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— Giving is not just about making a donation. It's about making a difference. Kathy Calvin —

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR . . .

Annual Planning

In the early months of any new year, our Board of Directors and Staff finalize discussions of plans we have for the new year. Many of the goals and objectives are repeated while others derive from changes that occurred in the previous year. For 2016, we are finalizing our budget, welcoming four new board members, reviewing the services we provide our clients, and deciding how we can better execute a business plan, given recent changes in circumstances.

As far as continuing plans from the past, we will maintain our Soup Kitchen, Food Bank Warehouse, Service and Outreach Center, and Thrift Shop business units. We will be adding to services provided to clients, particularly with new mental health services, refined assistance into permanent housing, and better employment assistance.

Our budget is based on the costs estimated to conduct business within our four business units and budgeted income is based on our history of financial donations, special events, grant-writing, and Thrift Shop sales. During 2016 we will concentrate on overall business development, with emphasis in all areas mentioned.

Contributions in January this year improved over January of 2015, and we are encouraged with new development procedures now in place to maintain financial growth. Food and clothing contributions have been ample, with some surplus. Services provided by our volunteers set a record in 2015, and we plan to emphasize adding new volunteers this year.

Once again, we thank all of you who support us—donors, volunteers, cheerleaders and friends! We also thank you for the food and clothing you donate, the money you give, your time and talents you share, and most of all for your prayers. May God continue to bless you!



John Farrell

Daily Bread

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR MAIN CAMPUS, FOOD WAREHOUSE AND THRIFT SHOP

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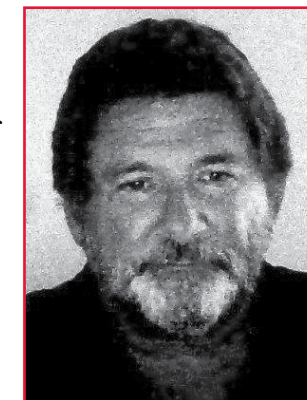
OUR VISION
& MISSION

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.

SCARED AND LOST

"I had preconceived notions about homeless people, like it was their own fault...until I became one." Keith Denton was the Chief Information Officer and Human Resources Manager of an upstate New York manufacturing plant near Buffalo. "Our plant was the backup for a larger plant." In 2004, owners of the large plant decided to move operations to China. Once that happened, work orders at Keith's plant dried up and the owner closed the plant. "I was on unemployment for a year and a half. It was very hard to find a job." Around 28,000 were unemployed in that area from loss of manufacturing jobs. When Keith's unemployment compensation ran out he worked a part-time job at Wal-Mart. "Later I did get a consulting job at a manufacturing company, but that only lasted 6 months." When unemployment compensation again ran out, Keith and his wife lived off his 401K retirement funds. During the next 4 years, Keith submitted 398 job applications. "By late 2014 I had given up hope." With his 401K drained, the strain was too much for his wife and she went to live with her mother. Then in early 2015 Keith developed severe kidney problems that required a series of emergency procedures. "I almost died twice." After months recovering, he made a decision. "I had been a Real Estate Broker 28 years ago in Winter Park, Florida, so I decided to go back to that."



Keith arrived in Melbourne August of last year to find he couldn't renew his Real Estate License—he had to start over. With no money for the training, he found a Goodwill Job Center where they took one look at his resume and he got a job! "They also said they would pay for my Broker's License training." Ironically, when he started work on Monday, that was also the day he had to start living out of his car. "I had never experienced anything like this in my life—I was scared and lost." He joined a Bible Study, and they referred him to several assistance organizations. Cocoa Affordable Living Center had a place available, but he couldn't afford the deposit. That's when he found Daily Bread and met John Farrell. "When John found out I was working, he said I could get a micro-loan for the deposit." Keith got the apartment, but had no furniture. The maintenance man there gave him a chair, then every day he would find another piece of furniture to give Keith. "When things were at their worst, something would always come through—God always took care of me."

Now that Keith is working the night shift and taking Real Estate Broker training during the day, he can get meals at Daily Bread. "I can't say enough about Daily Bread and John Farrell. Some places care more about their organization than the people in need—Daily Bread is just the opposite!" This entire experience has changed Keith. "I've gotten a real education from homeless people, and have a lot of respect for them—they are brave and resourceful...it amazes me." Though still getting back on his feet, Keith shares what he has. "I have a car, so I offer rides for others at Cocoa Affordable that need it, like a mother and her young kids I saw walking in the rain to get groceries. I help out as much as I can whenever I can."



