

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

FEBRUARY 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

"BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, AND THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS."

-LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23

Reading the above bible verse is a reminder - that despite current adversity - we are upheld by His steadfast love so that we may endure until a better tomorrow.

Thanks to the generosity of so many, Our Daily Bread of Bradenton has endured and been able to fulfill our mission to help the hungry and needy in our community. In the face of the many challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we continue to provide a safe environment for our clients to get healthy meals.

Loaves & Fishes, our self-serve food pantry, also continues to fulfill a tremendous need in our community. Thanks to our partnerships with Goodwill, Feeding Tampa Bay, FEMA, Meals on Wheels and many others, our shelves have remained fully stocked throughout the crisis. During the last quarter of 2020,

our shoppers were blessed to visit twice a month instead of being limited to one shopping trip per month. Another incredible highlight to share - we had one donor who purchased 3 pallets of peanut butter, 2 pallets of jelly, 3 pallets of canned chicken, 4 pallets of chicken ravioli and 4 pallets of black beans. What a miracle! The above food items are among those our clients most desire along with fresh fruits and vegetables.

As the vaccinations continue, we will hopefully be able to reopen our dining room to full capacity and stop the to-go meal operation. The latter has been very expensive operationally due to all the extra supplies needed. We recently installed an air purification system on all our air conditioning and heating units in order to help safeguard our clients, volunteers and staff.

Speaking of our staff...what a wonderful job they have done under very difficult conditions!! They have gone above and beyond to maintain the cleanliness of our facility. We haven't missed one day of service in our kitchen or food pantry. Our Board of Directors are very proud of Our Daily Bread of Bradenton team!

Our Daily Bread has faith that the community will continue to support the ever increasing need to feed the hungry and needy just as we have faith that His mercies will never end.

As we embark on the New Year, we hope and pray 2021 will not be a repeat of 2020
May God Bless You All,

MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN

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COACH'S NOTES

As we all know this last year was a year of changes, here at Our Daily Bread we stayed open seven days a week, serving a hot meal to-go to the local community as we have for the last 38 years.

This year we were blessed in many ways, we were able to maintain a sense of normalcy during this Covid-19 pandemic. We had only one team member who tested positive. Happy to report, mild symptoms and just tested negative.

Our old format of sit down meals, served by volunteers had to change to carry-out style but we continued our daily meal. For many of our clients it's the only meal they will have for that day. We remained open many days with no volunteers, but one way or another we were here to serve our clients. For the year 2020 we served 73,059 meals, 2019's total was 72,633.

At our food pantry Loaves & Fishes we met the challenge and stayed open 2 days a week, allowing our clients to shop for fresh produce, foods and frozen meat products. The number of shoppers decreased by 1,500 during the year, but the amounts of food they took home has increased. We were blessed with more food supplies than ever. Goodwill supplied 65,000 pounds of food, Feeding Tampa Bay USDA program was 523,200 pounds up from 409,000 pounds last year.

Our vans picked up 488,330 pounds up from 415,000 last year from local grocery stores. Other sources Meals on Wheels, church food drives, individual donations added another 100,000 pounds of food products we handled during the year. About one third of the food is used in our kitchen for the daily meal and the balance goes out through Loaves & Fishes.

Our operating expenses increased by 51,000 dollars, COVID-19 related, carry out containers and sanitizers were 17,000, increase in payroll cost of 21,000, cost with the property purchase at 1804 7th. Street West and major repairs during year of 13,000 all over amounts in the yearly budget. The payroll cost were to cover for volunteers who elected to stay

home. We were blessed with several grants from Manatee Community Foundation, Peace River Electric, United Way and Manatee County Cares Act to cover our increased costs and individuals who saw our needs.

Volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic we saw both the volunteers who despite the danger to their own health showed up and the volunteers who stayed safely at home understandably. Our problem was in the volunteers in the dining room, last year we had 6270 volunteer hours, in 2020 only 2481 hours. Many days no one showed up and we had to use our paid staff to fill in.

To provide a safer environment we have installed an air purification system. The iWave-C is a self-cleaning, bi-polar ionization generator for the actively treating a building's air quality, we are hopeful all our volunteers will return feeling safe knowing we are providing a clean healthy environment once this COVID-19 pandemic is over. (See Below)

Progress on the house we acquired across the street 1804 7th. Street West, has been slow this last summer but now we have replaced the roof and are having it tented for termites. We are getting bids on some fill and black top. We hope to have most of the work completed in the next couple of months. We needed the additional storage space because we handled over a million pounds of food last year up from only 500,000 a couple of years ago.

It looks like a vaccine is here that will greatly reduce the current pandemic and get us back to some normalcy.

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A MASK, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, KEEP SAFE, HOPING WE'LL SEE YOU SOON

**BOB EIKILL
TREASURER**

IWAVE-C IS A REVOLUTIONARY SELF-CLEANING, NO MAINTENANCE AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM DESIGNED FOR PROACTIVE PURIFICATION OF HOME, SCHOOL, OFFICE, RESTAURANT, AND OTHER COMMERCIALS ESTABLISHMENTS USING PATENTED COLD PLASMA TECHNOLOGY. IWAVE-C USES THE SAME AIR CLEANING APPROACH AS NATURE.

For systems beyond 12 tons, multiple iWave-Cs should be used. Install a minimum of two feet apart.

