November—2018 Our Daily Bread of Bradenton

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But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." Luke 18:27

What a wonderful summer we had at Our Daily Bread!

There has been lots of news in the papers and on TV about the Food Bank of Manatee and Feeding Tampa Bay. We still pick up many of the items that are essential to our operation from the Food Bank. Feeding Tampa Bay is enabling us to pick up directly from different grocery stores in Bradenton and Palmetto. This is addition to the many stores and restaurants which we have been fortunate enough to receive regular donations throughout the years.

One setback was the need for a second refrigerated van since stores where we pick up meats require it. Fortunately, we purchased a new van in February, so we just needed to have it converted. Yes, it was a major expense, but we feel certain it will more than pay for itself in the coming years.

We continue to enjoy a fantastic relationship with both the Food Bank and Feeding Tampa Bay.

We also continue to be blessed with many gifts both big and small and they are greatly appreciated. Thank you all for sharing your time, talents and treasures with Our Daily Bread. We couldn't do this without you and especially all the volunteers.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Pastor Rosemary Backer of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is leaving our board after 12 years of dedicated service. Rosemary has done so much to better Our Daily Bread and has been the editor and chief of our newsletter for all those years. We wish her God's speed in her new position in Virginia. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas God Bless,

Mark E. McLaughlin, President

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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.

A BIG P.S. Chuck and Jeannie Slater, through the Manatee Community Foundation established a matching grant to help pay for the refrigeration of the van. Many thanks to the Slaters, Bob and Judy Clay, and the Five Talent Fund, who matched a large portion of the needed funds and many others.



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

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.

OUR STAFF

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PENNY'S PANTRY KITCHEN REPORT



SYSCO VOLUNTEERS SERVING THE HOT MEAL

I would like to welcome back our northern volunteers. We are starting to see our numbers going up in our pantry. We are coming into the Christmas holidays and we will be doing our 10 days of giving so please think of us – we will be giving blankets, socks, hygiene items and a day of new presents for children. Thanks to everyone for making this a good year.

This week for lunch:

Monday	Mac and cheese with hamburger, green and fruit salad
Tuesday	Chili, green and fruit salad
Wednesday	Beef stew, green and fruit salad
Thursday	Chicken and rice, green and fruit salad
Friday	Shepherd's Pie, green and fruit salad
Saturday	Leftovers, green and fruit salad
Sunday	Chicken, mixed veggies, green and fruit salad
And we serve a pastry and juice every day.	

Thank You and God bless. Penny

12 Days of Christmas

Each year we endeavor to make the days before Christmas full of cheer for our clients at Our Daily Bread providing gifts of blankets, sweatshirts, socks, underwear and treats. Special days are assigned with toys for young children.

For two years now we have been asking churches, groups and even individuals to supplement our food items at Loaves and Fishes. What a fabulous program!!! The bags and boxes that were received helped keep our food purchases (and costs) down for months.

Celebrate the **TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** by giving gifts to someone you don't even know.



Although it has been Christian practice for many centuries to celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, that tradition is not widely observed in our culture these days.

But the project described here is a wonderful way to make the 12 days — from our marking on December 25 of Christ's birth through January 5, the eve of Epiphany — a meaningful time for assembling gifts to be given to others. It is a way for those of us who are blessed to pass our blessings on in a small way to those less fortunate.

The food collected will go to Loaves and Fishes, the pantry operated by Our Daily Bread where those in need can shop at no charge. Area churches are encouraged to ask their members to participate in collecting the items listed at the right, and to bring them to worship in a gift-wrapped, open box on January 7 or 8. Your gift will keep growing ... throughout the TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.

Here's what to place in your gifl box — item by item each day as you give thanks to God for your own blessings: Dec. 25 — jar of peanut butter Dec. 26 — jar of jelly Dec. 27 — box of pasta Dec. 28 — jar of spaghetti sauce Dec. 29 — canned com

- Dec. 30 canned green beans
- Dec. 31 box of mac 'n' cheese
- Jan. 1 box of cereal
- Jan. 2 2 b. bag of rice Jan. 3 – canned soup
- Jan. 4 canned chicken
- Jan, 5 roll of toilet paper + bar of soap

Decorate an open cardboard box with Christmas wrapping paper inside and out, place your items in the box and a bow on top. Take the box to your church January 7 or 8, to be blessed at worship. The boxes from participating congregations will be taken to Our Daily Bread for distribution at the Loaves and Fishes pantry.

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Churches and individuals filled boxes with our most popular items to feed families in need.

So how can you participate?

Decorate and open cardboard box and over the 12 Days of Christmas or over the next weeks of shopping preparing for the holidays. You can deliver to Our Daily Bread or to your local church. Churches can call Our Daily Bread to schedule pick up of boxes.



