

# OUR DAILY BREAD OF BRADENTON

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

**KITCHEN HOURS**

6:30am - Noon

**LOAVES & FISHES**

Mon & Fri 9 - 11am

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength but with your testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

I hope and pray this note finds you all healthy and safe.

The 2020 Giving Challenge fundraiser presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County was a big success last month! Thank you to all 239 generous donors who were able to contribute during the 24-hour event as your donations were doubled thanks to The Patterson Foundation and other partners!

We have faced many new challenges since the February newsletter – as have you all. Our whole world has changed the way we operate. All of our meals are now served “to-go” with only ten clients allowed into our dining room at a time. The good news is that we are managing well and have had no interruption in our service to the needy and hungry in our community.

Unfortunately, this service is coming at an extra cost of approximately \$3000 per month, since we must buy all of the take-out containers, utensils, cups, etc. Thankfully, donations have continued to

come whether in time, talent or treasure!

In fact, food donations have been continuing to both our kitchen and our food pantry, Loaves & Fishes. Our biggest obstacle has been inability to buy in bulk during the pandemic. We normally order \$2000-\$3000 worth of canned goods monthly from our suppliers, but this option has been stopped due to hoarding concerns. This dilemma has made it difficult to keep our shelves full, especially for peanut butter and jelly which is a real staple for our clients.

Despite all of the obstacles, I cannot possibly tell you about all of the wonderful generosity we have been shown during this pandemic, but here are just a few:

- 1) Christ Church on Longboat hosted a food drive and delivered 6 SUVs completely filled with canned goods and more!
- 2) Gamble Creek Farms in Parrish has been donating weekly 500 pounds of fresh vegetables.
- 3) Goodwill Industries donated 5,144 pounds of canned goods for our food pantry.
- 4) Tropicana has donated pallets of orange juice.

- 5) Feeding Tampa Bay continued to deliver pallets of milk, fruits and meat.
- 6) Food Bank of Manatee continues to be a strong relationship for ODB as we are able to help each other with our needs.
- 7) Uncle Nick's Bagels & Deli has been making sandwiches and has offered to do 100 daily for 8 weeks! Unbelievable!
- 8) The Daniel S. Blalock, Jr. Charitable Foundation has blessed ODB with a generous grant.

So many new and old donors have stepped up to help the least fortunate in their time of need. What a wonderful community and country we live in! There have been so many more blessings that I could write a book! Thank you... Thank you... Thank you!

Finally, I need to thank our volunteers and staff for their dedication during this time of uncertainty in all our lives.

Be healthy and safe.

God Bless,

**MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN**

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## COACHES NOTES

I was going to report on 2019 activities, but the COVID-19 pandemic of the last 8 weeks has overshadowed everything. As Mark reported the soup kitchen has changed to handing out meals in to-go boxes which is working well. At the food pantry we have only allowed three shoppers in at a time. We are seeing longer lines but each shopper is allowed to shop before we close.

We have seen a 300 percent increase in calls from family services for food for needy families.

For the last couple of weeks we have been getting milk from the USDA which is going out thru both the soup kitchen and pantry.

About half of our volunteers are following the CDC safety guidelines to stay home and we have had to replace their services with paid staff. We received a grant from United Way and Manatee Community Foundation to cover our added labor cost and supplies costs during this pandemic.

Did you know that for every dollar we receive we give back to our poor four dollars in value.

For 2019 here is how it worked out....

We received in Contributions, \$350,000

We gave back to the Community,

- Volunteer hours 14,358 at \$10.00 = \$143,600
- Daily Hot Meals 73,000 at \$5.00 = \$365,000

- Food given out at Loaves and Fishes 500,000 Pounds at \$1.50 = \$750,000
- Total returned \$1,258,000

We are in the process of purchasing the property across the avenue to enlarge our parking lot and provide additional storage space. The closing isn't until June and work wouldn't be completed until the fall. We should gain about a third more parking spaces when completed. We have applied for grants to cover the costs of the purchase and all improvements.

As Mark covered in his President Notes, the 2020 Giving Challenge was a great success. We thank our Daily Bread Team for all their extra help with this. The total amount raised thru the 2020 Giving Challenge website and the direct match sponsors added 30 percent more to our grand total. It was an answer to our prayers, we were short on the receipt side at the end of March and it looks like we were in trouble for the summer months, But the 2020 Giving Challenge funds will come just in time to carry us through.

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

**BOB EIKILL**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Our Daily Bread of Bradenton recently partnered with AmazonSmile charity? This platform makes it easier for donors to donate items to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton directly and or 5% back to the charity. Same Amazon you know, separate website. Same products, same price, same service - but to generate donations you must shop at... smile.amazon.com instead.



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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.....