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BENEFIT	iWave-C	UVPCO Ionizers	UV Light
Replacement Interval	NONE	EVERY 2 YEARS	ANNUALLY
Self-Cleaning	✓	✗	✗
Kills Mold, Bacteria and Virus	✓	✓	✓
Kills Pathogens in Space	✓	✓	✗
Controls Odors	✓	✓	✗
Reduces Particles in Air	✓	POOR	✗
Universal Voltage (24VAC to 240 VAC)	✓	SOME MODELS	✗
Simple, Universal Mounting Design	✓	✗	✗
Limited Three Year Warranty	✓	✗	✗
Produces Detectable Ozone - an Irritant	✗	✓	✗
Produces Other Harmful Byproducts	✗	SOME MODELS	✗
Fragile/Contains Mercury	✗	✓	✓
Contains Titanium Dioxide - A Respiratory Concern	✗	SOME MODELS	✗



DID YOU KNOW? [facebook](#)

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...

LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

We are starting the year off with a dedicated team of volunteers. A special thank you to all the volunteers who come in Monday through Friday ready to serve our community. Volunteers like Peter, Betty, Bud, Beth, Jean, Leslie and Lori to name a few, always making our clients feel special and so very helpful to everyone, we appreciate you all very much. With a very high demand for services we are continuing to open up for shoppers to return every 14 days instead of every 28 days. Thanking all our donors for making this possible.

With our schools slowly opening and our children being home we are noticing a greater demand for breakfast and lunch items such as peanut butter, jellies, cereals, canned soups, tuna fish, canned chicken, Mac and Cheese as well as baby products, formula, wipes, diapers sizes 3,4 and 6, these are the most requested sizes. All donations are greatly appreciated our clients too are so grateful.

We are looking for volunteers, come join the Loaves & Fishes team!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer but want to avoid the crowd we stock our shelves and sort donations Tuesday through Thursday. Please call me at 941.745.2992 between the hours of 8:00am-11:30am. Monday through Friday or email me at britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

Thank you, Stay Safe and Healthy!

BRITNEY

LOUIS & GLORIA FLANGER PHILANTHROPIC TRUST



The Louis and Gloria Flanger Philanthropic Trust, which launched its Contribution Matching Program in January 2020, recently announced that it sent \$3.145 million to agencies in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties, matching \$1,572,713 in contributions from 6,500 donors. The purpose of the Flanger Contribution Matching Program is to inspire locals across the Suncoast to make a difference in their communities through meaningful gifts to key nonprofit organizations that result in greater opportunities for those who need assistance the most. The average donation of the 2020 program was \$240; **the Flanger Trust recently extended the matching program through 2021**, and it will begin on Jan. 8. Contributions between \$5 and \$500 will be matched 1:1.

Go to the Flanzertrust.org home page. Then to the red bar "Donate Here" Enter the dollar amount; if they would like to make a monthly donation they would check the box to make it a monthly donation. Enter the donate with PayPal bar OR Donate with Debit or Credit Card. Follow the instructions for either option. Most important is to enter the name of your organization so that the monies are directed appropriately, they would do this in the "Add a note", "Write a note (Optional)" section. This is the information I received with the donation amount. If they missed this then they can send a separate message to me and I will direct their monies accordingly. If they do not wish to donate online they can also mail a check to the Louis & Gloria Flanger Phulanthropic Trust, 1843 Floyd Street Sarasota, FL 34238 and note in the memo line on the check your organization.

FAITH AND VALUES

Compassion: At the Foundation of All the World's Religious Traditions...

One set of values running like a thread through all of the major religious traditions of the world is compassion, empathy, or selflessness. Compassion is the ability to take the perspective of and feel the emotions of another person combined with a desire to help that other person.

A Beautiful thought...♥

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 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

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.

PENNY'S PANTRY

As we kick off the new year I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help us through these challenging times we are all experiencing. We are still opened daily and serving our hot meals in to-go containers. Happy to report we are operating at full staff. We are in need of volunteers to help serve our clients on the 1st. and 3rd. Saturday of each month as well as the 1st. and 4th. Sunday of each month from 9:30am – 11:30am. If you can help or know of anyone that would like to volunteer please call me at 941-745-2992 or email me at penny@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

Thanking you in advance,
PENNY

THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH

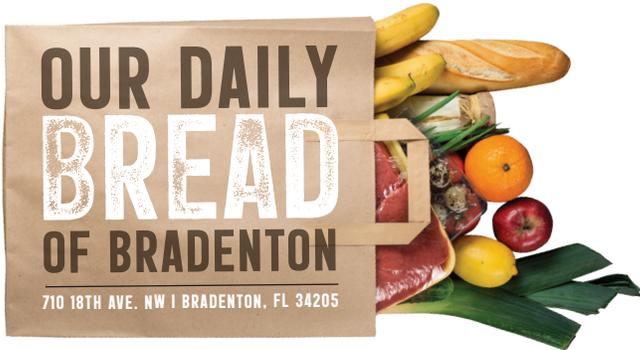
MONDAY	Corn Beef Hash , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
TUESDAY	BBQ Sandwiches , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
WEDNESDAY	Shepherd's Pie , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
THURSDAY	Ham and Beans , mixed green salad, fruit salad juice and pastry
FRIDAY	Chicken and Noodles , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
SATURDAY	Chef's Choice , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice and pastry
SUNDAY	Chicken Breast , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice and pastry

VOLUNTEER NOTES

Just when we think, well the worst is behind us. That light at the end of the tunnel is a locomotive headed our way. The good news, for myself and my co-volunteers is we have learned to step aside and keep those food trays filled. The gratitude shown by the majority of clients is very humbling to me. The expression I get more from this experience than I give has never been truer.

R.JACK JONES





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