



Sonshine Soup Kitchen News

Mini Edition

Providing a free meal to anyone in need.

May and June, 2011



Reflections

Every day, we seek to show

appreciation to our volunteers by thanking each one and by providing a well-organized program that provides a vehicle for volunteers to

live out their personal human service goals. Each year, during the month of April, an extra effort is made to let our volunteers know just how much their time and work is valued.

This year, everyone who volunteered during the month of April received a special card imprinted on one side with the Soup Kitchen mission statement. This statement ends with the words, "by seeking to exhibit the love and grace of Jesus Christ in our service." In no way are volunteers required to be professing Christians in order to work at the Soup Kitchen. However, no-one can state a case against the fact that the man the world recognizes as Jesus was a model of sacrifice, wisdom, and love, especially to those who society considered unlovable.

To exemplify how Jesus showed love, we imprinted the reverse side of the card with this passage from the Bible, found in the book of John, chapter 13, verses 1, 4, and 5: *It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

We do strive to show this kind of love and respect to our guests. Not that we are washing feet, but this is why we seat our guests and serve them like a restaurant does instead of serving from a line. This is why we ask guests their names and try to get to know them.



This is why each volunteer was also given a towel, imprinted with our soup pot logo to remind them of the kind of love Jesus showed his closest friends days before he was put on trial for his life.

~ Cynthia Dwyer

Newsletter Change

The January edition of this newsletter was the last three-month format. As of **July 1, we are changing to a four-month format.** This edition is a two-month bridge between the two formats. This will save on paper, postage and most importantly, time. Please continue to enjoy reading about the Sonshine Soup Kitchen.



Numbers to Note

2010 YTD (March 31)

Guests served 2,449

Meals served 3,492

Average of meals per day 55

Volunteer hours logged 1,855

2011 YTD (March 31)

Guests served 2,383

Meals served 3,710

Average meals per day 59

Volunteer hours logged 2,065

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Staff changes

The first week of March was Sue White's last day with the Soup Kitchen. Sue served as the Office Assistant for just about three years. Jackie moved from the kitchen into the office position. We were still interviewing applicants for the new Kitchen Coordinator as this newsletter went into production. We will report back on this change in July.

Important reminders for all volunteers

Summer weather is quickly approaching.



Please remember **open toe shoes, tank tops, and bare midriffs are not allowed.** Nor are low-cut necklines. Please come ready to work in appropriate attire with long

hair tied back.

Eating and drinking in the kitchen is prohibited for health reasons. However, when time allows, volunteers are encouraged to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee or a meal with guests.

To stay informed and up on all of the requirements of volunteering with us visit our website to view all of our volunteer information. Go to www.sonshinesoupkitchen.org, and click on *Volunteer Information* on the left side bar.

Please support the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 14. All donations go to support Derry food pantries and soup kitchens.

Current Needs

At this time the following list of items (in order of greatest need) are in short supply. This list is also posted on our web site and updated monthly. Go to sonshinesoupkitchen.org to check it out. Thanks!

- Dehumidifier for office
- Breakfast cereal
- Fruit juices
- Sugar-free drink mix (like Crystal Light)
- Dishwasher detergent
- Dishwashing liquid
- Rubber kitchen gloves
- Gallon size sip lock bags
- Pickles
- Canned pears
- Canned pineapple
- Canned cut tomatoes
- Canned beets
- Stuffing
- Liquid hand soap refill
- Barrel size trash bags (55/60 gallon)
- Kitchen size trash bags



Prayer Concerns

Please join us as we pray for:

- C for foot injury
- Recovery for those struggling with addiction
- Sense of hope for unemployed guests
- Bible study on Tuesdays

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)