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Thank you to all the donors who were able to participate in the Giving Challenge. Once again, a big acknowledgement to the Community Foundation of Sarasota and the Patterson Foundation who collaborated to make it a huge success.

April 22nd was the start of National Volunteer Appreciation Week. We celebrated all of the amazing people who choose to spend their free time helping those most needy in Manatee County! Our volunteers helped us provide food security for over 100,000 of our clients with their 15,800 volunteer hours donated in 2023.

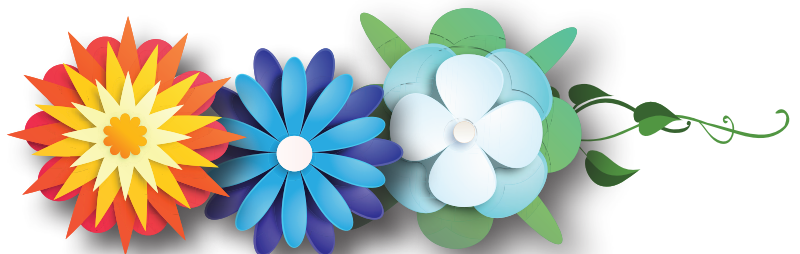
We have been very busy the first part of 2024 at Our Daily Bread. Our meal count was up 20% in March and Loaves & Fishes food pantry was up 40% over March of 2023. Related to the increase in our numbers is the need for more food. In the first quarter of 2024, our food purchases were up \$5,000.

We have had some critical equipment failures that started in the beginning of the year. We moved into our present location about 16 years ago and some of our equipment is showing its age. Our cooking kettle, which is used almost daily to prepare 175 – 200 meals, was going to need a repair costing \$6,000 so we started looking for a new one. Thankfully, Christ Church on Longboat Key came to our rescue with a new replacement. On top of that, our convection oven saw its last days of service in early April. The new one arrived on April 19th and is up and running. We are so fortunate to have so many donors who help us in our time of need.

Have a great summer!

Thank you for all your support and God Bless!

MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN



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COACHES NOTES

We started the year in the soup kitchen serving about the same number of meals served in January and February, then in March and April meal counts went up by 20%. We saw several new clients everyday, looks like it's going to be a busy summer.

At Loaves and Fishes, the client counts have been increasing every month, January 1545 clients up from last years 830 clients. February 1509 clients up from 795 clients. March 1583 clients up from 816 clients and in April 1697 clients, shoppers with family members of 3854. You ask, "how do we get this information?" Glad you asked, everyday when clients come into shop, they are required to sign-in, their names are checked with our data base to see when the shopped last, if over two weeks ago they are welcome to shop, when signing-in we ask, how many members are in your family, this information is totaled for our monthly reports. With 3854 family members served in April it would be a total of (3854x12) 46,246 for the year, that is all most half of the population in Bradenton. All in two mornings a week, by all indications it's going to be a busy summer.

The food, produce and meats we pick-up from 10 stores and the goods we receive from Feeding Tampa Bay and Meals on Wheels we handle over 2 million pounds of food each year. Our vans are on the road everyday picking up food items. The cost of running the vans is over \$1000 per month just for fuel, repairs and insurance.

All of our kitchen equipment was new when we moved in 16 years ago, in the last 6 months we've had to replace the hot serving cart, the large cooking skillet and the convection oven, we tried for weeks to repair them all to no avail, we had to replace them. We had one of our vans break down on the road and needed to have it towed in for repairs. The air conditioner compressor in the kitchen had to be replaced and we need a new faucet at the main sink. Thank God for all your Support! With the individual supporters, churches, foundations, trust and reserves available we were able to pay for all these repairs and replacements. Thank You!

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

BOB EIKILL

ANNUAL COUNTS

MEALS SERVED	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	6,477	6,973	5,661	6,070	5,159
February	5,910	6,312	5,485	5,200	4,839
March	5,669	6,323	5,828	5,836	5,440
April	5,813	6,275	5,104	5,325	5,125
May	5,917	6,119	5,065	5,441	6,085
June	5,703	6,333	4,758	5,262	5,641
July	6,461	5,913	4,905	5,424	5,578
August	6,015	5,850	5,177	5,594	5,596
September	6,107	5,426	5,316	5,324	5,374
October	6,277	6,130	5,234	5,771	5,750
November	5,783	5,429	5,369	5,065	4,966
December	6,834	5,976	5,221	5,410	5,265
Totals	72,966	73,059	63,123	65,722	64,818

LOAVES & FISHES

SERVICES	NUMBER OF SHOPPERS	NUMBER IN FAMILIES	HOMELESS BAGS	TOTAL
2015	8,293	21,868	1,673	9,966
2016	9,341	26,822	1,795	11,136
2017	7,909	26,101	1,337	9,246
2018	8,769	27,061	1,208	9,977
2019	8,741	29,633	1,301	10,042
2020	7,225	27,425	1,368	8,593
2021	5,662	21,664	1,358	7,020
2022	7,681	24,839	1,731	9,412
2023	11,358	33,989	1,993	13,351

ANGIE'S KITCHEN NOTES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and donors for your time and contributions. A SPECIAL thanks to all our Northern volunteers who are heading back home to enjoy there Summer with their friends, families and loved ones. I always look so forward to late October when you return! We achieved 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. We have great fun serving our community. Contact me at 941.745.2992 or email me at angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

Sincerely,

ANGIE



This Week For Lunch...

Monday – Macaroni and Cheese with Ham

Tuesday – Goulash

Wednesday – Chicken with Saffron Rice

Thursday – Turkey with Mashed Potatoes

Friday – Barbecued Chicken

Saturday – Sweet and Spicy Braised Cabbage with Ham

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)

LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

Hello Summertime!!!

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to help us this year, safe travels back home to all our seasonal volunteers, we look forward to seeing you back this fall. 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!

The number of clients we are seeing in the pantry continues to be on the rise above last year's numbers. We are seeing more clients from our homeless community sadly and with the end of the school year quickly approaching the demand for assistance is very high. We are in need of pop top (lid) foods, jellies, jams, boxed cereal, canned meats, tuna, ramen noodles, soup mix and canned soups. We also find a need for diapers size 2,3,5 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 come join our team, please email me at britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org We have fun! I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

BRITNEY



FAITH AND VALUES NOTES...

'The Holy Supper is kept, indeed; In whatso we share with another's need;

Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare,

Who gives himself with his alms feeds three. Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me'

Beautiful Thought



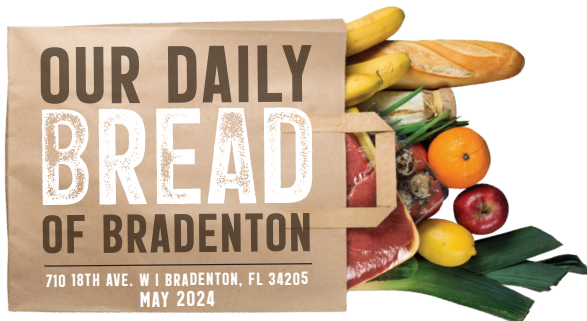
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We never Call asking for Donations.

We Do Not use Professional Fund Raisers

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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