

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.



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Priscilla Anderson

I like the Soup Kitchen. It gives me something to do. It's something to make my day go faster. I enjoy the meals and I like most people here.



Douglas Hammond

I moved here four years ago from Elkhart because my Mother lives here.

I enjoy the people at The Soup Kitchen. It's a nice place to come, eat, enjoy yourself. Everybody treats me good

here. I hope it don't close up. When you are low on groceries, you can come here to get a meal. I like the free groceries we get sometimes. You all help me out when I'm in need. You have the phone where I can call Dial-A-Ride, and Miss Barbara gives me tokens to get to the doctor.



Unlike the crowded days of summer, custodian Alvin Favorite and dishwasher Randy Kling have time to take a breather during lunch.

Congratulations to Randy Kling. By the time you receive this newsletter, Randy will have assumed full-time duties at the Salvation Army. Luckily for us, Randy will still be able to keep his regular shifts at The Soup Kitchen.

Upcoming Events in 2013

Sunday, April 14
Soup Bowl at Kelley's Bowl

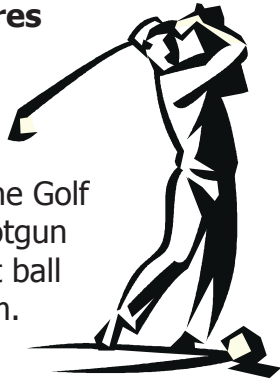
Sunday, April 28
Tabor Hill Dinner

Monday, June 17
Golf Outing at Harbor Shores



2nd Annual Harbor Shores Golf Outing

On Monday, June 17 our next Soup Kitchen golf fundraiser will be held at the Golf Club at Harbor Shores. Shotgun tee-off for the 18-hole best ball scramble will be at 1:00 pm.



Those who golfed last year will remember that we kept play moving quickly and that we had a great buffet served by Harbor Shores for our golfers under the tent afterwards, too. This year will be the same. The price for this year's event is \$130 per golfer and that provides 18 holes with a golf cart, dinner, and drinks under the tent. (Please note that your drink tickets are for the after-event and are handed out to your foursome's leader before tee-off. Make sure he or she shares them this year!)

Heaven forbid weather should compromise the event, but if that should be the case, Harbor Shores will let you play your 18 holes of golf with your compatriots at another time of your choosing--you can't lose out! E-mail notices will go out soon, but you can contact kcgast@yahoo.com to get your foursome's registration any time you'd like. And as always, thank you for your support of the ministry of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen!



New Employee: Lee Ann Haselton

Lee Ann Haselton has joined The Soup Kitchen staff as an assistant director and dishwasher.

Lee Ann owns her own painting business, Personal Touch Painting in St. Joseph. She is a regular volunteer at her church on their Thursday night community suppers. She is also a volunteer on the Krasl Art Fair committee.

Says Lee Ann, "I am a recovering alcoholic and The Soup Kitchen helps me with that, and I help others who are recovering from addiction. The Soup Kitchen helps me more than I help it."



Long-time Soup Kitchen volunteer Dick Berry passed away unexpectedly in February. His wife Jane, also a dedicated Soup Kitchen volunteer, preceded him in death.



We also lost a monthly correspondent last month--Betty Greulich.

Every month, like clock-work, the Soup Kitchen receives a donation from Twelve Corners Community Church. For many years it was sent by Betty Greulich, who also signed the check. Every month there would be a short, encouraging note. Sometimes it was a gentle reminder that checks should be deposited sooner rather than later... that was what convinced me that Betty was the treasurer. We miss you, Betty.

Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament 2013

Our 7th annual Poker Tournament fundraiser was held Sunday, January 27, 2010 at the 5 O'Clock Sports Bar in Stevensville.

Thanks to the generosity of our players, we added 50 cans of food to the pantry.

Mark Thomas of St. Joseph was our first place winner. He generously donated his prize back to the Soup Kitchen. Jay Genovese took second place honors and Dave Ahrens was our third place player.

Rick Freeman, Rex Charger, Michael Moreno, Joey Whitacre and Mike Petlick rounded out the top finishers.

Congratulations to Steve Barteck, Larry Joe Vaughn, Ron Colbin and Ron Maurer who knocked Sheriff Paul Bailey and our Mystery Players Sandy Von Koenig Martin and Doug Bronicki out of the game to earn \$50 bounties.

