

The Soup Scoop

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Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Mission Statement

The mission of Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is to feed the hungry of our community regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. We welcome all volunteers to this service who share an unconditional positive regard for every human being. We provide a safe, respectful, and inviting environment in an atmosphere of hope and dignity.

When we walked out of the Soup Kitchen at St. Jude's Catholic Worker House last July, none of the longtime cooks and dishwashers realized that we had served our final meal at the House. But, as most of you know, the Steering Committee of St. Jude's made the decision to close the soup kitchen and concentrate the House's resources on hospitality and social activism. This decision was made without the consent and against the advice of the many long-time soup kitchen volunteers. It was a decision that left the hungry of the Champaign community without any other recourse for a hot noontime meal at a time when the economic situation has increased the number of individuals seeking help.

But we soup kitchen volunteers are a dedicated, determined lot. Because we believe that the Champaign community needs a soup kitchen, we have banded together to form a new soup kitchen called Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Inc. Today, less than three months later, we have almost completed the process of being incorporated as a 501c3 not for profit agency. Today we diligently search for a new permanent home. And today, and every weekday, we continue our mission of feeding the hungry by passing out sack lunches at the facilities of New Covenant Fellowship at 124 W. White, Champaign.

New Covenant has been a wonderful partner for Daily Bread. Every day from 10 am to 1 pm, they open their kitchen for sandwich making, and every day from 11 to 12:30, they open their foyer to provide a place where our guests can find sustenance, fellowship, and a respite from the rainy weather. The first day Daily Bread opened, we passed out 30 sack lunches. Now we are serving around 90 lunches a day and the numbers continue to grow as people find us. We are seeing many old friends and also too many new faces.

As winter approaches, we are working with New Covenant on plans to use their facilities to expand our services and provide a hot meal to our guests. We are working with the Champaign Public Health Department to determine what needs to be done to bring New Covenant's kitchen up to Public Health standards, and we are optimistic that before the snow falls we can once again provide hot meals to the hungry of Champaign.

Leaving St. Jude's, our home for seventeen years, was wrenching for many of us. But, as the old adage says, 'if life gives you lemons, make lemonade.' Today we soup kitchen volunteers are busy stirring up the lemonade, spreading the peanut butter, and bagging up the chips. But we also, besides being dedicated and determined, are big dreamers. Today, even as we are so grateful to New Covenant for taking us in, we dream of a new modern soup kitchen.

We have been blessed with tremendous community support, from the News Gazette, from the Champaign Police Department, from many of you who have been so generous with your contributions. After a brainstorming session in which we picked the name Daily Bread for our new soup kitchen, Dolores Sofranko said with a wide grin: "Daily Bread, the Soup Kitchen will Rise Again."

Indeed, "The Soup Kitchen will Rise Again!"

Ellen Harms, Newsletter



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An autumn afternoon of enchanting music and luscious desserts

Sunday, October 25 2:00

Lincolnshire Fields Country Club

produced by Dan Perrino

featuring

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We need dough!

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