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In about the same degree as you are helpful, you will be happy. Karl Reiland

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR . . .

Updates

The purpose of this article is to update our volunteers, donors, and the rest of the Daily Bread Family about the status of our finances, what we've done already to address these needs, and new fund-raising initiatives to seek additional sources of financial support.

Last year, for the first time in recent history, our financial gifts received were less than our total expenses. Our first step in countering that trend was to notify you of the problem. The next step was to analyze the cause(s) for the decreased donations, and finally to take action to address the problem.

Since January, I have sent 1,354 letters to donors who have given in the past and who, over time, had reduced their level of giving, were one-time donors, or stopped giving altogether. My letter simply made them aware of our situation and requested a donation to help us avoid another deficit in 2016.

The results so far have been very helpful. As of 31 March, our total donations 2016 exceeded our expenses for the same three months. We have a surplus of \$820 for the first quarter 2016. Thanks to the generosity of all who gave, we are back in the black!

Regarding fund-raising initiatives, our efforts have taken on a new dimension. We have now added two volunteers who have extensive experience in writing grants and raising funds for charity. By the end of the second quarter of this year, we will begin seek funds from sources not approached in the past.

Our goal is to reverse the deficit trend that emerged last year, raise the monies needed to offset all our operating costs, and hopefully provide additional resources to better support Daily Bread's mission "to improve the dignity and quality of life of the hungry and needy we serve."

Thanks to all of you who give time, talent, and treasure for all those we serve every day, and 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
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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.

"WHEREVER GOD TAKES ME"

That's how Emmett Frazier responds today when asked about his future, but the road to here and now has been long. Emmett was born and grew up here in Melbourne. He graduated from Melbourne High in 1974 and went right to the University of South Florida in Tampa where he earned an Electrical Engineering degree. He then came back to Melbourne to work for Harris Corporation as a EE. Emmett worked at Harris for 22 years, but when his father fell ill he voluntarily left Harris to run Frazier Lawn Care in place of his father. During this time he used drugs recreationally more and more, and began living a life of dissipation. With the benefit of hindsight, Emmett wisely observed, "There's no such thing as recreational drug use."



After 10 or 12 years running the lawn care business, Emmett's life took an abrupt turn for the worse. He was convicted for not paying his taxes, lost the business, and spent 2 years in prison. "After prison, I just couldn't recover." Emmett's drug use escalated and he found himself homeless—"I hit rock bottom." He learned about Daily Bread when he began living on the streets, and for a year-and-a-half was a steady client there. "I was invited to do some volunteer work at Daily Bread, so I volunteered as a dish washer." Emmett was able to get jobs as a cook off and on for about 7 years. He soon began volunteering to do more things. "I was working at a restaurant, so I also did some food prep in the kitchen now and then." When he was between jobs, Emmett volunteered even more time at Daily Bread, and put in countless hours working in the kitchen for about two-and-a-half years. "I was clean for 10 years while working at Daily Bread!" But then he got involved in a relationship in which he began using again.

Emmett knew he needed help, so he went to John Farrell. "John has a program where he works with Trinity Rescue Mission in Jacksonville. I had helped people get into that program when I was working at Daily Bread." Emmett asked John to enroll him in Trinity's program. "John even promised me a job with Daily Bread when I finished."

On June 28th, 2014, Emmett entered Trinity Rescue Mission. He spent 90 days in their Lifeline program in a safe and sober environment to begin breaking his pattern of homelessness and addiction. He then continued the program at Trinity's Freedom Farm, a working farm in St. Johns County. This peaceful, secure environment helps men to deal with the root causes of their addiction. "Bible study and teachings were also a part of the program," related Emmett. After 6 months at the Farm, he was ready for transitional housing. Emmett got employment through Trinity Baptist Church, the Rescue Mission's affiliate. "I've been working for [Trinity] college cafeteria as a prep cook for 9 months now." He also works in the media department of Trinity Baptist Church, running the cameras for broadcasting and recording worship services.

Emmett was originally going to take John up on his offer of a job at Daily Bread, "but God led me elsewhere. You have to be sensitive to God's leading." When asked what Daily Bread means to him, Emmett is quick to answer. "It's a lifesaver for people that need places that serve the homeless, a blessing to homeless people and families in need!"

Regarding the future, Emmett says, "I'll go wherever God takes me!" He would like to get back into engineering. "A guy at Trinity Church who owns a company offered me a job, and said he would bring me up to speed on current engineering practices." But Emmett says he doesn't have peace with God about that offer yet. "When it's time to move, He'll move me!"

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MEET THE NEW THRIFT SHOP DIRECTOR!

Gena Godfrey is a native of Atlanta who came to Florida 14 years ago, and now lives in Satellite Beach. Gena is a keen business woman with lots of retail experience. "I owned a finance company for 12 years, sold it, and then owned a surf shop in Vero Beach for 2 years."



On Christmas day 2015 Gena was one of 65 volunteers at Daily Bread's soup kitchen for Dining with Dignity. "I stepped up to coordinate the volunteers," and Daily Bread's Operations Director, Joe Gassman, thanked me. A couple months later he interviewed her for the Thrift Shop. "I have supported thrift stores all my life and I love working at the Daily Bread Thrift Shop!"

