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Anna Berra

Don and Joan Berra

Kenny Brinkmeyer

Herb and Sandy Beutel

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Paul and Jackie Smith

Brad Carson

Joan Carson

Joseph Chiecsek

Dolores Chiecsek

Mary Conigliaro

Rae Bagy

Clayton Conoyer

Karen Staten

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Tuong Nguyen

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Edwin and Wanda Fiehler

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Daniel and Kathryn Arbini

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Rebecca Nadler

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Carol Nejelski

Chuck Nejelski

Carol Nejelski

Can Duong Nguyen

Tuong Nguyen

Sharon Przybylski

Joseph Przybylski

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Wanda Renshaw

Jennifer Rhea

John and Charissa Clark
Lawrence and Bev Rhea

Afton Richardson

Bill Bauer

Keith and Jason Robb

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Memory



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for His people in need.

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Low-Cost Thrift Stores
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New Shoe Certificates
Self-Help Center
Spring Seeds Program
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Happy New Year!

Wishing all our clients, volunteers, and donors a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Last year brought a major change at Feed My People with the retirement of our Founders, Carol and John DeGuire, and subsequently greeting our new Executive Director, Bob Wessels. Change often brings turmoil but, looking back, this transition was both smooth and beneficial for Feed My People.

Thanks for Giving Meal-a-Thon, a brand new fundraiser this year, was a wonderful success. God Bless all who participated as you helped us raise \$7,170 to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 125 Feed My People client families. **You really did make a difference!**

The 2017 Adopt-A-Family program provided Christmas gifts and much needed food for approximately 475 FMP client families from south county and High Ridge. The happy faces of those who received the benefit of your generosity makes this program so worthwhile.



Prior to Christmas, clients, who were not part of the Adopt-A-Family program, could choose three gifts for each member of their family from the Christmas Tree Room in south county or the Elf Shop in High Ridge. Approximately 560 families in south county and 420 families in High Ridge chose from an array of children's toys, blankets, pillows, household items, stocking stuffers, clothing, shoes, and much more.

John 15:12 "...love one another as I have loved you.

Salih, a client who moved to St. Louis from Bagdad, is so grateful to Feed My People. "...when I come in the door, I see the face of Jesus."

**Your gifts of money and food allow us to be the "face of Jesus."
Thank You!**

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: BE A VOLUNTEER

It's a fact! Volunteering can improve your lifestyle and your health. Meet new people, give your day a purpose, make a difference in someone's life. Client interviewers, receptionists, pantry stockers, clerical, and thrift store cashiers, are just some of the volunteer opportunities waiting for you at Feed My People.

Get started today!

Call Stephanie in So. County, 314-631-4900 x 315 or
Mary in High Ridge, 636-677-9885

Your Scout group, Church committee, or office partners are always welcome.

Memorial / Tribute Program

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ In memory of (Name) _____

In Honor of (Name) _____ In Honor of Occasion _____

Your Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send notification to: Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FMP MANNA

An Automatic, Online, Giving Program

Easy, Flexible, Safe & Secure

You Name the Amount and Frequency of Your Gift

Go to www.feed-my-people.org, Click on **Give Direct**

**Donate
Now**



LOOKING FORWARD

As we begin our 36th year of providing love, hope, and compassion to His children in need we realize that it is equally important to provide improvements to our facilities in order to sustain the work that we do. The age of our buildings and the constant use takes a significant toll. It is equally important that our clients, volunteers, and staff have a safe and comfortable place in which to work and be served.

The High Ridge location recently received a sizable grant to improve the water treatment plant as we were in violation of EPA standards. Having acquired the necessary permits, those improvements will take place in 2018. A new retaining wall is needed to support the High Ridge facility as the ground and hillside is eroding. Cost of this project is estimated to exceed \$150,000.

Executive Director, Bob Wessels, has identified five areas for improvement at the South County location: remodel the existing outdated restrooms and bring them up to code, replace water damaged ceiling tiles, improve the flooring and entry to The Thrifty Hanger, and add a fresh coat of paint to the Help Center and thrift store. Staff members have already donated paint and their skills to freshen some of the offices and hallways. In addition, a long-time goal is to make the food pantry "client choice" so that clients will have greater dignity in their food choices and selections. To facilitate this move, wider pantry doors, new wiring, and new refrigeration units need to be added to the pantry area. With the help of area businesses, contractors, and labor unions who will donate a portion of their time, we can make all of this a reality for approximately \$75,000.

Will you please help us reach this goal? Your donation will qualify for the Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit allowing you to receive a tax benefit of 50% of your monetary donation. Indicate your donation "for improvements" so that together we can make Feed My People Help Centers safe and comfortable.

