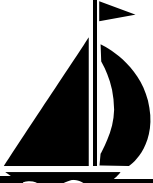


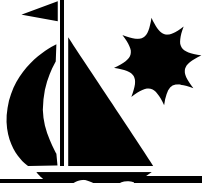
Mission:
To provide a nutritious daily meal to the hungry of the area, as well as to provide a safe and sheltered place for social gathering.



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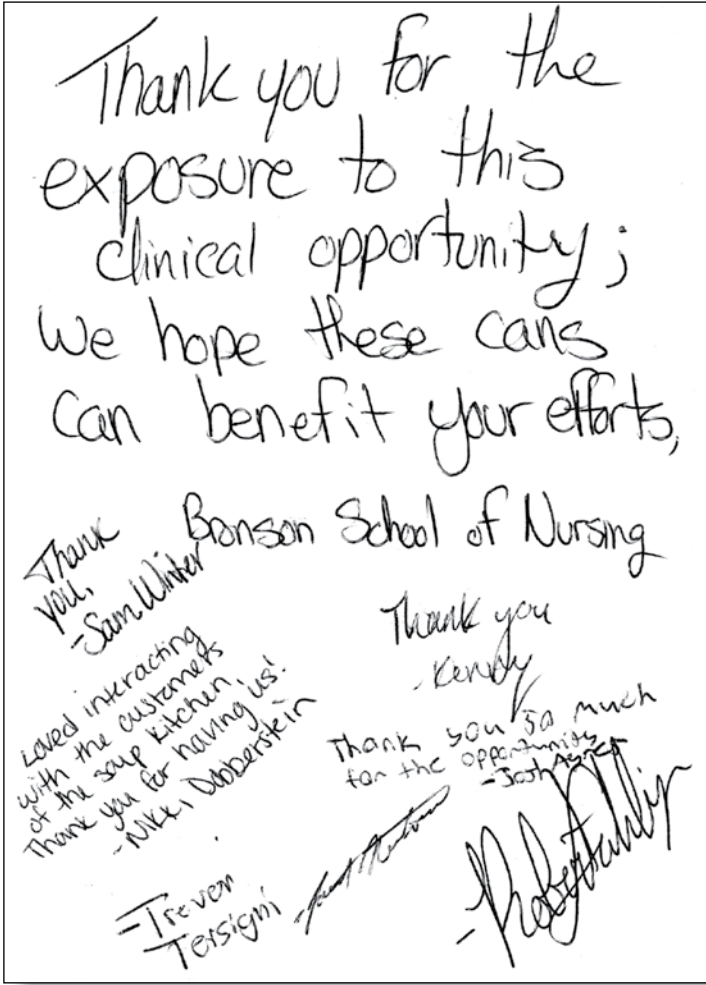
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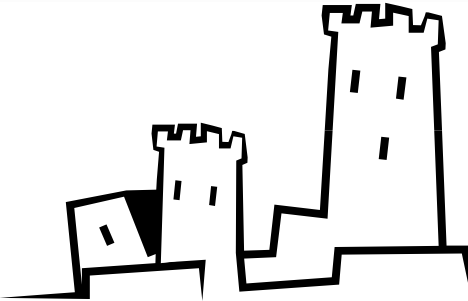
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STUDENTS RECEIVE, AND STUDENTS GIVE

Several nursing programs send students to the Soup Kitchen during clinical rotations. Besides visiting with our guests, the students take blood pressure and blood sugar readings. The students are prepared to recommend that guests with high test readings see their medical practitioners as soon as possible.



Students from last year's Bronson School of Nursing class were quite engaged in their time here. They asked questions about the guests and about Soup Kitchen activities and needs. They chose the Soup Kitchen as their favorite place for clinical visits. At the end of the season, we received this wonderful food donation and card from the Bronson students.

