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Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others. Booker T. Washington

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR . . .

Here we are in the middle of Spring with summer just around the corner!

Spring, a time of year when all seems fresh, new and clean. A time of renewal, looking forward to the future, and time of remembrance, reviewing events from the past. We go forward into the future, with remembrance of the past because our past helps shape our future. At Daily Bread we know the things that work, and the things that didn't. Yet, we still have a need to try new things, to experiment, and to reach beyond ourselves and to grow.

The Strawberry Festival was one of those new things, something Daily Bread has never tried before. A daring undertaking given all the work required, the tremendous number of volunteers needed, and the sheer size of the project—but we did it! We had our very first Strawberry Festival. To say we learned a lot is an understatement; to say we succeeded is also an understatement!

We will build on what we learned this year for next year. The highlights of the weekend were the people and families that came to enjoy themselves, the weather, and the strawberries. Lots of laughter, fellowship, and good times were had by all! Daily Bread spread its message successfully. After all, we are here for people.

We have so many people to thank for that great weekend! Volunteers, staff, sponsors, and last, but not least, all of you who attended. Thank you for your participation, hard work, and all your efforts. Most of all, thanks for such a wonderful and memorable event!

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.

PLANNING FOR AN EVEN BETTER FUTURE

On the evening of March 15, Daily Bread's Board of Directors held a strategic planning session with the staff department heads. They covered a multitude of topics, but most importantly they focused on how to grow this vital organization near and dear to so many hearts in our community! The intent is to grow Daily Bread in a direction that will best help the population of individuals we serve find their path to self-sufficiency. We sincerely appreciate all those who help Daily Bread, Inc. do all they do day after day, and our hope is that together we can continue to make Daily Bread a place where our community's most vulnerable members can be connected to the services they need.

This group discussed four strategic areas and formed subcommittees to provide more detailed planning. The areas are: (1) Housing; (2) Food Services; (3) Employment; and (4) Development. Each subcommittee has been tasked to meet in April and develop their strategic goals—and plans to achieve them—in more detail, and report progress to the Board at future Board meetings. A HUGE THANKS to everyone who participated in this strategic planning session!



Planning participants, from left to right: Janet Price, Peggy Sowders, Bob Comoin, Roger Kendall, Keith Donald, Miranda Fuoco, Neal Driscoll, Bob Moletteire, David Vega, Andrew Evans, Jarin Eisenberg, Paul Moshovetis, Tim Muth, Dudley Garner and Joe Hnat. Not pictured: Skype attendee John Farrell, photographer Deacon Joe Gassman, Bonnie Armstrong, & Bruce Moia.

YOUR NEW FOOD WAREHOUSE MANAGER



Peggy Sowders began volunteering at Daily Bread in the Food Warehouse and Distribution Center, after having spent 30 years in the social services industry. "Greg LaVanture was ready to retire, and he convinced me that I should take the position." Peggy and her husband—who retired from the Air Force—moved to Melbourne 2 years ago. Peggy's recent experience includes working administration for a city government and operating a nationally accredited senior center. "The Distribution Center has a great team of staff and volunteers, and I hope to continue to support them and provide what our kitchen and community partners need for the amazing work they do!" Peggy is also excited to be working on a Jobs Training Program. "This helps our clients get some on the job training to prepare to get back into the work force." Thank you, Peggy, for stepping into this leadership role that is so important to our local community!

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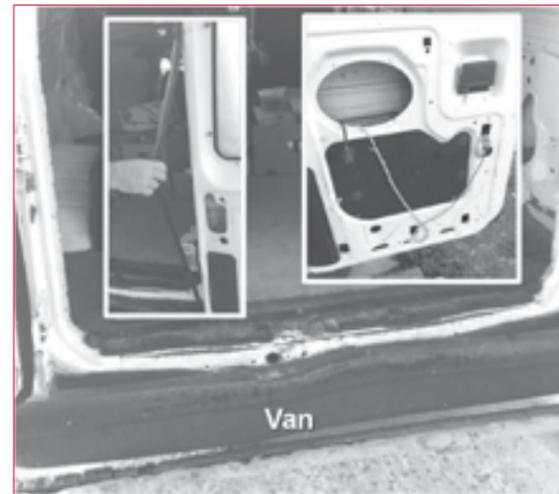
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IT'S BOTH AGE AND MILEAGE!

What carries 1 to 3 tons of food around town every day of the year and logged more than 200,000 miles over the past 10 years? Daily Bread's food pickup & delivery vehicles, of course!

