



TOUCHING LIVES

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Newsletter

Summer 2009

Dance the Night Away at our 2nd Annual “Soul of the City Soiree”

Webster’s defines “soiree” as an evening reception or party...one of last year’s attendees defines it as “An evening with great atmosphere, great food, and a GREAT dance band with great friends!”

Our second annual **“Soul of the City Soiree” takes place October 16th** under tent, at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. Featuring the Jimmy Church Band, dinner stations, an open bar and live and silent auctions, the Soiree fundraiser’s proceeds benefit our core programs.

Our deepest thanks to our 2009 Soiree Committee: Fred Wahl and Duane Hickerson, Co-Chairs, and members Mark Broderick, Craig Combest, Tony Dellecave, Wendy Furbay, Trevor Furbay, Dean Gregory, Ken Hayes, Leslie Hayes, Bill Hughes, Ruthie Keefe and Mike O’Brien for their amazing work resulting in this event’s great success!



Soiree attendees enjoy the music of the Jimmy Church Band at the first ever Soiree!

Thanks also to our wonderful lead sponsor Macy’s. Join us for an evening of pure enjoyment...benefiting our guests! For more information please call Paul at 621-6364.



By Elaine and Ray Westrich

Eight years ago, in 2001, when my husband Ray retired, he knew that he wanted to volunteer at Our Daily Bread. Sandy Gayetsky introduced him to the Wednesday crew and he has been coming ever since. He especially likes serving the coffee where there is a greater opportunity to interact with the guests. He says, “They are appreciative and many thank

me as I hand them their cup of coffee. We don’t always know their personal stories, but they are here because they are hungry, and we want to make it a friendly and welcoming place for them and show that we care.”

When I retired over two years ago, I decided to join Ray. After spending one year behind the lines (serving food), I am now spending that time in the office with the Director of Development. I have worked for a year with Angela, helping her with grant preparation. Did

you know that grants and awards make up to 20% of our funding? Now I am working Wednesday mornings with Paul Miller, our new Director of Development.

While working behind the scenes in the office, I’ve become a bit familiar with the operation of a non-profit organization and have met a great staff. It is their dedication along with the Board of Trustees that enables Our Daily Bread to fulfill its mission as envisioned by Cookie. Ray and I are grateful for the opportunity to serve at Our Daily Bread, and have met many wonderful guests, fellow volunteers, and staff members along with it!



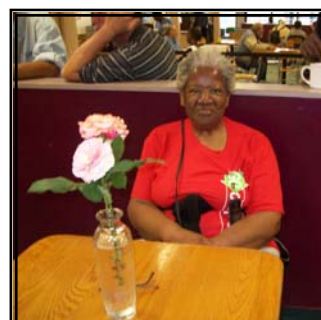
Elaine and Ray



Everything is Coming up ROSES!

Our deepest thanks to DR. JOHN POTTSCHMIDT (pictured at left) of Delhi, a Cincinnati obstetrician and rosarian who delivered a Dream Come True™ as one of only two winners of the All-American Rose Selections™ 2008 Rose of the Year™.

Dr. Pottschmidt is only the 3rd amateur hybridizer and the only physician to win the AARS award in 67 years!



Dr. Pottschmidt began sharing his roses with Our Daily Bread last summer and his glorious flowers are again in bloom on our guest’s tables!

Volunteer Spotlight!

Our BINGO Ladies

If you're here at Our Daily Bread on a Tuesday, be sure to say hello to our wonderful Bingo Ladies! They continue a tradition begun by our founder, Cookie Vogelpohl, on a Tuesday in 1985. Volunteer Mary Jane Fleming started helping, then ran the Bingo herself for many years before she died in 2003--a plaque in her honor hangs in our dining room.

Today, our Bingo Ladies are Joan Dorr, Margaret Grizzard and Pat Dowd, three dedicated women who bring fun and prizes to our guests every Tuesday.

Pat began volunteering in Our Daily Bread's kitchen in 1995 and joined the Bingo Ladies through Mary Jane. She says the Bingo relies on support of many to make it a success every week. "We collect Bingo prizes from our friends, churches and the community," she says, and lists prizes they can always use: "Soaps, lotions, boxes of tissue, paper goods, towels and washcloths, jewelry, socks, canned goods, etc.!"

"Our guests miss us on the few weeks a year we do not have the Bingo," says Margaret, who started volunteering at Our Daily Bread in 1996, expecting to come maybe once or twice. (She joined our Board of Directors in 2008!) Margaret has found a blessing of her own from Bingo--a great friendship with Pat and Joan. "We eat lunch together and share books with each other."

Joan became a Bingo Lady in 1997 after seeing Mary Jane on television talking about her Our Daily Bread volunteer work. Joan, who had just retired, thought, "That's exactly what I want to do!" She says "little miracles happen once in a while" at Bingo. One time a guest won a collection of canned goods and told her, "These are all going to my daughter just in time--they are an answer to prayer."



Joan Dorr, Margaret Grizzard, & Pat Dowd

One of our guests said "that Bingo is a whole lot of fun, and those ladies that make our Bingo are great!"

From the desk of The Development Director

As a volunteer, your contribution to Our Daily Bread is of great value in so many ways. You ensure through your service, we can spend every dollar we have on needed services for our mission. Because you are devoted to Our Daily Bread and the work we do, you know that it takes both participation and money to accomplish our mission.

In giving us your time, we understand your commitment comes with various expenses to you personally. Thank you for all that you do in service of our guests. That gift to us is beyond price. I invite you also to contribute monetarily in whatever way you can to help us advance our mission of serving the poor and homeless of our area.

God's Peace,
Paul

Dear Volunteers,

Would you like to broaden your volunteer service for our guests?

If you like to:

- Bake
- Knit
- Cook
- Sew
- Coordinate collections
- Plan and organize parties
- Market cookbooks
- Create filled baskets
- Organize a parade entry



We can help you find a way to further bless our guests! Please contact Joan @ 621-6364 or joan@ourdailybread.us for further details.

Immediate Wish List

- Mayonnaise
- Salad Dressings
- Sugar
- Computers for Our Kid's Café
- Fans
- Socks
- Toiletries