

Greensburg Community Bread of Life Monthly Newsletter

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## From the Executive Director

Greetings fellow foodies,

Do you remember in June of 2023, when I reported on a homeless man who was close to death? I want to thank those of you who prayed for this man. God has blessed him, and I would like to share that with you.

In November, a benefactor purchased a bus ticket for him. He was driven to the bus station in Cincinnati and was on his way to his brother's home in Tennessee. We had no idea if his brother would accept him. His health was so poor that we hoped he would show his brother mercy. He stayed at his brother's home for a few weeks and then was admitted to the hospital in Tennessee. He had 3 surgeries completed at the hospital and was treated for Hepatitis C.

When he was released, he temporarily returned to his brother's home and he had to leave because of family dynamics. So our resourceful friend hit the road and wanted to come back to Indiana but he had nowhere else to go. A truck driver stopped, picked him up, and took him as far as he was driving, which was Richmond, Kentucky. He has shared with us this was his lowest point.

In Kentucky, he was homeless and continued moving north to find his way to Indiana. He landed in Lexington, Kentucky, where he ended up in the Baptist Hospital and spent 3 weeks there. While he was there, the advocate coordinated a sober living residence for him. It is a quad he shares with 3 other men. He received services for new eyeglasses and dental work. He feels physically the best he has felt in years. And spiritually he is studying God's Word, attends church regularly, and was excited to tell us that he was hired for employment at Good Will. At Good Will, he can work there, and they will pay him while he continues his education. He wants to pursue this wholeheartedly. The Lord is healing his mind, body, and soul. Will you continue to pray for his success?

Your hand is an extension of the heart. Give it freely.

Blessings ahead, Melissa

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## **Helping Hands**

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. The theme this year is *CELEBRATE SERVICE*, an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire each of you to serve.

It is with great appreciation that your contributions are recognized as you tirelessly *RESCUE FOOD*, *PREPARE FOOD*, *DELIVER FOOD*, *SORT*, *TAG* & *HANG CLOTHING* as you help meet the hunger and clothing needs of our community.

Thank you for your heart of compassion, your unselfish caring, and your patience in being our community partners. **YOU are a SOURCE of INSPIRATION to US!** 

Thank you for helping us serve the Greensburg community well.

His Blessings, Tina Sweeney "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

Unknown Author







Seasoned volunteers from top to bottom - Bea Holguin, Sherril Tarplee, the Schwering Family, and the Edward Jones Team.











Welcome, new volunteers Bill Eiler and Jeff & Barb Clemons.









Seasoned volunteers (from top left to bottom right) - the Workman Team, Dennis Rodal and John Hunt.



The Garments of Grace Volunteer Team (from top left to bottom right) - Bertha & Kathleen Jones, Mary Lou Krieger, Bonita & Dudley Myers, Ruth Hood, Don & Jan McClure, and Joe & Kathleen Jones

# Join Us for a RISE Course

Thursday, May 2 at 6pm



# Personal Safety

In an ever-changing world, prioritizing your personal safety is essential. Our comprehensive course is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate daily life confidently and securely.

## Thursday, June 6 at 6pm



# Cooking with Melissa

Join us for an exciting Cooking Class where you'll unlock the secrets to creating mouthwatering dishes that will impress family and friends. Get ready to elevate your cooking game!

## Welcome, Guy Glendenning!

Greensburg Bread of Life welcomes Guy Glendenning to the team! Guy recently joined BOL as a Kitchen Assistant.

We asked Guy to tell us a bit about himself.



# Share a bit of your background and what led you to this position at Bread of Life.

I have been a close friend of Shawn and his family for many years. I have also worked and volunteered here for many years.

#### What motivated you to join our team?

I needed some part-time work as well as some purpose in my life. Being able to give back to the community seemed like the right direction for me.

# What excites you about being part of the Bread of Life team?

Everyone is friendly and welcoming. We all have similar goals. It's a great team to be a part of and giving back is a huge payoff.

# What is a favorite part of your working day?

It's a toss-up between the beginning and the end of the work day. At the beginning of the day, I am greeted with smiles first thing in the morning. At the end of the day, it seems like our goals are accomplished.

Register online for any of our Rise classes.

Visit GreensburgBreadofLife.com.

# **More Bites**

## Recipe of the Month

Wild Rice Cranberry Salad

rom Mary Stradley

#### Ingredients

- 1 6-oz package Uncle Ben's long grain/wild rice mix (cook as directed)
- 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 cup broccoli flowerets cut into very small pieces
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 celery ribs, thinly sliced
- 12-oz jar diced pimentos, drained
- 1/2 cup Marzetti's sweet/sour dressing
- 1 cup dry roasted peanuts

After rice cools, combine all ingredients except peanuts. Chill at least 2 hours. Stir in peanuts just before serving. May add sugar to taste. Serves 6-8.

This recipe and others can be found in the Greensburg Community Bread of Life Feeding the Flock II Cookbook. Now on sale for only \$5. To purchase, contact Bread of Life at 812-663-1055.



### **March Stats**



11,254 pounds of food donated & rescued



2,212 meals served



171 households used BOL services



150 blessing boxes distributed



645 volunteer hours donated

## **Kitchen Needs**

From time to time, the kitchen is in need of specific items. Please see the list below. If you can help, we are accepting the following donations:

- Mayonnaise
- Canned Corn
- Vegetable Oil
- Stamps

Cible Study

Upcoming Bible Study Leaders:

April - Elizabeth Kennedy

Join us for a Bible Study on Thursday afternoons! We gather for faith-based topics on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in our conference room. All are welcome.

