

Soup Scoop

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Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Mission Statement

The mission of the 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.

Daily Bread is an entirely volunteer-run organization founded in 2009. Daily Bread serves a hot lunch out of the facilities of **New Covenant Fellowship at 124 W. White**, at the corner of Randolph and White Streets in Champaign. Lunches are served **Monday through Friday from 11:00 to 12:30**. Sack lunches, soup, and coffee are served from our mobile van on weekends.

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...”

Living in Champaign-Urbana hasn't been easy this winter. We've faced everything: tornados, blizzards, ice storms, record breaking cold temperatures, even a Polar Vortex. Schools and businesses have closed. Even the trusty mailman missed a few days on our block. But the devoted volunteers at Daily Bread didn't miss a day. Every day, regardless of how low the temperature dropped or how high the snow piled up, our volunteers showed up, turned on the burners, heated the soup, pulled hearty dishes out of the ovens, and fed the hungry guests who showed up at our tables.

Our weekend crews literally braved the elements for hours as they stood outside in subzero temperatures and blowing snow to hand out hot soup, coffee, and sandwiches to guests who gathered around the van. On the coldest day, volunteer Dave S brought a heater/blower with him and once it was hooked up, guests took turns standing in front of it, trying to warm up.

On Monday, January 6, the worst day of winter when most of Champaign was shut down, volunteers who live near New Covenant were able to open the doors. We didn't serve our usual 200 guests that day, but the 42 guests who trekked through the snow were very appreciative of our efforts. On Tuesday, with the weather only marginally better, we served 150 guests.

We've served guests this winter who showed up at our tables wearing only sweatshirts on the coldest days. We've had guests without gloves or hats or socks. We've had guests wearing threadbare coats because they didn't have money to buy anything warmer. We've fed guests whose paychecks stretched enough to pay heating bills but didn't have anything left over for groceries. We've fed guests in wheelchairs and mothers with infants in strollers who struggled through the snow for a hot meal. We've handed out socks and gloves and hats. And then, with heavy hearts, we've watched our guests head back into the cold, knowing that at least they are fortified with a hearty meal.

We are grateful as we finally see signs of spring that our 'couriers were not stayed from the swift completion of their appointed rounds,' that the soup and the coffee never ran out, and that our doors never closed.

And we are incredibly grateful for the many generous donations that arrived in December and that make our mission possible.



Back Pack Give Away 2013

We were incredibly lucky that our annual Christmas Backpack Giveaway happened to fall on one of the very few almost balmy days this winter! Once again lines stretched for blocks as guests waited patiently to get a backpack. Santa showed up along with some elves who passed out cookies to guests waiting in line, and we gave away about 750 generously stuffed backpacks in just over two hours! We ran out of women's packs with just a few minutes to go, but most of the remaining women were happy to take a man's pack instead. We also ran out of very small children's bags and will ask for more donations for babies and toddlers next year. We ended up with only about 30 children's packs and 35-40 men's packs, all of which found homes in the next few weeks.



Backpacks came in from many places. Champaign Rotary donated 80 highly coveted

backpacks. A book club donated 38 backpacks, in honor of their 30 year anniversary. We got backpacks from bunco groups, Sunday School classes, Girl Scouts, Brownies, tennis groups, neighbors, churches. Grandparents filled backpacks with their grandchildren. Many many individuals dropped off backpacks



I wish that you all could have been there to see tiny toddlers almost bent over backwards with big bags on their backs, men and women with huge grins on their faces as they received a bag, and the true warm spirit of Christmas that seemed to

permeate the fellowship hall of New Covenant!

The backpacks have always been a wonderful gift for our guests, but this year, the socks, gloves, hats, scarves, sweatshirts, underwear, handwarmers, etc, that the bags were stuffed with have been especially appreciated as our guests have struggled to deal with the harsh weather.

The line stretched several blocks long. Guests came in the front door, got a hand stamp and gave their names to volunteers, and then entered the hall where they received a backpack. Then they went to the kitchen door where they were given a sack lunch. Final stop was a drink and an orange at the back door exit.

One woman after exiting asked Henry who was manning back door if she could have a second lunch and the guest behind her said, 'here, take mine.' When she hesitated, he said 'Merry Christmas' handed her the lunch, and left smiling, with his new backpack slung over his shoulder.

It was that kind of day!



Special thanks to the following groups and individuals who donated backpacks and also thank you to many others whose names were either inadvertently not recorded or the many individuals who asked to remain anonymous! (And remember, it's not too early to start shopping for next year's backpack project. Lots of great sales on winter items!)

Champaign Rotary, Holy Cross School, Steve Vaughn St John the Divine Episcopal Chapel ISunday School, University of Illinois Football Staff, New Covenant Fellowship, Dr. Victoria Johnson and Carle Spine Center, Diane and Greg Garland, Janene Hammer, Lois Rooney, Cindy Wilson, Bachellor Family, Unitarian Universalist Church, Charlie Bost and Marshal Clinard, Virginia Brubaker and Gail Schiesser, Chris Carlson and Ursula Reuter-Carlson, Beth and Emil Cobb, Linda Collinsworth, Ralph and Sean Dady, Nancy Dietrick and Russ Rybicki, Sandy and Rob Finley, Sandy and Joe Finnerty, Gehrman Family, Sandy and Jim Hannum, Amy Hassinger and Adam Davis, Kris Hedman, A.J. and Steve Herzog, Kristy Higgs, Tanja Hodges, Christine Jenkins and Sue Searing, Marcy Joncich, Lynn Kelly, Julie Laut and Julian Barbieri, Cindy and Michael Loui, McDermott Family, Lesley, Lori and Aidan Jane Millar-Nickolson, Pat Nolan, Karen and Mike Retzer, Umeeta Sadarangani and Marilyn Ryan, Anne and David Sharpe, Jim Watkins, Sarah and Charlie Wisseman, Ellen Harms,