However, this never-ending work pace has put lots of loving wear & tear on both the van and the box truck, which don't just haul foodstuffs. These vehicles are also used to transport Thrift Shop pickups and deliveries of bulk clothing of large items like furniture.



The frequency and costs of both scheduled maintenance and unscheduled repairs are rising, especially now as these vehicles approach the end of their serviceable lives. Breakdowns are more common, which means extra cost for a rental, or just doing without until repairs can be made. It's time to retire these old work horses and hire a couple fresh ones!

To that end, Tim Muth—President of the Board of Directors—outlined his approach. “The Warehouse team is gathering the specifications. We'll then ask the Board and Staff to use their contacts to find out what's available on the market. Then, at a future Board meeting we'll discuss the various options and costs and make a decision.”

Replacing these vehicles is a significant investment in our local community's future across multiple charitable organizations, not just Daily Bread. So if you have an idea on how to help make this possible sooner rather than later, *please share that idea!* Anything from a special donation of any size earmarked for this purpose, to someone with the means to solve this problem “instantly,” and everything in between—we want to hear from you! Please contact Janet Price, Daily Bread's Development Director, at janet@dailybreadinc.org or call 321-723-1060.

GIFT MATCHING WHERE YOU WORK? 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!

THOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE. 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.

FOOD WAREHOUSE HONORS!

First, we all honor Greg LaVanture as we bid a fond farewell on his retirement from being the Daily Bread Food Warehouse Manager. Over his tenure, Greg worked tirelessly to help the Warehouse bring in and distribute more than *one million pounds of food* to support Daily Bread operations and supply so many other charitable food pantries across our community. He is now looking forward to some well deserved time off, which means time on the golf course! *Thank you for all your contributions, Greg!* Next, we all also welcome the new Daily Bread Food Warehouse Manager, Peggy Sowders (see article at the bottom of page 1).

Here's the list of recent “Thank You's” in honor of those volunteers and donors who directly support the Food Warehouse:

- VFW Post 4536 for a \$250.00 donation!
- Indian River Colony Club for your continued donations and support!
- Knights of Columbus for the donation of a very nice grill!
- So many others unnamed here who have donated materials, time, and caring hearts!

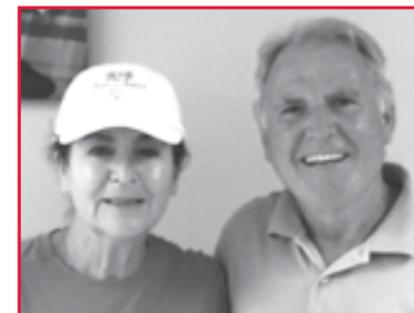
We also offer our thanks to the Calvary Chapel team who came for a Day of Compassion at the Warehouse where they painted, cleaned, organized, and worked many projects that just needed to get done!

Finally, a *SPECIAL Thank You* to all of the Daily Bread staff and volunteers who worked many long and hot hours to set up, operate and take down the Strawberry Festival.



KITCHEN SPOTLIGHT: LUIS & PEPITA

Who would have thought that after 44 yrs of marriage Luis and Pepita Garcia would still be investing their heart and soul into Daily Bread! These two arrived in Melbourne as a young couple from Madrid, Spain in 1978 with their son. When their pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes felt that Ministry School was a good fit for them, they made some adjustments and attended the 3-year school in Orlando.



During their first year of school, Luis and Pepita met Bob and Diane Hayward—Daily Bread's founders. Luis and Pepita joined Bob and Diane when they started “The Little Red House” soup kitchen, and they have witnessed it grow into all that Daily Bread, Inc. is today! As trained ministers, Luis and Pepita would bring young kids to volunteer at Daily Bread, including their son. “Everything we have done,” said Luis, “has been done together and with God's help!” Besides continuing to volunteer at Daily Bread, the Garcias visit the elderly in group homes and do cleaning work at their church. Daily Bread is honored to have such long-time volunteers as Luis and Pepita!

THIS 'N THAT

“BOB'S ASKING FOR YOU...”

The Daily Bread Thrift Store's mascot, Downtown Bob, wants to know when you're coming for a visit! “How can anyone stay



away when we have so many fantastic sales and deals all the time!” Bob has a point. Just look at these recent ads:

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50% OFF

But seriously, *besides a ton of fun*, the Thrift Shop's proceeds help purchase food and supplies for Daily Bread. So, come join the party at 412 E. New Haven Ave. in downtown Melbourne—*Bob's expecting you!*