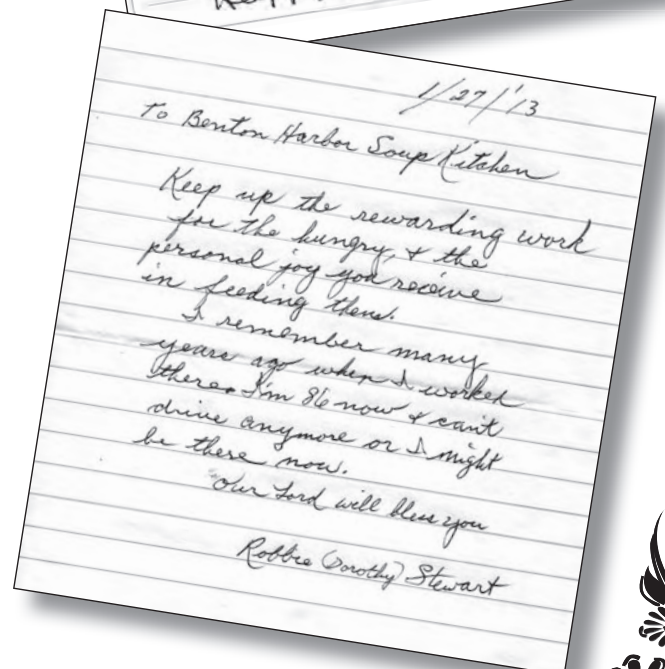
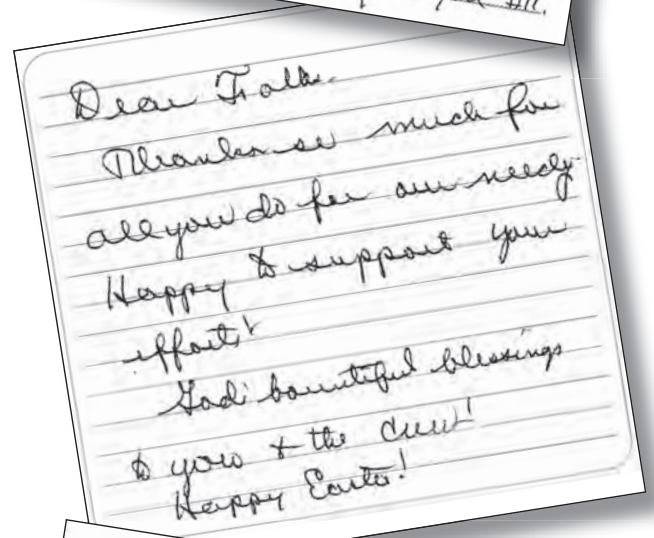
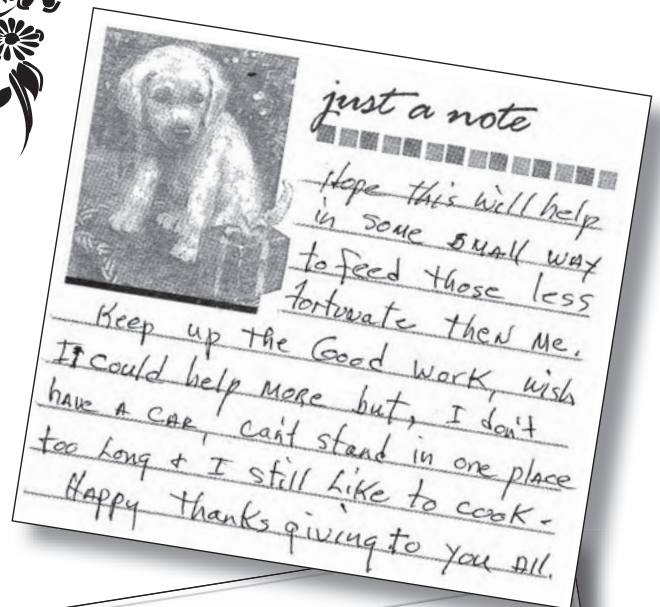
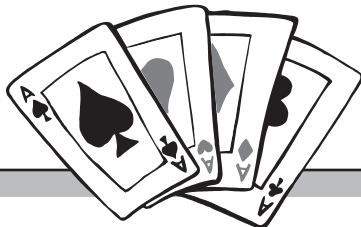
Thank you to the great staff at 5 O'Clock for their support.

As always we could not pull off these events without our great volunteers! Thank you to Nancy Smith, Mary Thomas, Merry Stover and the fabulous Cathy Fechner; many, many thanks to our dealers: Kristi Clark, Nancy Von Koenig, Chris Woodruff, Mary Andrews, Kevin Sweeney, Karla VonKoenig, Joeline VonKoenig, Bob Riccio, John Kaltz, Ted Kalin and Adam Karnik.

The Soup Kitchen is grateful for the organizational skills and support of Ken and Kristi Clark and Nancy and Jeff Von Koenig, Pit Boss Extraordinaire!

We appreciate all your support-we'll keep you posted on our next events :the Soup Bowl to be held at Kelley's Bowl on April 14, the Annual Tabor Hill Dinner on April 28 and the Golf Classic to be held at the Golf Club at Harbor Shores on June 17.

Thank you all again!





IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
The Tabor Hill Winery
and Restaurant
Annual Benefit Dinner
Sunday, April 28, 2013.

All proceeds donated to The Soup Kitchen.

This benefit is a multi-faceted rarity. All of the proceeds benefit The Soup Kitchen, each entrée is a delight unto itself, and the diners are treated to the privacy of reserved tables with grand views of the beautiful vineyards in the blush of spring.

This dinner is just like a dinner party with friends. There are no fund-raising activities such as auctions, 50-50's, raffles, or speeches, and, to top it off, Tabor Hill President Paul Landeck and his friendly staff do it all, gratis!

This yearly dinner is vital to The Soup Kitchen's mission of providing a warm meal daily to those who hunger in our community. We served 55,000 meals at The Soup Kitchen last year; that was an increase of 11% over the year before.

Watch for your invitation in the mail, or contact the office (925-8204) to have one sent to you. Do not wait! This wonderful dinner sells out every year.

See you there!

Co-chairs Paula Vogie, Rob Burgess,
 Anne & Andy Takacs

**Don't forget ! Plan on joining
 your friends at Tabor Hill on
 Sunday, April 28, 2013.**



BOARD MEMBERS:

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

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.

FEEDING AMERICA WEST MICHIGAN

Churches are automatically eligible to purchase food at 17 cents (or less) per pound, including food in #10 cans, from Feeding America West Michigan, 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 Feeding America 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.