## SERVICE NOTES

**40**  
YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
of Sarasota County

  
THE PATTERSON  
FOUNDATION

Our Daily Bread of Bradenton recently participated in the 2020 Giving Challenge. We would like to thank all of you for taken part in this 24 hour challenge. We are so deeply touched by our community, friends and family's support. We take great pride in helping our less fortunate. Thanks to all of you we will continue to do our very best. Thank you Community Foundation of Sarasota County and The Patterson Foundation for believing in us. We are Beyond Grateful! Thank you for Being The One!

## HOUSE NOTES

We never Call asking for Donations

We Do Not use Professional Fund Raisers

We only use your Address for mailing Thank You's 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 our newsletter and what's happening and would like to be included please email us at, blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

## TURNING POINTS NOTES



Dear fellow COVID-19 pandemic partners,

What a difference a few weeks can make! As we began the year, we were looking forward to updating some program policies and procedures, but the situation with the virus has forced us to re-evaluate almost EVERY aspect of our service delivery and operations. As the warnings for people (especially for people like me in the "high risk" due to age category) started being issued by the Center for Disease control, and eventually by our state health department, we began planning for re-structuring our work force, which is heavily reliant on "high risk" volunteers and some staff. When the Governor's order came to "stay safe" and only essential workers were allowed we were ready and deployed many of our non-essential staff to continue working remotely from their homes. Our case managers working with rent and utility assistance, our volunteer coordinator, and our development director all are continuing to adapt to working remotely to ensure their critically important work gets done. But we needed to remain open for our clients, many of whom need services daily. Taking a shower, using a restroom, picking up mail, filing for food stamps, getting legal identification and trying to file for unemployment were essential services we were and are able to continue providing only because of our AMAZING volunteers and staff who continue to serve despite the risk. A big "Thank You" to them all!

Then came the Giving Challenge in the middle of all our other challenges! What an incredible turn out Turning Points received during this critically needed fundraiser this year. We had to postpone several important planned fundraising activities, including my favorite – the "Hats, Heels and Bowties" so we were relying on the Challenge to help balance our budget. Boy, did you all come through – the words "Thank You" are just not adequate to fully convey our sincere gratitude for the incredible turn out from donors that helped us finish 16th out of 687 non-profits! You can be sure we will put these funds to good use!

Lastly, this will be my final contribution to the ODB newsletter as Executive Director as I will be retiring June 15th. Our Board of Directors has chosen and hired a new Executive Director, Kathleen Cramer, and she will be coming to work with me starting the 18th of May. Please welcome her into our community when you have the opportunity – she is coming from North Carolina with her husband and is eager to get started on this new adventure. Thank you all for your support through my fifteen plus years with this remarkable organization!

**ADELL EROZER**

## LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping us at Loaves and Fishes during this COVID-19 pandemic. Our team is working diligently to stay open for our community. Food demands are higher than usual and our donations have slowed down, understandably given our current world. A very Special Thank you to Ann Quackenbush with Christ Church of Longboat Key, Gloria Dei Church, Leslie Rife and Mika Latifer for all your food donations. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

With our schools closed and the children being home we have noticed a greater demand for breakfast and lunch items such as jellies, peanut butter, cereals, canned goods and Mac and Cheese. Any and all food donations are greatly appreciated.

## PENNY'S PANTRY

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help us through these challenging times we are all experiencing. Many of our volunteers fall into the high risk category and have stayed home and safe we however are looking forward to their return, we have missed you. I would like to give a special thank you to Val Beechy who has come in almost everyday to help and to all of you that have been here for us Thank You! We are still open daily and are serving to-go meals, but we are looking forward to getting back to our normal service soon. A very special thank you to Uncle Nick's Bagels and Deli located at 5917 Manatee Avenue, thanks to an anonymous donor they have been donating 100 fresh sandwiches everyday for 8 weeks and they are very well received. Also Bradenton Country Club has donated 300 box lunches. Tropicana has donated fresh juice and Gamble Creek Farms fresh produce, WE are very grateful to you all.

Thanking you in advance,

**PENNY**

## THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH

<b>MONDAY</b>	Chicken and Rice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Spaghetti mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Stadium Dogs, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Shepherd's Pie, mixed green salad, fruit salad juice and pastry
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Barbecue Sandwiches, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Chef's Choice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice and pastry
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Chicken and Potatoes, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice and pastry

We are always looking for volunteers to join our fun fabulous team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, please call Penny at 941.745.2992 between the hours of 7am-11:30am. Monday through Friday or email her at penny@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org or know of anyone who wants to join our volunteer family.

Thank you,

**BRITNEY**



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The purpose of this newsletter is to inform both volunteers and supporters of the activities and happenings at Our Daily Bread. Please address your comments and suggestions to Bob Eikill.

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive. We try to be good stewards of your generosity. In this newsletter we have limited space to acknowledge the gifts we receive and 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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