

Mission:

To provide a nutritious daily meal to the hungry of the area, as well as to provide a safe and sheltered place for social gathering.

THE SOUP KITCHEN



A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
1-269-925-8204

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WHY I WRITE



I know why I write. I have been given this gift from our Lord Jesus Christ. I write his message because I care about everyone in this world, whether black, white, yellow or brown. Just remember the rainbow—all the colors of the rainbow get along.

I write about the things that go on in our world. I may not be there when you want me to, but I'll be there when you need me. Have faith within your heart.

You don't have to be like everyone else, just be yourself. I feel you. That is a message I am sending out to everyone. I want all of you to know I love you. No matter what the situation, I'll be there when no one else will.

Please put your trust in me. You are the man in the mirror. Men, women, children and animals, I love you all.

I've kept my promise with the rainbow. Please promise me that you will always keep me in your heart. My message is simple – I love you all.

- Orlandis Cage



SOUP BOWL 2012

The 13th annual 'Soup Bowl' was held at AMF Blossom Lanes on Sunday, April 15. 14 teams participated.

The Dirt Boys (Steve Hollerbach, Bill Hollerbach, Trevor Sheil and John Soper) took home the first place trophy while the FOP men (Ken Clark, Tony Clark, Jerry Fechner and Keith Starkey) took the silver.

The Tosi's team (Sharon Kreitner, Eric Ziegart, Mike McCreary, Erin Ziegart and Jacob Ziegart) took third place.

The Midnight Eulers (Kathy Burnett, Tyler Burnett, Jim Larson and Ryan Clark) won Best Team Theme.

The Bistro (Tina Wilder, Don Jennings, Lechelle Kraponl, Christopher McCreary and Cindy Blasey) claimed the Team Spirit trophy for the first time.

Melissa Wolfram and Brooke Mottl won the Grand Prizes, Gladiator tool storage appliances. Nancy Gillespie Smith and Kathy Mottl won the 50/50's.

The Soup Kitchen would like to thank our generous donors: Whirlpool Corporation, Judy Shirley, The Grande Mere Inn, Lakeshore Petroleum, Lake Michigan Golf Hills, The Boulevard Hotel/Bistro at the Boulevard, The Buck Burgers and Brew, Competitive Edge, Vickie's SandBar, The North Shore Inn, Gillespie's Pharmacy, The Pump House, Czar's, SuperBook, Clementine's Too, Berrien County Parks Department, Fuzzybutts Pet Bakery, Bert's Breakfast Corner, The Ideal Place, The Toy Company, Family Video, The Mendel Center Mainstage, Four Winds Casino, OK Distributors, Studio 807 and the friendly staff at Blossom Lanes.

Special thanks to our great volunteers; we couldn't do this without you! Kelli Reeves, Kristi Clark, Nancy Hendrix, Nancy Gillespie Smith, Cathy Fechner, Sue Mennuchi and Jeff Von Koenig.

OUR THANKS TO YOU

Our first fund raiser at the Golf Club at Harbor Shores would not have been possible without the following organizations and individuals who provided the food & beverages, prizes, and hole sponsorships that made our day at Harbor Shores the success that it was. Thank you for your ministry to those who may never be able to thank you in person.

LECO Corporation	Schultz Roofing
The Schalon Foundation	Thelamco
Lou Gast	Samaritan Counseling Center
Whirlpool Corporation	Shoreline Lifestyle
The Bistro on the Boulevard	Lambrecht's Package Liquor
The Golf Club at Harbor Shores	LeValley Oldsmobile Cadillac GMC
The Library Pub & Eatery	Specialite Inc.
Schu's Grill and Bar	Fred & Amey Upton
Shadowland on Silver Beach	Blossomland Accounting
Pri Mar Petroleum	Brammall Supply Company
United Federal Credit Union	Pinacotheca
Competitive Edge	Burch, Banyon, Anderson & Banyon
Beach Financial Services	Gillespie's Pharmacy
Peace Lutheran Church	Tabor Hill Winery
Clay & Barb Robinson	Steve & Cathy Ellenbogen
Marty & Julie Hughes	Candice Johnson & Jerry Knudsen

GOLF CLUB AT HARBOR SHORES NEW HOME FOR OUTING!

On June 18, the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen held its annual golf fundraiser at the new course at Harbor Shores--fresh on the heels of the Senior PGA tournament over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Jack Nicklaus-designed course was made for play at the highest level and great players find the course exciting. We find the course both beautiful and, well...challenging. (Very few Palmers and Nicklauses among us. These guys make it look sooo easy.) Nevertheless, what a place to stage our event! Of course, many of us will necessarily have to work on our game before we attempt next year's contest. But with that in mind, we all look forward to golfing again soon at this incredible gem, located right here in our area.

Thanks to all who participated and sponsored this year's event. Your generosity towards people who need you and yet will never meet you warrants our thanks to you in their stead. You are a blessing to this community!



