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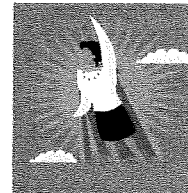
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## Social Worker's Report

**Pam Lewis (sitting in for Joyce Cue)**

On February 21, I was asked to help out with the duties of the Social Worker here at Our Daily Bread. Even though the reason for my assistance was extremely tragic, it was a pleasure to stand in for Joyce Cue. It has indeed been a blessing to serve in this capacity. The job of the Social Worker is a never-ending task; however, it was done with great enthusiasm and pleasure. It was a profound blessing for me to encourage the guests as they assisted in setting long-term goals for themselves.

ful experience while simultaneously allowing me to exercise my skills. It was my prayer and hope during this interim period that each guest was treated with the same love, kindness and respect that Joyce Cue demonstrates continuously.



As I followed Our Daily Bread's mission, I hoped that all the guests I interacted with left feeling their needs were met. Thanks to all the staff for their help and support in making this experience a pleasant one. A special thanks to Sister Mary Beth for entrusting me with this great opportunity.



Had Joyce Cue's enormous knowledge of various social systems not been easily accessible, without a doubt this would have been a monumental task. This unequivocally has been a wonder-

## A Cup of Love . . . . .

**Joan Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator**

"Give us this day, our daily bread." Barbara Schneider always loved those words from the Lord's Prayer, but it took volunteering at Our Daily Bread for her to fully understand their meaning.

She's seen the faces on our guests and has come to realize that while many come expecting a hot meal, many are equally hungry for an encouraging work, a kindness, a gentle touch, a smile.

"A lot of our guests come in and say they haven't eaten for days." said Barb.

"When I began volunteering in 1987 I thought I'd go once a month and do my thing," Barb said. "But they said I could start right away and work every Wednesday. I thought, 'Wait, I have to do this every week?' I didn't think I was ready for that, but I decided to just put it on my calendar and try it."

That was 20 years ago, and she's still there each Wednesday, working the serving line, handing out food tickets, serving coffee or helping cook, as needed. She also often puts in extra hours picking up donated items, delivering leftovers from her parish, St. Catharine in Westwood, or helping pick up donated food in Kentucky. She insists she's just one of the many Our Daily Bread volunteers who



Here's Barb as she appeared in a *Cincinnati Enquirer* "Hometown Heroes" piece December 18, 2006. (Photo by Gary Landers)

work for one reward – seeing the needs met.

Said Kathy Ray, our kitchen manager, "What she gives to us is invaluable. She has such a great understanding of our work, our guests, their need and their pain, and she handles it all with grace. She treats everyone here, with dignity and respect."

**THANK YOU BARB**, for 20 years of your grace, your smile, and your love. You bless us with your service!

*If you feel called to join Barb, and our core group of over 400 volunteers at Our Daily Bread, please call us at 621-6364.*