Mission: SPECIAL GUEST ISSUE 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 Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION • 1-269-925-8204 SPRING 2017 EDITION **ENJO** NG SUMMER OUTSIDE ERIC







HARBOR SHORES GOLF CLASSIC JUNE 12

Our annual "fund-raiser" will happen again this year at the magnificent Golf Club at Harbor Shores on Monday, June 12 at 1:00. Our thanks to those of you who have participated in



this 4-man scramble in the past. Entry fees are still only 140.00 per person, including 18 holes with cart, dinner afterwards, awards, and a chance to win our door prize. For more information or a sign-up form, contact kcgast@yahoo.com. Don't wait to register!

OUR THANKS TO PANERA BREAD AND ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC

On Sunday nights, while many of us are still enjoying the weekend and maybe just then thinking about our upcoming work week, Panera Bread and St. Joseph Catholic engage in ministry. Panera collects their unsold baked goods [that are still in fantastic shape] but didn't sell that week and packages them up for St. Joseph Catholic Church. Every Sunday night, St. Joseph Catholic picks these goods up for use at the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen and delivers them the next day. By the way--our Soup Kitchen ministry STARTED with St. Joseph Catholic a little less than 40 years ago; we are so thankful for you!

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



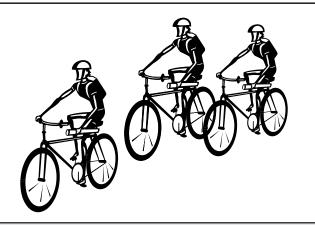
Dave Pulliam, Dishwasher

Dave ("I didn't do it") Pulliam is our dishwasher, and he usually works seven days a week. We have had several good dishwashers in the past eight years, but Dave is one of the few who is verv particular about



making sure that everything is done correctly and spotlessly clean. He is singular in his regard for burned pans; he considers them to be job security.

If you've met Dave, you know he is a character. He is also proved to be one of the best dishwashers we have ever had. Dishwasher is generally a thankless job, but it is the most important job in the kitchen concerning food safety. We are lucky to have him.



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.

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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 501(c) (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.