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Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving. Henry Rosso

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE!

The Daily Bread staff and our energetic volunteers continue to do an outstanding job running Daily Bread's operations and helping our clients.

Since posting the Executive Director's position, the response has been overwhelming—to date we have received applications from over 100 people! Applications were accepted through the end of August, and now the work of preparing for interviews has begun.

The Executive Director is critically important to Daily Bread's success and must possess many valuable personal traits. Specifically, the Board of Directors, in their recent planning retreat, identified Strategic Vision and Development/Fundraising as two extremely important responsibilities of the Executive Director. The Executive Director, along with the Board, must help set the future strategic direction of Daily Bread so we can adapt in a rapidly changing environment. Also, the Executive Director must establish relationships with key groups within our community, obtain their support, and develop partnerships to ensure Daily Bread is viewed as an important community partner.

Over the next several weeks, we will screen applications, review resumes, participate in phone interviews and set up personal interviews with the most qualified individuals. Our goal is to hire the new Executive Director in the September to October time frame.

Thank you for your continued support and we will keep you informed as we move forward.

Daily Bread Board of Directors

Daily Bread

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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.

30 YEARS OF SERVING HUMAN DIGNITY



Summers have always been a financial challenge for non-profit organizations, and the previous few months were no exception for Daily Bread. Graduations, vacations, family reunions, weddings, etc. take priority for many of us. However, the basic needs of the most vulnerable in our community do not decrease, but in fact *increase* during the hottest and most challenging months in Florida.

The mission of Daily Bread continues to be providing dignity and quality of life to the hungry and needy we serve, with daily hot meals and access to hygienic services. Together with our devoted community partners we provide food collection, distribution services and access to social and educational agencies that provide clients with the opportunity to become self-sufficient.

This year during May, June, and July Daily Bread:

- Served 20,341 meals to 3,564 different people
- Showered and provided clean clothing to 4,751 people
- Distributed 335,208 pounds of food to local food pantries

The numbers themselves are impressive, but the most important thing is that *providing a daily hot meal, hygiene services, and support from social and educational agencies can never cease*. The need is ever present and cannot be met without continued support from all the caring and generous people who make these daily demonstrations of love possible.

Daily Bread provides a hot nutritious 7 course meal (meat, soup, salad, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink) 365 days a year for approximately \$1.29 each. Please help Daily Bread continue to provide Food for Human Dignity by making the most generous donation possible.

How many people can you help us serve?
\$500 = 387 meals, \$100 = 77 meals,
\$50 = 95 meals, \$25 = 19 meals
Please help today by providing your tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope or make your gift on our secured website: www.dailybreadinc.org.

OCTOBER 7TH: 3RD ANNUAL FF&N EVENT



By supporting this event you become part of a local network that assists the most vulnerable in our community, and your support is needed to continue this mission.

Please plan to support our 3rd "FEEDING FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS" fundraiser on Saturday, October 7th from 6-10 on the Daily Bread Campus, 815 E. Fee Ave. in Melbourne.

This event, recognizing 30 years serving South Brevard County, and honoring Diane Hayward, founder of Daily Bread, will feature Sheriff Wayne Ivey as keynote speaker.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Sheriff Wayne Ivey

Enjoy a happy hour, followed by a dinner buffet, silent auction, music, and raffles. All proceeds to benefit Daily Bread, Inc.

For more information about Sponsorship Opportunities, Volunteering or to RSVP: events@dailybreadinc.org, or call (321) 723-1060, ext 18.

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JULY 4TH “DIGNITY DINING” COOKOUT!



July 4th cookouts are as traditionally American as you can get, and the Daily Bread staff did it up right for this past Independence Day celebration! Besides grilled food for that day’s meal service, this celebration included music by Charles “Chuckie” Julian with his guitar, face painting by Raquel Gagliano, the Daily Bread Staff’s new Volunteer Coordinator, a bike giveaway for the little ones, and other Daily Bread staff members on the kitchen serving line. Something old, something new, something red, white, and blue!



LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT!

Janet Price, Daily Bread’s Director of Development, was invited to speak at the **Indian River Chapter of The Embroiders’ Guild of America, Inc.** There she received a donation of toiletries they had been collecting for the year. Janet’s BIG surprise came when she learned that this Chapter has been collecting and donating toiletries to Daily Bread every year since 2004! A letter from the Chapter President, Doreen Snyder, reviews the history of their **Toiletries for the Homeless** program: “By the end of 2007 we had contributed 4,640 items.” The letter goes on to state that in 2008 they set a goal to donate 1,500 items a year, and by 2016 had increased the goal to 2,500 per year. Altogether, in the past 13 years this Chapter of the EGA has donated more than 23,000 toiletry items to Daily Bread for our clients! Thank you for your long-standing donations of “little things” that mean so much to those in need!



LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS—LOTS OF ACTION!

The Distribution Center has enjoyed sharing what we do and how we do it with several volunteer groups that were kind enough to spend part of their summer with us. Every time such a group joins us to help with all the hard work, it reminds us that we cannot do all that needs to be done without these caring spirits who are so generous with their time!

A HUGE thank you to **Wells Fargo Bank** who spent time sorting cans from our Faith Feeds and Letter Carriers Food Drives and getting them on our shelves so we can take care of our clients.

Also working side by side with the Wells Fargo Bank group was a **Youth Group from Patrick Air Force Base**. These young folks spent 2 days with us attacking many labor intensive tasks. They washed and disinfected all of our food rescue containers, shucked corn, and sorted canned goods. It was hot those two days but they pressed ahead on the tasks they were assigned with smiles on their faces—what great role models for all our community’s youth!



An “Extra Special” thank you goes to Mike Russell who owns **Thrifty 2U** store at 1739 N Wickham Road. Mike helped two clients with one of the largest obstacles any client can have when they want to be able to get into their own apartment—getting it furnished. Mike’s company donated an entire apartment’s worth of furniture so these two Daily Bread clients could move into their own apartment! We know we live in a giving community, but Mike’s generosity was truly a delightful surprise! Please stop by his store and tell him thanks, and you yourself might even come across something there you can’t live without!

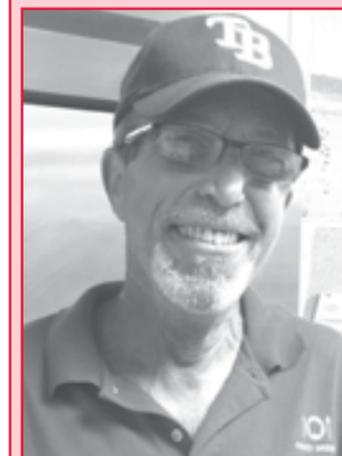
ARE YOU OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER? We always need volunteer help in the Distribution Center. We will accommodate any physical limitations, or preferences for where you want to assist. We are so very grateful to the volunteers who continue to work our “food rescue” program that is such a valuable service.

At the Distribution Center, we often remind ourselves to follow Mother Teresa’s guidance about helping others: **“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.”**



THIS ‘N THAT

KITCHEN SPOTLIGHT: ALAN HASTINGS



Alan Hastings was born in Yonkers NY in 1959, but was raised in Poughkeepsie, NY. He came to Florida in 1986 where he resided in Highlands County working as a carpenter for more than 25 yrs. Alan came to Brevard County to be near his oldest daughter Ariella and his grandchildren Isabella (4) & Marol (3). In 2015 he came to volunteer at Daily Bread with his daughter and has been volunteering here ever since! Alan has been a major component in the Daily Bread Dignity Dining Series (pictured at the grill in the Dignity Dining article above!) as well as other special events. As a volunteer who routinely comes in to work at Daily Bread at least four times a week, Al is one of the Kitchen staff’s most valued volunteers!