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“Things you take for granted, someone else is praying for.” Marlan Rico Lee

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR . . .

A new season is upon us!

Some call it the holiday season, others the end of the year, still others, the oncoming of winter. Whatever you know it as . . . we are in for big changes.

Our “Feeding Friends and Neighbors” event was held on October 1, 2016, and was a major success. The occasion was held as a combination fund-raiser, open-house, and Daily Bread food-fest. The food was prepared in our own kitchens by staff and volunteers, the weather was outstanding, and more than 150 people attended. Sheriff Ivey’s “quick auction” got us off to a great start and we raised a total of \$47,900 thanks to the Sheriff’s Department, Melbourne Police Department, Florida Tech Basketball team, the Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids, The Police Athletic League, and all our generous contributors.



Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming and we welcome all those who wish to volunteer in our kitchen over both holidays, in order to allow our regular serving teams the days off to be with relatives and friends. Please call us to secure a date for volunteering (321-723-1060).

November brings our Boy Scout Food Drive and December brings our annual “Homeless Memorial Day” observance on Wednesday, December 21st this year. This memorial to all our brothers and sisters who died in the past twelve months will take place 3:30PM at Daily Bread.

This is also the time of year when we appeal to all for donations of cold weather clothing such as jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc. We also appeal for shirts, pants, sneakers, socks and gently used underwear, which are still in need.

Last but not least, this season is the time of year we give thanks. Thanks to our God for all his blessings; thanks to our volunteers for all their time, talent and treasure; and thanks to our donors who make our work fruitful and joyful. May you all have a bountiful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year!

John Farrell

Daily Bread

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR MAIN CAMPUS, FOOD WAREHOUSE AND THRIFT SHOP

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OUR VISION & MISSION

Daily Bread’s **vision** is to ensure everyone has access to the food and services necessary to become self-sufficient.

Daily Bread’s **mission** is to improve the dignity and quality of life of the hungry and needy we serve. We do this by offering a daily free meal at our soup kitchen, supplying food to local agencies for redistribution to the needy and providing hygienic and social services, in collaboration with partners.

“HOW CAN YOU COMPLAIN?”

Joe Angove was born in 1970, became homeless in 2003, and has been a client at Daily Bread since 2006. When he was 8 years old, his mother decided they needed a change from living in Massachusetts. “Mom moved me and my younger brother to Melbourne in 1979.” Joe is a graduate of Eau Gallie High School and worked in restaurants for 13 years as a dishwasher. “My hobbies were fishing and riding a bicycle.” He worked for Red Lobster for 10 years, and then for Bennigan’s until they closed. “After that I did odd jobs. One of those was working at a local farm where I picked tomatoes, watermelons, potatoes, and cabbages.”



Joe first found out about Daily Bread in 2006. “One of my neighbors likes to help the homeless, and he introduced me to a couple so I could help them out for a while. When I told them I was homeless they told me about this place.” Daily Bread means a whole lot to Joe. “It’s great! If it wasn’t for this place I would be starving.”

Today, Joe’s mother works for the state government and lives in Palm Bay, and his brother is married and lives in Alabama. Joe is still homeless, but when asked how things are going for him now he says, “Not too bad. I work at the [Daily Bread] Warehouse, and I got a really nice bike from there. And I’ve found a couple of restaurant jobs online.” Joe is currently in a job program hoping to find work soon. “I know all the people at restaurants around here, like TGI Fridays that one of my old bosses runs. Another boss’ wife saw me and told me Bennigan’s reopened by Sam’s Club. I pretty well know everybody. I’m just trying to find an open position.”

Looking to the future, Joe would like to move to the northwest. “A friend of mine asked me to go to Seattle Washington a while back, and I went there for about a month. I would like to go back there—it’s better there because I have allergies here in Florida.” And he’s always wanted to see the Jimi Hendrix Center there in Seattle. “I’ll get a job and save some money. I signed up for the job program to also help me get a place to live.”

He doesn’t like to hear other clients complain about Daily Bread. “I get a nice hot shower, clothes, food. I got a bike, a nice bike, too. I got a sleeping bag—whatever I need. How can you complain?”

PLEASE LET US KNOW . . .

Have you made a provision to leave a future gift to Daily Bread? If so, please let us know so we can thank you. Please contact Janet Price, Director of Development, at 321-723-1060, ext. 18, or janet@dailybreadinc.org.

BOOST YOUR GIFT!

Whether you’re a long time supporter of Daily Bread or first time donor, please be sure to check with your company’s Human Resources department to see if they have a matching gift program. It’s an easy way to “boost your donation” for everyone’s benefit!

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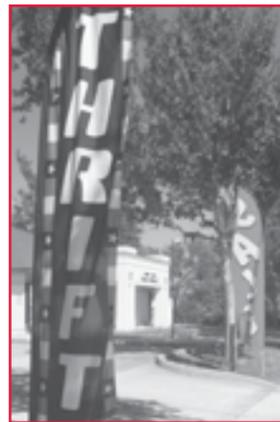
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THRIFT SHOP GRAND (RE)OPENING

“The best part about our Grand Opening was that we had about 120 people attend and enjoyed great food!” Gena Godfrey and her team are proud of the changes and improvements at the Daily Bread Thrift Shop, 412 E. New Haven, Melbourne. “The Melbourne Chamber of Commerce did a ribbon cutting in honor of our new look and new staff.” (Staff in



photo to the left—Big Mike, Shantay, Gena, & John.) A volunteer donated two banner-flags to the Thrift Shop. “We hope the curbside flags will draw eyes to the shop to help bring in more customers.” (Photo to the right.)

