



# OUR DAILY BREAD OF BRADENTON

KITCHEN HOURS | 6:30am - Noon  
LOAVES & FISHES | Mon & Fri 9-11am

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

**...IF YOU OFFER YOUR FOOD TO THE HUNGRY AND SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE AFFLICTED, THEN YOUR LIGHT SHALL RISE IN THE DARKNESS AND YOUR GLOOM WILL BE LIKE THE NOONDAY. -ISAIAH 58:9**

I was sitting in church following the readings a few Sundays ago when the above words were being spoken. They hit home about Our Daily Bread and how thankful we are to all those who have donated their time, talent or treasure. We also hope our clients who are down on their luck will leave with their day a little brighter!

What a wonderful summer/fall it has been for Our Daily Bread. Our relationships with Manatee Food Bank and Feeding Tampa Bay have been growing stronger. The amounts of food that we are getting through their programs together with our other donors (including Costco, Aldi's, Publix, Winn-Dixie, Fresh Market, WaWa, Bonefish Grill, Chick-fil-a and Longhorn Steak House) have been amazing. Yes, our refrigerated vans are on the road daily, but we couldn't afford to buy all the food we need to feed the hungry and needy in our community without this support.



PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS CHARITIES

Another uplifting event this summer was the Florida Roofers & Sheet Metal Association selecting Our Daily Bread to be their "Charity of Choice" for 2019. I went to Orlando on July 18th for their annual convention and was presented with a very generous check. What an honor for Our Daily Bread. Many thanks to all those who participated.

Many thanks also to Bruce Manson of Manson Roofing who as the President of the association was able to choose the 2019 "Charity of Choice". The legacy of the Manson Family runs deep at Our

Daily Bread going back to 1984 when Jack Manson helped start Our Daily Bread of Bradenton.

Here is some more awesome news: Publix Super Market Charities has once again approved our grant request to support our mission and help with the hunger relief in our community for 2019.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Thank you and God Bless,

**MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN**



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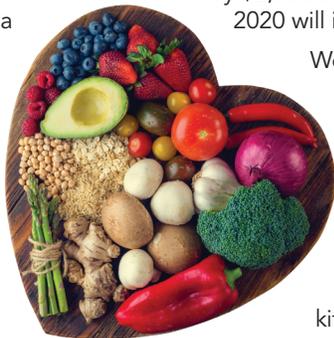
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## COACH'S NOTES

Summer is long gone and colder temperatures are on the way. Last year our food suppliers switched partially from Meals on Wheels to direct pickups under Feeding Tampa Bay. We are happy to report that we still have a great working relationship with Meals on Wheels. Under the new plan we are receiving a lot more meat and produce. In the first three quarters of 2019 we picked up 255,546 pounds of food items, (113 tons) and 108,000 pounds from Meals on Wheels. In nine months, our soup kitchen at Our Daily Bread and Loaves and Fishes we distributed over 160 tons of food to the needy in our community.

As of October 1st, our USDA food items are coming through Feeding Tampa Bay! We are praying the change will work out as well as



last year. Both of the changes have provided more food but our costs (payroll, fuel, supplies and maintenance) have increased by \$2,500.00 per month. Our budget for 2020 will increase by \$30,000.00.

We have been truly blessed with all the food coming in and we pass on the blessings to the needy, families and the homeless in our community. The needs are greater every year. The numbers of people we are feeding in the soup kitchen are up 5% from last year. The meals have improved because of the meat products we have available. At Loaves and Fishes we are serving, Monday and Friday, we are seeing increased numbers of families who receive 15 food items, fresh produce and frozen meats.

This summer we have new volunteers working on updating our Facebook page

and our Website. At this point it's a work in progress. Hopefully by years' end we will have a new look that will be more like our newsletter for you to browse and find helpful.

Penny, our kitchen manager, has been busy with some employee turnover, van repairs and running out of supplies due to the greater demand for services all while I was up north enjoying my summer holiday. God bless Penny and the team for holding down the fort!!

We are making plans for Christmas programs. If you wish to be part of the festivities or would like to make a special gift, please call me at 941.745.2992.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENT.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS.**

**BOB EIKILL**

## LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

I'd like to welcome back our seasonal volunteers. You have been missed and your help is so appreciated. We are noticing greater numbers of families coming through the Pantry here as of late. We are truly blessed with all the food coming in and we pass the blessings onto these needy families. We are now receiving weekly USDA drop offs vs. once a month which we are extremely grateful for. Loaves and Fishes is in need of personal hygiene products as well as baby wipes, diapers and baby formula. Any donations are appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, please call Penny at 941.745.2992 between the hours of 7am-11:30am. Monday through Friday or email her at penny@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org or know of anyone who wants to join our volunteer family. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
**BRITNEY**

## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the "Twelve Days of Christmas" by giving gifts to someone you don't even know. We are asking you as well as your Neighbor, Church, Community Group to fill a box with the most needed items for Loaves and Fishes... Thanking you in advance...