Dave Kasewurm, Pat Duensing, Mike Duensing and Jim Russell won the Men's with a score of 61.



Thanks to our volunteers: Thomas Martin, Kristi Clark, Mary Thomas, Maddie Zimmermann and Lincoln Rose.

A Special Thanks to Joen Brambilla, Ross Smith and the great staff at Harbor Shores!



Jodie Smith, Mike Petlick, DJ Pepple and Todd Champion won the Women's/Mixed Team with a score of 64.



Barbara serving one of the cakes.

BARBARA WHITWAM CELEBRATES "RETIREMENT"

For approximately 30 years, Barbara has been a huge part of the ministry of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen--as a server, donor, client advocate, and board member. Recently, Barbara decided to put one of those hats on the shelf and retire from the activities of the board of trustees, in order to attend to personal matters and to focus on what has always been dearest to her heart--the people.

In light of this and to mark the event, the board knew that the last thing Barbara would probably want would be something that gathered dust on the shelf; she'd more likely want something that could benefit those for whom she cares. With this in mind, the board purchased 2 large sheet cakes that Barbara's volunteer group (Christ Lutheran Church) could serve on their day at the Soup Kitchen. The cakes stated "Thank you, Barb"...and so did our clients. And thank you, Barbara for 30 years of your leadership (James 2:14-17) and your continued help with our ministry!



THANK YOU TABOR HILL.....

Our hats off once again to Paul Landeck and his excellent crew at the Tabor Hill Winery and Restaurant for a most successful dinner benefit, held on April 29, 2012. This benefit is so special in many ways.

First, all proceeds from the event are donated to The Soup Kitchen, as Paul and his hostesses, servers, chefs, cooks and administrative staff that work on this project, do it all, gratis ! And, at the highest level of competence!

Besides the fabulous food, Tabor Hill offers an elegant and intimate setting with a pleasant view of the vibrant vineyards.

This year we had over 150 donors join us at the Dinner, and several who couldn't make it for dinner sent a financial contribution. We are humbled by the generosity of the Tabor Hill people, as well as the diners and donors. It is this style of caring that helps us serve about 55,000 warm meals a year to the hungry in our community.

We thank you,

Co-Chairs: Paula Vogie, Rob Burgess,
Anne and Andy Takacs



**COOK HAS A
HEART FOR
THE SOUP KITCHEN!**

On May 8, board members Rob Burgess and KC Gast visited AEP's Cook Nuclear Plant to attend the grant presentations by the Heart of Cook Foundation.

Cook annually makes the presentation to a large number of organizations that strive to help make our community a better place to live. This year, approximately 30 organizations were on hand to receive gifts to help them continue their work on behalf of others in need. Because the Soup Kitchen charges nothing for what we do in the community, any monetary gifts of any size are greatly appreciated by us.

So if you're using a light bulb while reading this newsletter, you can thank the people of AEP for more than just a reliable power supply--you can thank them for having a heart for their community and the ministry of the Soup Kitchen, as well!

**Learn about the Soup Kitchen.
Read all the newsletters.
Donate any time.
www.soup-kitchen.org**

Soup Kitchen Wish List

- 1 pound blocks of margarine
- Coffee
- Canned fruit
- Laundry soap, bleach
- Dish-washing soap, SOS pads, kitchen cleanser
- Paper shredder
- Hygiene items – small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brush, wash cloth, toilet paper
- 14" All-Clad fry pan

Please consider making a monetary donation. We can buy 5 times the food for the same money because of our affiliation with America's Food Bank.

Thank you!

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sue Bailey
Jill Beach
Rob Burgess
KC Gast
Debbie Gillespie
Chris Heugel
Norm McPherson
Andy Takacs
Paula Vogie

SOUP KITCHEN PRESENTATIONS

We would be honored to present the Soup Kitchen story to your organization. Please call today to schedule a time and date.

SOUP KITCHEN DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

The Soup Kitchen is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization. Our mission is to feed a nutritious meal to the hungry. Donations to the Soup Kitchen are deductible to the full extent of the federal law. Please consult your tax advisor for further information on the tax benefits of your generous donation.

GLEANERS FOOD BANK

Churches are automatically eligible to purchase food at 17 cents (or less) per pound, including food in #10 cans, from the Southwest Gleaners Food Bank, 1488 E. Empire Ave., Benton Harbor. Unlike other organizations, churches are not required to be a 501 (c)(3). Please think about shopping there first.

For more information, contact SW Gleaners Manager, Rich Glista at 269-926-2646.

MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM

The Whirlpool Corporation has one matching gift program to help maximize employees charitable donations.

The Matching Gifts Program matches personal contributions over \$50 with dollars from the Whirlpool Foundation. Full-time, salaried and hourly U.S. Whirlpool employees and retirees are eligible.