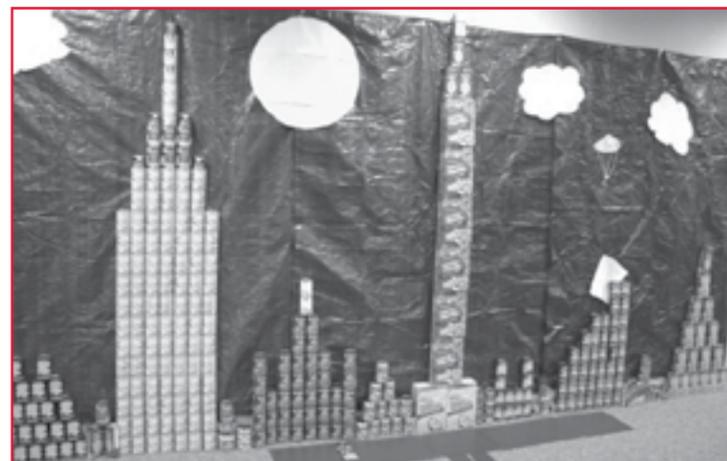


Look for more changes to the DB Thrift Shop’s “look and feel” in the future. And please stop by and check out all we have available for sale—you’re sure to find something you’ll love at bargain prices!

“NOW THAT’S SHOWING SOME LOVE”

Submitted by Kimberly LaPorta, Social Security District Manager: The Melbourne Social Security Field Office coordinators for Fed Feeds Families, Derwin Evans and Yanira Vargas, came up with an engaging theme of “Build a Community with Love” for this year’s FFF campaign. As part of the theme, the office was divided into four groups: Contractors, Carpenters, Architects, and Engineers. Each week the groups were challenged to build a structure out of donated food with points awarded

for the largest structure and the most creative structure. Weekly competitions included national monuments, bridges, modes of transportation, and city skylines. [The photo here is one of nine submitted—do you recognize this city?]



Not only did the staff enjoy partnering in this hands on activity, they also worked together to fill the shelves of local food pantries by donating 5,500 pounds of food in four weeks. Now that’s showing some love! *Our thanks to all of you at the Melbourne Social Security Office!*

FEEDING FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS SUCCESS

More than 150 supporters attended the “Feeding Friends & Neighbors” event. The weather was great and Sheriff Wayne Ivey’s quick “auction” got us off to a great start. When all was done \$47,900 had been raised, a great help to Daily Bread.



Thanks to so many --- Sheriff Ivy, the Melbourne police, the Florida Tech Basketball players -the volunteers who helped prepare and serve food and drinks, the DOCK (Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids), the Police Athletic League, **and a great thanks to all for your generous contributions!**

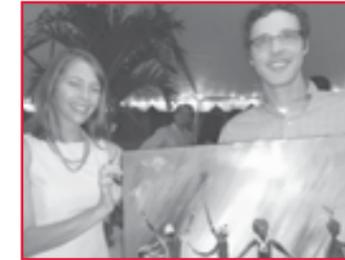


Photo Faces & Names – **Top-Left:** Angie Walker, Sheriff Ivey, Deacon Joe Gassman; **Middle-Left:** Anne Marie & Peter Rogers; **Bottom-Left:** Tom Price & artist Lex Walker; **Top-Right:** Peg Moshovetis, Miss Treasure Coast USA Cynthia Sundin, Ada Ymiceva; **Bottom-Right:** Kitchen Crew for the FFN Event - Franco Amara, Barbara Branhan, Allen Hastings, Omar Powell, Cheryl Morrison, Javier Bowen, Diane Po, Garland Bryant.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING—YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE: While Feeding Friends & Family was a wonderful event and a tremendous help financially, there is still a great need for your assistance. Throughout this year, the human needs we meet and the challenges we address have continued without pause. Daily Bread constantly collaborates with many food pantries and other social service agencies to meet these ongoing needs of food, healthcare, housing, and employment for the clients we serve.

Our greatest support has always come from you, our individual donors. We ask you now to consider making a generous year-end gift to Daily Bread using the enclosed card. Your help is needed this year more than ever to sustain our service to those most vulnerable members of our community take positive steps toward self-sufficiency. Remember that all gifts postmarked before year end are deductible for the 2016 tax year.

THIS ‘N THAT

FOOD BANK THANK YOU'S

- **Social Security Melbourne Office** – 5,465 LBS of “Feds Feed Families” food
- **Indian River Colony Club** – 309 lbs of food
- **Downtown Produce** – 52 gal of salad dressing
- **Pepsi Melbourne / Chris Merry** – monthly donation of various soft drinks
- **Patrick AFB ETHOS Youth Group** – 150 lbs of food
- **Calvary Chapel** conducted a “Day of Compassion” October 29th that helped paint the Food Warehouse shelves, replaced the ceiling in the DB Kitchen and did a “super cleaning” there; cleaned carpet & windows at Outreach Center; and helped at the DB Thrift Store with sorting/ & cleaning. *What a blessing to have all this done in a single day!*