men, women and children in need whether it is our daily 1500 calorie meal or at our self-serve food pantry. We are grateful we are able to supply for the nutritional needs of the hungry in and around Bradenton and Manatee County because of your support. Thank you all!

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN



BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL NOTE

It is with deep sadness that I share with you that Mona Hartmann, a member of our Board, passed in September after a few difficult months in and out of the hospital. Mona was a stalwart member of our Board, she volunteered continuously speaking to church groups, mobile home parks and many others. She will be missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.



COACHES NOTES

We have had our busiest summer to date, our meal counts in the soup kitchen averaging 170 per day or 5500 per month. Loaves and Fishes had its busiest months, in September serving 1345 clients. The average is around 1000 per month. Britney and her team of volunteers have been opening at 8:30am.- 11:00am. to meet the demand with 100 plus or more shoppers every Monday and Friday.

Our vans are on the road 7 days a week picking up foods from local grocery stores. This year we've been picking up from Meals on Wheels more often than in the past. Recently Stuff-the Bus items have been available to Our Daily Bread. Feeding Tampa Bay deliveries on Wednesday are providing food we use in both programs.

Angie and her team have been cleaning up and organizing our storerooms all summer to make them more efficient. The extra labor has increased our payroll cost over our budgeted cost this year. We also have had added food expense. Repairs on our aging equipment is also over our budget. We have had problems with our heated serving table and our flat grill in the kitchen which still isn't working properly.

On the financial side individual gifts are ahead of last year, but receipts from grants, trusts and estates are down \$50,000 from last year and we have no Manatee County funding anymore. With our increasing costs and lower receipts, it's going to be a very tight year. We are praying that things will improve over the holiday season.

Speaking of the holiday season we are planning our 7-Days of Christmas Giveaways beginning Monday, December 18th, and going thru Monday, December 25th. As in previous years we will have a different item each day to gift our clients starting with blankets, tee shirts, hats and gloves, sweatshirts, socks and underwear, goody bags, tags and bikes. If you are in the holiday spirit, come in and help it's from 9:00am-12:00noon we need you and it is great fun!

After the last storm, Adalia on August 30th we discovered a leak in the roof on the 705 building in the parking lot. We called our friends at Manson Roofing for a repair. Upon inspection, the roof needs to be replaced. We applied for a grant from the Disaster Relief Fund at the Manatee Community Foundation to help pay for the roof replacement.

Thank you for your Time and Talent

Thank you for your Financial Support

Thank you for remembering us in your Prayers!

Happy Holiday to you and your family,

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....

ANGIE'S KITCHEN NOTES

Happy November, as the leaves turn into brilliant gems of color and the air cools, the soup simmers and families gather, it's time to enjoy our favorite time of the year. I would like to Welcome Back all of our northern volunteers, you all play such an important role in supporting Our Daily Bread of Bradenton. We achieve so much together and help so many. Again, I say Thank You!

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

Wishing you all a Wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends and a Joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

ANGIE

THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH...

MONDAY Beef Chili

TUESDAY Chicken Pot Pie

WEDNESDAY Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

THURSDAY Macaroni and Cheese with Ham

FRIDAY Hot Dogs with Potato Wedges

SATURDAY Yellow Rice with Chicken

SUNDAY Chick-fil-A and French Fries

Served with a Green Salad, Fruit, Dessert and Beverage (meeting the 1500 caloric requirements)

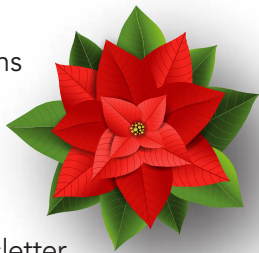
HOUSE NOTES

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.

We would like to establish an email data base for volunteer's information and setting up schedules. If you are interested in receiving our newsletter electronically (please be patient we are working on finalizing our list) and/or "what's happening" please email us at, blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org



LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

Hello Fall! Our favorite time of the year! The temperature starts to drop, families gathering together to enjoy each other and express gratitude for the little things that matter in our lives.

I am very grateful to all our volunteers. We could not do this without each and every one of you. Thank You! For everything you do and give, you are all so appreciated by me, our team and all of our clients.

With the number of visitors increasing at the pantry, I am happy to announce we will be open every Wednesday evening from 3:00-5:00pm. November 1st. Through December 20th. to assist those who are not able to come during regular pantry hours. If you would like to volunteer for our evening pantry service, please reach out.

We are running very low on the most requested items this time of the year, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, condiments, jellies, jams and cereals. We also have a need for diapers size 3,4,5 and 6, baby wipes and formula. They go very fast during these trying times for our clients. Any and all donations help ease their burden. All donations are so appreciated and can be delivered to Loaves and Fishes or to the kitchen. On behalf of our team and clients we sincerely Thank You!!!

We are in need of unwrapped toys for ages 8-15 for our Christmas giveaway Wednesday, December 20th. Please know these ages are often overlooked and your donations always help bring much needed cheer to our clients. We have a Holiday drop off box at Loaves and Fishes. Thank you for always helping to spread Holiday Joy!

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

From the Loaves and Fishes family to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
BRITNEY



VOLUNTEER NOTES

May you witness the miracles, the wonders and the glory of this Holiday Season. Keep Faith! Spread Love and Pray for Peace on Earth. We all can do our part no matter how small, and, in the end, we will make this world a much better place.

I am so Grateful to be on the team at Our Daily Bread of Bradenton. Though I have moved away from the day-to-day operations I try to help in any way needed. The rewards one gets from volunteering with this amazing team have filled my heart beyond belief. Best thing I ever did was walk through the doors of Our Daily Bread of Bradenton. I highly recommend you give them a call!!

My wish this Holiday Season... is for all to enjoy their loved ones, families, friends, neighbors, coworkers and pay it forward whenever you can. Kindness goes a very long way with a broken soul, and it cost you nothing.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas...

Sincerely,
JENN CECERE



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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 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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