Feed My People was excited to have **Stifel Bank & Trust, Midwest BankCentre, Emerson White Rodgers, Foam Supplies Inc, Missouri Foundation for Health, and Laborers International Union of North America #110** as 2017 corporate sponsors in the newly formed **Corporate Sponsorship Program**. This program gives area business sponsors the opportunity to affirm belief in our mission. Sponsorship levels range from \$500 to \$25,000, and have their business name and logo appear on our website, event promotional materials, event programs, verbal acknowledgement at each event, logo placement on Manna March T-Shirts, and on Facebook posts. Contact Tina, 314-631-4900 x 307, to become a 2018 Corporate Sponsor.

Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit (FPT)

Any taxpayer (individual, corporation, or trust) making a donation of cash or food supplies to a food pantry may receive a credit of up to \$2,500 per taxpayer per year. Taxpayers may take a credit of 50 percent of their donations. Example: Donate \$1000 to FMP before year end and take a \$500 credit on your 2017 tax return. A Missouri (FPT) form may be requested by calling Tina, 314-631-4900 x 307

<p>MAIL VS. EMAIL Help us save valuable \$\$\$ Get Your FMP News By Email</p> <p>Sign-up on at www.feed-my-people.org</p> <p>We will never sell or share your information with outside 3rd parties or businesses.</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>Pastor's Breakfast January 18</p> <p>Trivia Night Saturday, April 7</p> <p>FMP Day at the Ballpark Sunday, April 8</p>	<p>FEED MY PEOPLE CLOSED</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day January 15</p> <p>Presidents Day February 19</p>
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Feed My People Opening Sunday At The Ballpark

April 8, 1:15 PM ~ Cards v. Diamondbacks ~ Tickets \$25 in advance

- ♦ Fans, 16 and over, receive a Lightweight Quarterzip Performance Pullover
- ♦ All kids, 15 and under, receive a voucher for another select regular season home game
- ♦ **Prairie Farms Ice Cream** treats available in Ford Plaza, 2 hours prior to game

Hot Dog +
Soft Drink
Included

For Tickets: Call Sara at 314-631-4900 x 313 ~ or by email, sara.becker@feed-my-people.net
Order Tickets online with secure PayPal at www.feed-my-people.org/currentevents

Game Night Theme:
"It's Your Move"
Prizes awarded for
best table décor.

Feed My People Trivia Night

PRIZES
50/50
SILENT AUCTION
MORE!

Saturday, April 7,

Immaculate Conception Church, 2300 Church Rd., Arnold MO, 63010

Doors Open 6PM, Trivia Begins 7PM

\$160/Table of 8 or \$240/Premium Table of 8 (includes 2 drink tickets per person, table runner and more)
\$2 Beer, \$3 Wine, Complimentary Soft Drinks, No Outside Alcohol, Bring Your Own Snacks

Reservations in Advance: Secure online reservations at www.feed-my-people.org/current-events or
Contact Sara at Sara.Becker@feed-my-people.net or 314-631-4900 x 313 **New Larger Location**



Each canned good you donate at Trivia Night is worth a free raffle ticket!

The more cans you donate, the more chances to win the Grand Raffle, a Barrel of Boozee!



Thrifty Hanger Report Winter 2018

We hope that all of you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas Season and that the New Year is bringing Peace and Joy to you and your families.

2018 will bring back many of the favorites that have become such a part of the Thrifty Hanger. Look for specials and seasonal promotions, as well as the return of our Back To School Parents Night Out in July and our hugely popular Sip, Shop & Socialize in early December. Our signature event will return this year with the return of our Fall & Holiday Fashion Show Luncheon on Sunday, November 11th at River City Casino & Hotel Event Center. Tickets sell early for this event so be sure to join us as the Thrifty Hanger goes LIVE! On November 11th.

Remember that our Lemay thrift store location is open late Monday-Thursday until 6:00pm and Friday and Saturdays till 4:00pm. Also visit us in High Ridge for a unique shopping experience. New items added daily.

We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express debit and credit cards at both locations and sell gift cards in any denomination. These gift certificates make a great gift for those who are hard to shop for.

Tributes

- Herb and Dorothy Brown** - Merry Christmas
Francis & Dorothy Brown
- Charles and Faith Bull**
Roberta Miller
- Amit Chalotra**
Jean Truesdale
- John and Carol DeGuire**
Frank J. and Susan Ziegler

- Anne Fleming** - Retirement
E. R. Detzel
- David and Diane Garibaldi**
Merry Christmas
- Harlean Kettler** - 80th Birthday
E. Kenneth and Carol Jeans
- Oliver Krechel** - Happy Birthday
Marty and Jody Carter
William G. and Doris Cocos

- Oliver Krechel (cont.)**
Phil and Mary Heye
Roger and Carol Krechel
David Modglin
- John Obermann**
Rex Reed
- Leslie Renz** - Merry Christmas
Linda Meyer
- St. Lucas Staff** - Merry Christmas
John and Dorothy Gross