REMEMBER: SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND FUNDRAISER! It's not too late to join in and support Daily Bread's mission by having some fun! Indian River Colony Club, continental breakfast and shotgun start at 8:30am, contest, awards, reception, lunch, and the Chopper Dropper at 1:30pm to win \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250 for a \$50 per ticket donation. **Call 321-723-1060, ext. 18.**

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SPRING COMES TO THE THRIFT SHOP!



Continuous Improvement—that’s the motivation behind upgrades and ongoing changes at the Daily Bread Thrift Shop at 412 East New Haven Avenue, Melbourne. The shop’s staff and volunteers are excited about changes in the workroom ‘behind the scenes’ to keep new donations

flowing efficiently. Arlene Naulty is the Thrift Shop’s proud Director. “We sort and process clothing, shoes, blankets, and back packs and forward a portion to Daily Bread’s main campus to support our clients’ needs, while other donations go to our shop’s selling floor.”

New selections of merchandise, attractive fixture placement, and brighter displays are part of the daily routine there. “Something is always on sale,” says Arlene. “Specials for seniors, home store selections, ‘fill a bag for ten-bucks,’ and popup sales are daily events.” Just drive by and you can check the shop’s lighted sign out front see highlights of what’s happening inside!

And don’t forget—please keep your donations coming! Proceeds from Thrift Shop sales provide direct financial support Daily Bread’s Mission to serve the hungry and needy among us. Arlene’s message is: “Whether you come to drop off donations, to shop, or just stop by to say ‘Hi’ to the staff, we hope to see you real soon!”

TWO’S COMPANY, TWENTY’S ASCENSION!

KITCHEN SPOTLIGHT ON: Ascension Catholic Church’s “4th Tuesday of the Month” team. One of Ascensions’s four volunteer serving teams, Bill and Betsy Hampton are the team leaders. Betsy does their schedule, “and with our group we always have more people available than we need!” Her husband, Bill, offered this anecdote: Back before the kitchen and dining area renovations, when we were really cramped for space, our team one day served 375 people!” Serving in the dining facility is a lot of work, but for Bill, “it’s a fun group to be with.”

In the photo from left to right are: Jim Merrill, Frank Finamore, Bill Hampton, Susan Beshaw, Jim Beshaw, Monika Counts, Diane Erving, John Grossman, Peggie Kalvscak, Tony Taylor, Ginny Crews, Fred Allard, Debbie Yannotti, Suzanna Scolamiero, Bob Scolamiero. Not present for this photo were: Betsy Hampton, Suzy Kahn, Be Duong, John Autio, and Mila Castro.



SUPERSTAR VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED!

Our Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on February 6th was a joyful celebration of all our volunteers at Daily Bread! A special thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for hosting the luncheon, and for Renaissance Catering and Sygnal Sounds for their outstanding support!

THANK YOU TO EACH AND ALL OUR GENEROUS VOLUNTEERS!

Below, with John Farrell and Tim Muth presenting, are this year’s Volunteer Superstar Award recipients. From left to right by row: **ROW 1** – Andy & Joan Conner; Rita Kirkpatrick; Denise Boisvert; **ROW 2** – Bonnie Felker; Bob Camoin; Carol Gent; **ROW 3** – Greg Lavanture; Eleanor Amicucci; Price Bingham; **ROW 4** – Joanne Hynes & Joe Argento; Barbara Branham; and Dan & Beth Woltering.



THIS 'N THAT

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!

Donations to the Daily Bread Warehouse continue to help meet the ongoing demand. “We are also blessed to have three part-time bicycle mechanics,” exclaimed Greg LaVanture, the Warehouse Director. He and his crew need more helping hands at the Warehouse. “Consider offering a few hours for the benefit of people in need,” Greg asks. “Come by between 7am and Noon any day of the week, including weekends, and we’ll put you on some worthwhile work!”

Special thanks for these recent donations of: Food from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Indian River Colony Club, Cold Keg of West Melbourne (and \$250), St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Patrick AFB Commissary; **Clothing and other Personal Items** from Northrop-Grumman (142 fleece lined jackets), Ascension Catholic Church, VFW Post #4536 (sleeping bags), and Club Esteem; **Bicycles and Parts** from Palm Bay Police Department (65 bikes), Second Cycle Bike Shop (many needed parts), Bob’s Bicycle Shop/Beach Side (special kid’s bike for a fund raiser).

Daily Bread’s Food Bank Warehouse shares 80% of donations received to other food pantries in the area.



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