What are Gena's plans for the Thrift Shop? "We're now in a mode of beautifying, painting and remodeling with 'repurposed' fixtures and displays while also reducing prices." Gena also

wants to attract more attention outside the building with new landscaping and changing the exterior color. "I've heard lots of people who drive by often say, 'I never knew you were here.'"

Regarding recruiting, Gena needs volunteers for the work room. "We are looking for active and energetic team-players." If you want to try out for the team, just fill out an application from the front desk and come in for an interview. You can reach the Thrift Shop at 676-2900, or better yet stop by 412 East New Haven Ave in Melbourne and ask for Gena! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Thrift Shop is hosting a "Grand Reopening" on Saturday, May 21st with tents in the parking lot, food, and special sales all day!

SPOTLIGHT ON: TWO KITCHEN VOLS

KITCHEN Anne Crowley has been a volunteer at Daily Bread since she moved here 2 years ago. She did similar volunteer work when she lived in Ohio. An active member of First United Methodist of Melbourne, Anne also volunteers at University Park Elementary School, for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and with the Florida Tech Protestant Campus Ministry. She is even doing research for Florida Tech on the Indian River Lagoon! To Anne, Daily Bread is a wonderful place with an array of services that some of her own family have needed in the past. She comes in almost daily and does whatever chores need to be done from dishes, cleaning, serving, and laundry.



Frank Finamore was born in Long Island, NY at the height of the Great Depression—he knows the value of a strong work ethic, and his motto is, "Save, Donate, Spend." About 5 years ago—just after his wife passed, his 82nd birthday, and his 3rd retirement—Frank began volunteering with one of the Ascension Catholic Church teams. For the first 3 years he washed pots and pans exclusively—a job he says he "was good at." (No brag, just fact!). Now Frank does so much more to help Daily Bread. He helps prepare and serve the food, and also volunteered to help get copies of the Daily Bread Newsletter ready for mail-out. These

days Frank volunteers 3 days a week—2 days in the kitchen/dining facility and one dedicated to office work.

Thank you, Anne and Frank, for giving generously of yourselves for others!

5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!

Although weather for the "Fore" for the Poor Golf Tournament was threatening and gray, the day turned out perfectly and everyone had a great time!



Mark Metoyer, Joe Gassman, Julianna and Paul Krue



Joe Imondi & Tim Muth: Checked & Double-Checked!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during, and after this event to make it a success—and of course to all who played in the tournament! Also, a BIG thank-you to: Indian River Colony Club, always the gracious host; Wings of Grace Ministry, Inc. for the golf ball drop event; and Golf Carts Unlimited for the Hole in One event.

Thank you to ALL our Sponsors: Mike Erdman Nissan Cadillac, Thales, Rockwell Collins, New Driver Survival Florida, MBV Engineering, Moletteire Injury Law, Old School Pizza, Remax Elite. Jacobus Fielding Injury Attorneys.

GROWING LOVE FOR GARDENING & GIVING

Did you know that some of the vegetables donated to Daily Bread are fresher than those in the grocery store? The Garden Club at Rockwell Collins donates all the food it grows to Daily Bread. But that's not all they do.



Earlier this year Joe Hnat, who leads the Garden Club at Rockwell, sponsored a gardening event for a local Girl Scouts troop. The troop donated \$43 worth of plants and seeds, and Joe educated them on the art and science of gardening. "They worked an hour-and-a-half on the garden," said Joe, where they learned how to sow seeds, care for plants, and harvest vegetables.

What is especially important is that these girls left with more than hands-on knowledge (and dirt!) about gardening. They also participated in giving. This troop gave of its time, energy, and money (the seeds) knowing that their gift was benefitting the homeless and hungry that come to Daily Bread for a hot, nutritious meal. Thank you, Joe, and young ladies of Girl Scout Troop 57, for demonstrating your generosity and caring!

THIS 'N THAT

EXPERIENCE TEACHES

Recently, John Farrell received a note from the Office of the State Attorney about a defendant who completed community service hours at Daily Bread. From the note: "I really appreciate you allowing us to refer teens to your facility, and I'm very happy to hear they gain a valuable experience!" It included a letter the defendant wrote that is too long for our newsletter, so here is a synopsis.

"Dear Case Worker: I have learned some valuable lessons that [have been] a turning point in my young life. I would like to share one experience at the place of the Daily Bread. I was asked to hold this kind lady's tray because she had [a] walker. I [said], 'Ma'am, I'm here to help you.' She said, 'Okay, I'll point and you grab.' I said, 'Of course, anything for a kind lady.' This showed me that if you show respect, you're sure to receive it back. As I walked her to a table she asked, 'Can you get me the two best looking loaves of bread you can find?' I came back with the tastiest bread ever baked. As I went back to wiping tables, she said "I forgot a tea." So I proudly walked over to get tea for her because she deserved it. What I learned can be described as changing the way of seeing things as always negative to positive."