**DAY 1**  
Jar of Peanut Butter

**DAY 2**  
Jar of Jelly

**DAY 3**  
Box of Pasta

**DAY 4**  
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce

**DAY 5**  
Canned Corn

**DAY 6**  
Canned Green Beans

**DAY 7**  
Box of Mac'N Cheese

**DAY 8**  
Box of Cereal

**DAY 9**  
2lb. Bag of Rice

**DAY 10**  
Canned Soup

**DAY 11**  
Canned Meats

**DAY 12**  
Roll of Toilet Paper, Bars of Soap

## FAITH AND VALUES

### THE POOR YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE WITH YOU?

"Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land" Jesus is assuming the social location of his followers will always put them in close proximity to the poor and easily able to reach out to them.

"The poor you will always have with you" gets translated into "There is nothing we can do about poverty, and the poor will always be there, so why bother?" Yet that's not what the text is saying at all. The critical difference between Jesus's disciples and each one of us is precisely this: our lack of proximity to the poor? Perhaps.....

We all see it everyday on street corners and woven through our neighborhoods. We never judge... just throw a warm smile, wish them a good day, shake their hand, and brighten their day.

Wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday Season!!



# TURNING POINTS NOTES

As we enter the autumn season and end of the year activities begin to crowd the calendar, I would like to pause and reflect on all the great progress we have made as an organization this year. As our programs have grown



in response to the growing needs of our clients, we have expanded our staffing, recruiting people who are compassionate, qualified and dedicated to our mission of "providing, coordinating and facilitating services to prevent and end homelessness in our community." We are grateful for the services of these wonderful staff members, but also for the incredible group of volunteers who faithfully serve in each department of the organization daily. Being able to perceive the direct impact their service has for our clients is a benefit that keeps them coming back to volunteer. The strength of our organization has recently been recognized in two very substantial and important ways.

First, Turning Points has achieved a four star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible. Charity Navigator is a major charity assessment organization that evaluates charitable organizations in the United States, so achieving this rating is a major accomplishment that identifies our work as a responsible, effective and transparent organization.

Second, Turning Points was selected as the Manatee Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year, from a list of nine stellar organizations that were finalists for this recognition.

This award considered not only the financial and operational functions of the organization, but the contributions made by our board of directors, our staff and volunteers. We are proud of these accomplishments and the credibility they provide for the important work we are performing. We invite you to come on by and see for yourself what a difference Turning Points makes in the lives of people who are struggling with issues related to homelessness. As the current administration reduces funding for food stamps, housing and main stream benefits we will continue to see growth in numbers of people requesting assistance - whether to keep them from becoming homeless (prevention) or to help them back into housing if they have already become homeless (rapid re-housing). Please remember these people during the upcoming holiday season and help us as we strive to prevent and end homelessness for our neighbors in need.

Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season to you and yours.

Sincerely,  
**ADELL EROZER**  
 Executive Director



# PENNY'S PANTRY

I would like to "Welcome Back" our northern volunteers. We have had a busy summer picking up donations from our new and loyal stores which has been a blessing. We are so grateful. Seventy five percent of what we pick up is used for Loaves and Fishes which is growing in client visits. With the Holiday Season quickly approaching I would like to reach out to our community to ask if you would be interested in donating an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy ages 2-12. We will be handing them out on Christmas Eve between 10:00am - 11:30am at Loaves and Fishes.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Joyous Holiday Season!

Thanking you in advance,  
**PENNY**

## THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH

<b>MONDAY</b>	Potato Soup with Ham, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Beef and Noodles, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Chicken and Rice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Peppers and Rice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Hot Dogs and Baked Beans, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Chef's Choice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Chicken and Potatoes, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

# SERVICE NOTES

**Three New Testaments verses have played a decisive role in leading me to serve as a community volunteer at Our Daily Bread for more than 10 years now.**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul..... Love your neighbor as yourself

Let us not love in word or in tongue but in deed and in truth

Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Come and share your Master's happiness!

What better place to be faithful to the Lord and help jumpstart homeless and indigent folks than at Our Daily Bread? We should all be grateful for the opportunities we are shown to love our neighbors as well as to the persons who make it possible, like Ms. Penny, Kirk, Britney and the other members of

the staff, as well as to the board, without whom we could not provide daily bread to the needy.

In closing.... "... let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth"

**HERB MOLLER**



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## HOUSE NOTES

**WE NEVER CALL ASKING FOR DONATIONS**

**WE DO NOT USE PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISERS**

**WE ONLY USE YOUR ADDRESS FOR MAILING THANK YOU'S AND OUR NEWSLETTER**

We would like to establish an email data base for volunteers information and setting up schedules. If you are interested in our newsletter and happening, and would like to be included please email us at [blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto: blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org)

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive. We try to be good stewards of your generosity. In this newsletter we have limited space to acknowledge the gifts we receive and we do send thank you notes to each donor. Our base support is from churches, individuals, community groups, businesses, estates, trusts, schools, and county government.

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