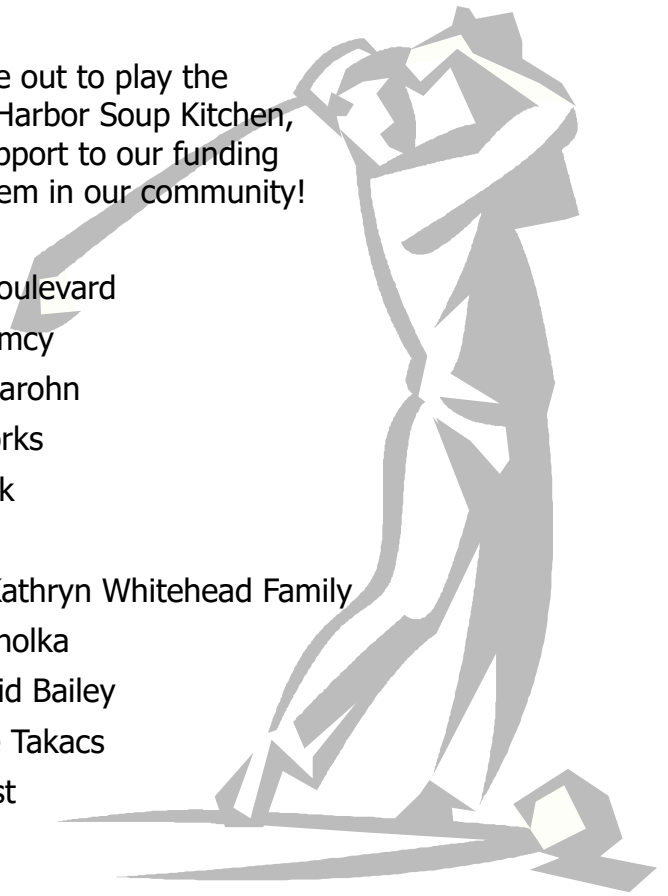


2017 GOLF FUNDRAISER AT HARBOR SHORES

Thank you to so many! In addition to our golfers who came out to play the amazing course at Harbor Shores and support the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen, these individuals and organizations also provided major support to our funding efforts. On our behalf, please thank them when you see them in our community!

LECO Corporation
The Schalon Foundation
Harbor Shores Golf Club
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The Fred and Anita Grams Family
Pri Mar Petroleum
Mark III Bar and Grille
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The Pete and Kathryn Whitehead Family
Al and Sue Pscholka
Susan and David Bailey
Andy and Anne Takacs
Juli and KC Gast



THANK YOU, STEVENSVILLE!

Each year the NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) undertakes a nation-wide effort to feed the hungry in communities such as ours. And every year the Stevensville Post Office and the people of Stevensville rise to the occasion with tremendous gifts of non-perishable food items that we at the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen use throughout the remainder of the year. On Saturday, May 13 we received a boxtruck full of canned, boxed, and bagged items that are already being put to good use. So on behalf of the many who cannot thank you in person, our sincere appreciation...and know that you all are a blessing to us!



**Frederick S. Upton
Foundation**

THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW RANGE

Last year, the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen served over 46,000 meals; imagine how much work our appliances get in the course of a year. And because we've never charged for our services in the last 37 years, we don't necessarily have the ability to simply buy new appliances when needed.

Fortunately, Heart of Cook and the Upton Foundation came to the rescue and bought us a new one. Because of their graciousness and concern for everybody in our community, there will be no interruption in service! So on behalf of hundreds in need of a hot meal, thank you!





EUCHRE AT THE LIVERY

Sunday, January 28 12-5 p.m. \$40 per person

So you think you are a good Euchre player? Well come and prove it on Sunday January 28th at The Livery! No partners needed. 100 people will be randomly assigned partners in this fast paced tournament. Bring a #10 can of food for a "Get Out of Being Euchred Free" card! A Livery Pizza bar will be included in the price and all proceeds go to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen! \$40 per person. \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$75 for the third place player.

TRIVIA TOURNAMENT COMING SOON!

October 2017 - \$40 per person

Watch our Facebook page or website for more information at www.soupk.org.