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Busy Times at Daily Bread

1. Parents at St. Matthew School donated 80 apple and pumpkin pies to DBSK through their Market Day Program.
2. Once again, Mikel Leshoure of the Detroit Lions donated turkey and hams for Thanksgiving. Turkeys also arrived from Carle Foundation Hospital, Gordon Food Service, and Lee Fillman. Carle Spine Center donated hams, and Texas Roadhouse donated rolls for Thanksgiving dinner. We had much to be thankful for at Thanksgiving.
4. Vic Zimmerman donated venison sausage, and Karl Radnitzer donated a whole pig (butchered and in nice white packages in our freezer!)



5. A squad of University of Illinois Army ROTC cadets came in on a Saturday and repacked pretzels and shoveled our sidewalks and alley.
6. Thanks to a \$5000 grant from Community Foundation and a \$2400 grant from Champaign Rotary, Daily Bread now has 100 new dining room chairs and 3 dollies to store them on.

7. We celebrated Valentine's Day with decorations created by Della Chambers and special gifts of

scarves donated by Joan Zernich and hand lotions donated by Diane Garland for all our female guests. Everyone received chocolates that were purchased at Eastern Illinois Foodbank. A Special Education class at Central H.S. donated Valentine treats, and Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority donated Valentine's cookies. Quite a sweet day at Daily Bread.

8. We also celebrated Fat Tuesday by offering all of our guests' TWO desserts.
9. Ruler Foods celebrated the opening of a new store in Champaign by donating a check for \$400 to Daily Bread.
10. Walgreens, in conjunction with Avicenna Medical, provided flu shots to our guests.
11. Holy Cross second graders arrive weekly with donations of milk and fruit.
12. Daily Bread volunteers did more than feed the hungry at New Covenant. Our volunteers also provided a Thanksgiving dinner to volunteers who were helping clean up in Gifford after the tornado, and we provided hot meals to guests who stayed in Public Health's Emergency Shelter during the coldest days.



Recent and future Fundraisers

Empty Bowls Fundraiser April 3

Empty Bowls, an international grass roots effort to fight hunger, has a local chapter here in Champaign-Urbana that has organized a fundraiser for Daily Bread on April 3, 2014. The organizers will be lading up some fun at Silvercreek Restaurant at 402 North Race Street in Urbana from 4-6 pm. For a donation of \$15 for adults or \$5 for children under 12, participants will be served a bowl of soup and breadsticks provided by the Silvercreek chef. Every guest will take home a hand-crafted bowl donated by the CU Potters Club, Parkland College ceramic faculty and students, and local potters.

The benefit will also include a silent auction of a framed low-relief sculpture, *Girl with Necklace*, by prominent artist and sculptor, Frank Gallo, which will be on display at Art Coop, Lincoln Square from March 14-April 2. In addition, there will be a raffle of three bowls created by local potters Chris Berti, Dwain Naragon, and Laura O'Donnell.

For more information about the event, check out our website www.dailybreadsoupkitchen.com or check out the facebook page at Facebook.com/cuemptybowls



Crop Walk Fundraiser April 6

Church World Service and Champaign-Urbana CROP Walk team up for its CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, April 6 at 2 pm. The local group will donate 25% of all collected funds to the Eastern Illinois FoodBank, the Times Center, the Wesley Evening Food Pantry, and our own Daily Bread.

There are several ways to support the CROP Walk and DBSK. Go to <CU-CROPWalk.org> and register to walk. Get sponsors to donate or be a sponsor by writing your check. Donations of non-perishable food will also be accepted on Walk day. Each item will be credited as a \$1 value toward Walk donations and the Feinstein Challenge for 2014.



Guinness Book of Records Longest WhiffleBall Game Fund Raiser March 8

Chris Shields, a St. Matthew School dad who holds the Guinness Book of record for the highest softball catch (i.e., he caught a softball dropped 250 feet from an ultra-light plane!) is at it again. Chris and his friends decided to attempt to play the longest whiffle ball game on record, a whiffle ball game lasting 30 hours! The game took place on Saturday, March 8 at The High School of St. Thomas More at 7 am. All proceeds will go to Daily Bread!

Annual Candy Foster Benefit June 6

Candy Foster and his band

Shades of Blue will be back at Alto Vineyard on June 6 as we once again serve a soup kitchen meal, listen to music, and dance under the stars, all for a great cause. More information will be arriving in May, but mark you calendars now!



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Questions, You've got Questions
Bob Goss, Daily Bread's Esteemed President, has answers!

No, we are not moving in the immediate future.

Yes, although New Covenant has been a wonderful friend to us, someday we would like to have our own facility so that we can serve the hungry of CU a hot meal seven days a week.

Yes, we did go to the City Council to clarify our zoning status so that we have options for the future.

No, once again, we have no plans to move in the immediate future. But we will continue to look for a site that would allow us to be open seven days a week and that would have adequate storage so that we could better serve our guests. Currently, we are unable to accept some donated items and food because of a lack of storage space.

Yes, if and when we decide to move, you all will be the first to know because we will need your help to grow as an organization!

Yes, we continue to serve around 200 guests every day.

Yes, our food costs for feeding those 200 guests every day is still only an amazing \$100 per day!

(for all the latest Daily Bread news, follow us on Facebook or check out our website at www.dailybreadsoupkitchen.com)

And **yes**, donations are **ALWAYS** welcome at the above address.

