

Feed My People

A Christian Interdenominational Help Center showing God's love and compassion for His people in need.

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Programs

Emergency & Longer-Term Food Help
Adopt-A-Family & Giving Tree
Advocacy
Affordable Housing
Circuit Breaker/Earned Income Credit
Clothing Assistance
Eldercare
Energy Assistance
Heaters-Blankets-Fans-Smoke Detectors
Homeless Personal Care Kits
Housing Rehab
Job Counseling
Layettees for Newborns
Legal Referrals and Counseling
Low-Cost Thrift Stores
School Supplies/New Shoe Certificates
Self-Help Center
Spring Seeds Program
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Happy Easter



Jesus died for us – and then he rose again. He loves us that much. We hope you are celebrating Christ now and reflecting on what he has given us, and through him, what you have given to your neighbors in need. May you have a very blessed Easter.



Easter Baskets for Kids

Sponsored by ORCC Off – Road Camping Club

We will be in the Fenton Walmart parking lot from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, April 12th where we will be collecting Easter Baskets for kids, and food for families, through donations that people drop off. There will be live music, raffles, and ORCC will be giving away a lot of prizes. Make sure to come out and join us for a fun day!

Still Room Available for South County's Best Trivia Night



Friday, April 4th, 2014 @ 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque 4900 Ringer Road, 63129

Featuring Legendary KMOX Radio Personality **Johnny Rabbit**

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, a fantastic silent & raffle auctions, 50/50's and more \$20.00 per person for tables of up to 10 (includes soda) + cash bar available
Special Themed Premium Tables - \$300.00 for up to 10 (includes beer, wine, soda and table server)

Special Canned Good Raffle -- Vacation at Lake of the Ozarks

One Can = One Ticket -- help us stock our pantry!!

Questions? Contact Carol or John DeGuire or Ginny Macrum
at 314-631-4900 fmphelp@earthlink.net

Feed My People Trivia Night Registration Form

Friday, April 4th, 2014 - \$20.00 per person (up to 10 per table) OR \$300 for Premium Table up to 10

Name _____ # of tickets/tables _____

Address _____ # of Premium Tables _____

Phone _____ email _____

Make checks payable to: Feed My People (Attn: Trivia Night), 171 Kingston Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125

Ways You Can Help Us With Food

With Feed My People continuing to see record numbers of people needing food assistance, we need your help in meeting these needs even more today than ever. Last year we gave out \$3.8 million worth of food and 99% of this we need to raise through donations of food. Here are ways you can help us:

- 1) CONDUCT A FOOD DRIVE** – in your neighborhood, through a group you belong to, at your church, school or where you work, as part of a service project. Feed My People can provide **FREEDOM FROM HUNGER** flyers, display posters and barrels for your food collection. At the Lemay (South County) facility, contact Mark LaFerney or Ted West at 314 631-4900. At the High Ridge facility, contact John Christopher or Mary Hettenhausen at 636 677-9885.
- 2) JOIN US FOR OUR DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE IN JUNE.** On Saturday, June 7, we plan to put out up to 10,000 bags and information sheets in south St. Louis County (and by special request, beyond). We will collect the filled bags the following Saturday, June 14 and **WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP BOTH DAYS.** You can volunteer for either or both Saturdays, starting at 8:30 am and

generally ending around lunchtime or early afternoon. We need people to go door to door both Saturdays as well as drivers. We need people to box up the food the second Saturday or to put the boxers on our trucks. To volunteer or for more information, call April Gunther at 636 212-1615.

- 3) HAVE YOUR CHURCH OR GROUP PARTICIPATE IN THE GIVE A MEAL A MONTH** monthly food collection. Yellow bags with suggested menus (both of which we provide) are given out one week or weekend and the filled bags are brought back the next weekend or the next time the group gets together. We will provide all of the materials needed and we'd be happy to personally explain how this program works. To get bags and menus or to have us explain this program to any group, please call Carol or John DeGuire at 314 631-4900.
- 4) PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY.** If you have a garden and are growing lots of fruit or vegetables, we would be glad to accept any extra produce you'd like to donate. Just drop those off at either facility during the times and days we are open: Lemay (South County) – Monday – Friday, 9 am-3pm; High Ridge – Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 2:30 pm; Saturdays at both facilities – 9 am – 12:30 pm.

Angels Giving Society

Feed My People is very proud to present the Angels Giving Society for our most generous donors. Primarily made up of individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations, the Angels Giving Society's combined contributions provide the biggest portion of our donations.

There are two ways to become an Angel: Through Annual Giving in a single calendar year of at least \$1000 or Cumulative Giving of at least \$1000.

Annual Giving Levels

- Raphael, the Healer
\$1,000 to \$4,999 in a calendar year
- Gabriel, the Messenger
\$5,000 to \$9,999 in a calendar year
- Michael, the Protector
\$10,000 or more in a calendar year

Cumulative Giving Levels

- Guardian Angels,
\$1,000 to \$4,999
- Angels of Hope,
\$5,000 to \$9,999
- Archangels,
\$10,000 to \$24,999
- Angels of Compassion,
\$25,000 to \$49,999
- Cherubim,
\$50,000 to \$99,999
- Seraphim,
\$100,000 and above

If you would like to learn more about the Angels Giving Society, please call John or Carol at 314-631-4900.