25 teams will compete for cash prizes, gift cards and more! A Taco Bar is included in the admission price! So get three friends who think they know it all and test your wits against others. \$40 per player and all teams will be four players! \$400 to the winning team, \$350 for second place, and \$300 for third place. All proceeds go to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen.



SOUP BOWL 2017

The 18th annual 'Soup Bowl' was held at Kelley's Bowl on Sunday, April 2nd. We filled all 30 lanes and 125 bowlers participated.

Team Wright took home the first place trophy while Team Fechner took second place and Team Burnett took third place.

The Buck/Sweeney's Weenies claimed the Team Spirit trophy.

The Soup Kitchen would like to thank our generous donors and bowlers and Bill Froelich and the great staff at Kelley's Bowl.

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteers; we couldn't do this without you! Kelli Reeves and her aunts Judy, Karen and Lori; Sue and Blaine Baum, Jeanette Smith, Dana Humes, Nancy and Jeff Von Koenig, and the Soup Kitchen staff and board members.

See you all next year!

To Volunteer

For individuals: The easiest way to volunteer is to join an existing group. Is there a group from your church or workplace?

We keep a list of volunteers who are willing to come when called. We call it the "Short Notice List" (SNL) because, sometimes, that is what

you get. When a group cancels or is short a few volunteers, we fill in from the SNL.

Kid's Groups are a bit harder. No one under the age of 12 can be in the kitchen—that's a state law. We often schedule kids groups after hours to tackle jobs like washing chairs and walls.

Please call the office to discuss volunteering.



**TABOR HILL BENEFIT
A SMASHING SUCCESS !**

THANK YOU LINDA, THANK YOU PAUL

...for nine productive and very special years that Tabor Hill Winery and Restaurant has given to The Soup Kitchen.

To you, Linda Upton, Owner, and, to you, Paul Landeck, President, we extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your generosity of hosting nine consecutive Annual Dinner Benefit events. By donating the entire proceeds to The Soup Kitchen from each event, you were the major fund-raiser for us during those years.

Over the last nine years, we served more than a half-million warm meals to people looking forward to dining at The Soup Kitchen. You were a principal component in making this possible.

In addition to Linda and Paul, we salute the very competent Tabor Hill team that we enjoyed working with: Cathy Fielding, Restaurant Manager, assisted by Judy Moran; Chef JohnPaul VerHage; Mike Merchant, winemaker; and each of the very friendly servers.

We feel blessed that you were there for us, and send our warmest wishes to you personally, Linda and Paul...as well as to your entire Tabor Hill family.

God Bless,

The Soup Kitchen Board of Directors

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.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Les Ashmore	KC Gast	Andy Takacs
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**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 501c(3). Please think about shopping there first. For more information, contact Feeding America Manager, Rich Glista at 269-926-2646.

MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAMS

The Whirlpool Corporation matching gift program matches personal contributions of \$50 to \$10,000 with dollars from the Whirlpool Foundation. Full-time, salaried and hourly U.S. Whirlpool employees and retirees are eligible. If you are eligible, please make the match. Because of your support, the Whirlpool Foundation is always one of our top five revenue sources. The Soup Kitchen office can email you the matching gifts form.

The Thrivent Choice® program is a charitable grant program that allows members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds each year.

Eligible members invited to direct Choice Dollars can recommend where Thrivent should distribute some of its charitable funds among thousands of enrolled 501c(3) nonprofit organizations, including The Soup Kitchen Inc. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or ask your representative for more information.

**SAVE ON TAXES AND BENEFIT THE SOUP
KITCHEN WITH STOCK DONATIONS**

Gifts of stock and other securities are a popular way to give to charities like The Soup Kitchen. There are very favorable tax rules for donors who want to donate long-term stock (stock they have owned for more than one year) that has appreciated in value. Basically, the donor never has to pay capital gains on the appreciated stock. This can be a tremendous tax benefit and a great blessing for The Soup Kitchen.

If you want to save on taxes and benefit the needy who are served a wholesome meal daily at The Soup Kitchen, please contact or have your financial advisor or broker contact our Executive Director, Merry Stover.