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September 19, 2018

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Re: Program Observation, September 17, 2018

Dear Mr. Eikill,

The Loaves and Fishes program, funded in part by an agreement with Manatee County Government to serve Manatee County citizens and those who are homeless in Manatee County, was observed on Monday, September 17, 2018. During this observation, the representative was able to see clients served as stated in the agreement.

Clients in line were checked in using either a Turning Points ID or driver's license with name and address listed. Since 5 clients are able to shop at a time there is a waiting area with chair for those in line. Clients are called to start shopping and they are allowed to select up to 15 boxed and canned items. In addition to the 15 canned and boxed items, clients may also select fresh produce and/or meat, items I am told are not generally available at food shelves. There were also "freebies" that were donated and offered to clients on a first-come basis, the items available this shopping day were WaWa breakfast sandwiches and Aunt Annie's Pretzel Dogs.

The space was clean and well maintained, the volunteers and staff were friendly and accommodating. The number of clients who arrived was steady. During this visit the representative was able to observe 18 clients check in, and of those 18 was able to see 13 clients check out. It was noted that most clients selected their maximum of 15 items, some tried to get a couple more and there were a couple who selected fewer but with the produce, meat and freebies having more would have made it difficult to walk home.

In regards to the Loaves and Fishes program, the observation for September 2018 provides proof services were provided as stated in the agreement. Thank you for providing this service.

Sincerely

Kristi Hagen Human Services Analyst



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Dear Friends,

As we begin to approach the holidays, it is time for us to reflect on the many blessings we have received and to consider how we can best share these blessings with others. Here at Turning Points, we are blessed with an amazing group of staff and volunteers that work together to meet the many needs of those coming through our doors seeking help. Those who serve in our organization demonstrate their special gifts readily—a ready smile, a sympathetic ear, a determination to find ways to solve problems so people can get back on their feet.

In the past fiscal year (ending June 30th, 2018) a total of 10,241 men, women and children received a service at our One Stop Center that made a difference in their lives. Of these, 1,606 were new clients at the Open Door Day Resource Center, where access to basic services is a critical first step on the path to sustainability. Our Case Managers met with heads of 1,917 households. Of these, 1,532 were people seeking to avoid eviction because some emergency in their life made paying rent impossible. The remaining 385 households were people seeking to get into housing from their car, a friend's couch, or the street, difficult proposition.

As access to medical and/or dental care continues to diminish, healthcare continues to increase in importance as a factor contributing to homelessness. Providing a place for uninsured people to get quality healthcare services is a major strategy in the battle to reduce homelessness in our community. The medical clinic say 1003 clients last year while the dental clinic served 1,373, many of who required dentures.

Our outstanding veteran's services staff and volunteers met with 823 veterans and/or their families, providing information and referral for the all, and financially assisted 89 of them to gain/maintain their housing.

All of these services were only made possible due to the support of people like YOU! We would like to express our deep gratitude for your ongoing support which enables all of here at Turning Points to assist our friends and neighbors through tough times. Thank you for giving importance to endeavors such as ours and may God continue to bless us all!

Warm Regards,

Adell Erozer, Executive Director

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever can." John Wesley

Coach's Note

In our president's letter Mark told about the changes this summer in our food supplies which for the last several years have been from Food Bank of Manatee- now we are back to picking up food, bread and produce at local groceries. The new system thru Feeding Tampa Bay is giving us more meats and produce but at a high expense to us. The main cost increase is in labor and operating the vans to pick-up the food. Our van is on the road at 7am three days a week to go to Publix on Holmes Beach. Additional time is used in weighing each load and daily reports on items picked up to Feeding Tampa Bay. We are using the increased items in our grocery store and kitchen. Because we have more items at Loaves and Fishes the number of people shopping on Monday and Friday has increased.

Our board member Chris Brown has been working on bringing our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws up to date with the help of volunteer attorney Patrick Bryant. Thank you, Chris and Patrick for keeping us on the straight and narrow legal path.

In this newsletter is a report from Manatee County on their review of our Loaves and Fishes program for last year. They have renewed their funding for the new program year beginning October 1, 2018. Thank you, Manatee County.

We are losing Rosemary Backer, in addition to her Vice President duties she edited and typed the newsletter. She has all the pages set-up and can transfer the files, we need someone who has the skills and time to replace Rosemary. We also need a volunteer to record our receipts and thank-you letters. This is a 3 hours a week job. Please call or stop in to help out.

We are in the process of planning our Christmas program as we need help during the week before Christmas giving out gifts or sponsoring one of the days. We will again have our 12 days of Christmas Food Drives—if your group or church would like to participate please call.

Thank you all who volunteer during the long hot summer months serving in the kitchen or at Loaves and Fishes. We made it another year. Thank you to all individuals, churches, businesses, groups, trusts and foundations that provide the financial support we need. Thank you to the grocery stores, food markets, Meals on Wheels and others that provide the food, meats and produce we need everyday.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Bob