Thrifty Hanger Report

With winter hopefully behind us, we can concentrate on the beautiful colors of spring and they are everywhere in the aisles of Feed My People. A vast array of spring fashions and great items from the home dot the landscape of both of our thrift stores. These thrift stores first and foremost benefit our clients and also help generate revenue since we are also open to the public.

We will have a spring \$.50 Storewide Sale April 14-17th. This is a great opportunity to stock up on clothing and shoes for the family. Most items will be \$.50 during this limited time sale. Be sure to check out our ads in the Call, South County Times and Green Apple for more information and bring the ad in to register to win a \$25 gift certificate to our stores.

Gift certificates are available in any denomination at our thrift stores and these make great gifts for the thrifty shopper and remember that we accept VISA, MASTERCARD, and DISCOVER at both locations.

We look forward to seeing you soon at our Lemay or High Ridge Thrifty Hanger stores.

Newsletter by Email

Help us save postage and printing costs by sending your email address to ginny_macrum@feed-my-people.com.

You can Help!

We are seeking quality volunteers to help us help those in need. If you or if you know someone who has some time available during the week or Saturday morning and feel the need to help, send them our way. We are searching for volunteers for our Pantry, Thrift Store, Help Center and some volunteers just to put together mailings every now and then. Do you have any FREE TIME to give? Please give us a call. Contact Ann or Mary in High Ridge, Ted in South County.

Feinstein Challenge Grant

Just a reminder! Alan Feinstein is putting up \$1 million of his money to partially match donations made to food pantries for March and April. So, your donation will be greatly increased if you make a financial donation to Feed My People no later than April 30.

Spring Seeds

Feed My People will be giving out vegetable and flower seeds this Spring. This program helps our clients grow some of their own food as well as adding beauty to their lives with flowers. More seeds, especially tomato seeds are always needed. We only ask that the seeds are fresh, dated 2013 – 2014, so the results will be outstanding. Please mail to or drop off at either office. Thank you!

Girl Scouts Personal Care Drive

On Saturday, April 12th, 2014, the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis will be going door to door to distribute bags to collect personal care items, pick up date to be announced, which will also benefit Feed My People. This collection provides us with the majority of personal care items we are able to give out to the poor year round. Bags will be left the week prior to be filled. Examples of items needed: shampoo, diapers, toothpaste, lotions, hand soap, etc. Please support the Scouts in their commendable efforts, benefitting the community greatly.

In Memorium To honor those volunteers we dearly miss

- Patricia "Patty" Grossberg**
– January 27, 2014
- Eleanor Wehrheim**
– March 3, 2014
- Shirley Lee Geissler**
– March 6, 2014

Memorials

- Ralph Baird
- Alice Bauer
- Clarence & Shirley Beeson
- Anne Marie Berrea
- Herbert & Eva Beutel
- Ed Bozesky
- Nettie E. Bruer
- DeLura N. Brummet
- Brad Carson
- Allen Christmann
- Neal Cook
- Mary Davis
- Vernon Dickerson
- Ken Ellis
- Keith Ellis
- Gene Ernst
- Dorothy Fisher
- Mary Ann Frank
- Ryan Gazaway
- Diana George
- Gary Goelzhauser
- Josephine Goelzhauser
- William Goelzhauser
- Ray & Dorothy Goodhart
- Ruth Ann Grana
- Andrew L. Grant
- Freida Gray
- Bee Grobe
- Eleanor Helfrich
- Jo Elyn Hoffman
- Edward & Norma Huxhold
- Gary Imo
- Lyle Joyce
- Alex Katrenich

- Helen Kersten
- Agnes Marie Kuensting
- Christopher LaRocca
- Dorothy Marcherio
- Russell Lloyd "Butch" Marmon
- Yeshua Messiah
- Milton E. Metzlar
- Jack Morhaus
- Tony Pagano
- Edward G. Reifsteck
- Rosemary Reifsteyk
- Jennifer K. Rhea
- Dolores B. Samuels
- Leo & Eugenia Schmitt
- Marianne Schroeder
- Richard J. Schweppe
- Agnes Seidel
- Mark Shelby
- John & Helen Silies
- Margaret Smith
- Mark Stratmann
- Russell Strohmeyer
- Betty Valla
- Bonnie Vento
- Audrey Villhard
- Henry & Rose Von Rohr
- Eleanor "Red" Wehrheim
- Gloria T. Wilson
- Doris Wolff
- Mrs. Viola Zabel

Tributes

- Brother John Mark OSB
Thanks
- Christopher Kennedy
Birthday
- David & Karen Keske
Happy Holidays
- Susan Irene Miller
Birthday
- Dr. Ruth Murray
Ceil Piekarsky & Family
Happy Holidays
- Roy Wunsch

Notice

Feed My People will be closed:
April 18 – Good Friday
April 19 – Holy Saturday
April 21 – Easter Monday

Memorial / Tribute Program

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

In Memory of (Name) _____

In Honor of (Name) _____

(In Honor of Occasion) _____

Name _____

Notifications to: Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

From: Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

I want to help hungry people in this area and to make a difference. Enclosed is my donation of:
\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other _____

I am interested in volunteering at one of your two offices. Please send me information.

I am interested in information adding Feed My People to my will/estate planning.

I would like to make a monthly pledge of \$ _____. Please send a year's supply of return envelopes.

Please send me information about how I can make automatic monthly donations.

My group would like information on Feed My People and hunger in this area. Please call me at _____