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A Feed My People Publication November - December 2024

# **Because of you...**

As we approach the end of another year, Feed My People would like to reflect on the journey we've had together and to express our gratitude for your support. This year we were able to help over 300 local students start the school year off with new backpacks, school supplies, and shoes.

As we gear up for Thanksgiving, please consider participating in our Thanks For Giving Program. For more information see page 2.

Are you looking for a wonderful opportunity to spread joy and support those in need within our community? Please consider supporting our Giving Tree program by donating new unwrapped gifts for the whole family. Through the Adopt-a-Family Program, you can make an impact by providing gift cards, utility payments, a monetary gift, and a sense of hope to those who need it most.

This time of year allows Feed My People to reflect on our accomplishments and set goals for the upcoming year. Our Year-End Appeal will be coming to you soon, and we invite you to be part of this initiative! Your contributions make a real difference to our Client Choice Food Pantry and Transformation Program at each site. Watch for the appeal to arrive via US Mail or visit our website at <a href="https://www.Feed-My-People.org">www.Feed-My-People.org</a>.

Feed My People wishes you and your families a blessed Holiday Season.

Peace, Joy, & Love....to you and yours always

Many Blessings!

Stephanie Donna
Carrie Scarlet
Cathy Judith
Mary MER
Angela Judy
Stacey Sue

Josh Mark John Brock Jason

## **CLOSED DATES**

Thanksgiving: Nov. 28-30 Christmas: Dec. 25-26 New Years: Dec 31- Jan. 1

## **Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit (MO-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% of their donations. (Example: Donate \$1000 for FMP before year end and take a \$500 tax credit on your 2024 tax return.) A Missouri (MO-FPT) form may be requested by contacting Cathy at 314-631-4900 x 307 or CathyO@fmpstl.org.

All donations must be postmarked by USPS on or before December 31, 2024 to be eligible for the 2024 tax deduction.

# Thrifty Hanger

Come see us regularly for surprise flash sales!





Thanksgiving \$15 Drawing: Nov. 16-27th Sip and Shop: South County Nov. 14
High Ridge Dec. 15



# **Feed My People**

"To show God's love and compassion to all His people, but particularly His people in need."

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### **Programs**

**Transformation Program** 

Our Transformation Program provides assistance beyond food.

- Utility Assistance
- Employment assistance
- Health & Wellness Assistance
- Holiday Programs (Giving Tree, Adopt A Family, etc.)
- Spiritual Support
- Thrift store purchase assistance
- All other needs beyond food

#### **Client Choice Program**

- Clients shop our pantry just like a small grocery store
- Empowers and restores dignity to our clients
- Volunteers at each station to assist clients
- Recipes available for making new and healthy dishes

#### **Thrift Stores**

- Open to the public
- All proceeds benefit Feed My People's client services
- Donate your unwanted items Monday-Saturday
- Sustainable shopping for the whole community
- Online shopping available on Ebay and Poshmark

# **Thanks For Giving**

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and to give back. As you gather with your loved ones, consider helping us provide a Thanksgiving dinner to a family in need. Your contributions can provide essential food items to ensure everyone has the ability to enjoy a joyful meal this holiday season. There are several ways you can participate. Donate online at <a href="www.feed-my-people.org">www.feed-my-people.org</a> or mail the form below. We thank you for your support and for helping us share the spirit of Thanksgiving!

**Level 1 All The Trimmings:** \$100 Level 3 Dressing It Down: \$50

Will provide meals for 2 families Will provide one turkey and two sides

**Level 2 Turkey Wobble:** \$75 **Level 4 Leftovers:** \$25 Will provide for 1 family Will provide two sides

Thanks for Giving Program	
Please select your desired amount. <b>Your name</b> \$100 All The Trimmings	
\$75 Turkey Wobble	Email
\$50 Dressing It Down \$25 Leftovers Other \$ *********************************	Address
	City, State, Zip



Hair Straighteners/Blow Dryers

Shavers/Clippers

Small Household Appliances

Wrapping Paper/Ribbons

GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!

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The Giving Tree program is committed to supporting families and ensuring they have a wonderful Christmas!

Donated, unwrapped new gifts are set up in our holiday room allowing our clients to select items for their families.

We are accepting donations at our South County and High Ridge locations until December 24th. Thank you for your generosity!

# **Holiday Programs**

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the joy that comes with spending time with loved ones and creating lasting memories. At Feed My People we are committed to ensuring that every client family has the opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas, regardless of their circumstances.

