



Our Daily Bread
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Kitchen Manager's Report

Kathy Ray

The other day, I was adjusting the "No Parking" signs for the Cincinnati Health Department medical van when I heard someone cussing up a storm. There was a very angry woman standing at the corner yelling at someone on the other side of the street. As I walked back inside she turned to follow. "Uh, oh," I thought, "now she is going to come in here and explode at someone else." So I paused, and as she came through the door I smiled at her and warmly greeted her with "Good morning, how are you today?"

Her face brightened up, she gave me a hug and then burst out with, "Oh, Miss Kathy, I am so blessed! All of you here at Our Daily Bread have

given me so much help! You have saved my life!" That is just one small story. I could tell *hundreds* more! Every day here at Our Daily Bread we have the opportunity to touch someone's life in a meaningful way and we witness transformations just like that. I am thankful that God has led me to His work here at Our Daily Bread. There is so much here to give thanks for: the little miracles that happen, the daily rewards of hearing the gratitude from those who come through our front door, the compassion our guests show each other and all of us, our hardworking kitchen and office staff... We give thanks to you who make it possible for Our Daily Bread to initiate transformations.

A Cup of Love . . .

Joan Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator

How do volunteers give more than 30,000 hours a year to Our Daily Bread? Let us count the ways...

- ◆ Helping prepare & serve our midday meal
- ◆ Celebrating our guest's birthdays (Birthday Angels)
- ◆ Governing Our Daily Bread (our Board of Trustees)
- ◆ Picking up donations
- ◆ Gathering collections of food, personal hygiene products & socks
- ◆ Creating, launching & selling our Food for Thought Cookbook
- ◆ Making sack lunches for our guests
- ◆ Making desserts, sandwiches, & meatloaves for our guests
- ◆ Making sweaters, hats, gloves & blankets for our guests
- ◆ Painting, cleaning, organizing our storage rooms & walk-in freezer/refrigerator
- ◆ Creating special fundraising events (Bocce Ball Tournament, Soul of the City Soiree)

- ◆ Designing Our Daily Bread posters, cards & similar items
- ◆ Designing & managing our website (a great company, hyperQUAKE, does this)
- ◆ Supervising computer time for our guests
- ◆ Spending time with our Kids Café children
- ◆ Picking roses & other flowers for the vases at our guests' tables
- ◆ Taking surveys of our guests' needs & opinions
- ◆ Preparing turkey and gravy at home and delivering to us for Thanksgiving dinner
- ◆ Organizing & conducting our weekly Bingo
- ◆ Providing foot care & legal services for our guests

...And so much more!

So, we give THANKS to our treasured volunteers who give their time, talent, love & respect to our guests. May God continue to bless you, as you bless us each & every day.