Through our Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program, we match donors like you with families in need, creating a unique and personal way for you to make a meaningful difference.

Your involvement provides support and hope to families who are struggling during this time. It is an incredible way to give back and make the season brighter for those who need it most.

#### Contact us for more information:

Email: CarrieL@fmpstl.org Phone: 314-631-4900 x 313



# **Give Hope to Those in Need**

The holidays can be a difficult time for many. This December, you can spread kindness and give back with our Advent Calendar! Each day, you can collect non-perishable food and other items to support Feed My People's food pantries.

Start on December 1st by checking the calendar's item of the day and adding it to a box or bag. Invite your friends and family to participate! After the holidays, drop off your collected items at the South County or High Ridge site.

Let's come together to fill our pantry shelves and ensure our neighbors have access to meals and personal care items this holiday season. You can make a meaningful impact, one day at a time!

## **Memorials**

Anita Trautmann

E.H. Hilgendorf-Mead

Ann Hemenway

Caroline Young Mark & Sara Berte

Francis & Terese Pounds

Anne Marie Wilder

Kerry Lynn Allen

Michael Boone

Mr. & Mrs. Mark J. Gaertner

Richard Geitz

Robert & Shelley Goeddel

Alan Hecht

Donald & Frances McDaniel

Jim Moran

Joe Wilder

Martin Wilder

Kate Wolfmeyer Jane Birkenmeier

Elizabeth & Tim Hanak

Kevin & Briana Birkenmeier

Joanne Buttice

Jessica Copeland

Anne & Mike Gross

Anne Hingtgen & Family

Ray & Diane Jokerst

Dave & Janet Langer

Mary, Katie, Steph, Bridget & Julie

Peter Wilder

Uncle Art, Aunt Mary, Uncle Hop Aunt Sue, Uncle Dave, Aunt Anne Uncle Nick, Aunt Carol,

Uncle Todd, & Aunt Cathy

Bob Barczykowski

Bob & Linda Dimitrijevich

Brenda Jansen

Geralyn Fisher

Charlie Stewart

Mary McDonald

Dick & June Stoliniski

Tom & Karen Jacobi

**Donald Schnarre** 

Mary Lucy Sherri Farrell

George Fank

Ronald Herman Jr.

George Sandusky

Phyllis Sandusky

Harold Baker

John & Carol DeGuire Feed My People

**Helen Guenthel** 

Joan Villar
Herb & Marge Laudel

Douglas & Cynthia Laudel

Jerry Birk

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Dana, Lynn, Christina, Kim, & Tracey Bast Phyllis Carter

Tom and Margaret Hart

Joanie Birk

Joan Carson

Janet Guerrero

Kenneth & Judy Hoehn

Joe Sinclair

Ruby Schweppe

**Larry Tate** 

Jimmie & Debra Curry

Carol Dejno

Stewart & Jane Lyman

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Marvin Proffer

Donna Proffer

**Phyllis Freund** 

Carol Buchmeier

Dennis & Darlene Eads

Donna Eime

Carolyn Ewald

Henry Freund

David & Barbara Henerfauth

Laura & Betty Hood

Donna Proffer

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Ban Buskirk

**Roger Eime** 

Henry Freund

Patricia & Larry Tate

Michael Tate

**Alan Smith** 

Feed My People

# Tributes

Carolyn & Dan

Bruce & Lennis Bange

Jane & Dick Armbruster

Sharon Cliffe

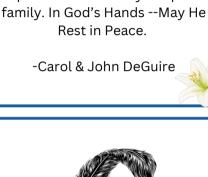
Nick & Bonnie Dattoli

Tonnie Monroe Wasem

Terry & Linda Hessler

Dolores Urban

\*As of 10/15/2024



Feed My People remembers

their first employee, Harold Baker. He was very sympathetic

to clients and went the extra

mile to reach out to them. He

had a very caring heart and

would often make people smile.

We remember his service and

dedication of 20 years as being

part of our Feed My People



Please consider us in your estate planning.

> We will never share or sell your information.

## **Memorials and Tributes**

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_ In **Memory** or in **Honor** of (Circle One)

Name

In Honor of (Occasion)

Please Send Notification To:

Email:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

171 Kingston Dr. City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip

Please Mail to:

St. Louis, MO 63125



Giving Program

- Flexible
- Safe & Secure

You Name the Amount and Frequency of Your Gift