

NALC Letter Carriers' Food Drive – May 9th

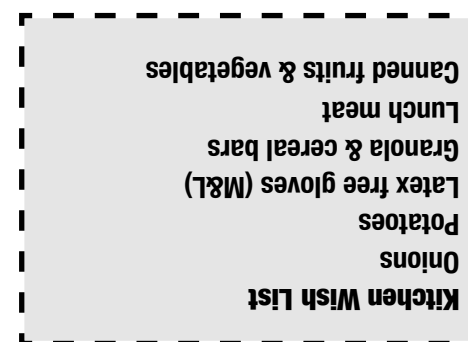
NALC Letter Carriers' Food Drive, the nation's largest food drive to combat hunger, will be conducted this year on Saturday, May 9th. On that day, letter carriers will collect non-perishable donations from homes as they deliver mail along their postal routes. To participate in this important event, simply leave food in or next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 9th and your postal carrier will collect it. Local food donations will go to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank and will then be available to organizations like Community Kitchen. For more information, contact the Hoosier Hills Food Bank at 334-8374.

CK Annual Meeting at Palette to Palate

Community Kitchen's Annual Meeting will be held on May 16th at 6:00pm, at the beginning of Palette to Palate. Those interested may attend the meeting in the Palladian Room in The Clubhouse at the Fields (1333 Fenbrook Lane). The meeting will last about 15 minutes, as we highlight the year's achievements and ratify the election of new members to the Board of Directors. All who have contributed to Community Kitchen in the past year and are present, are eligible to vote at this meeting.



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Meal Counts on the Rise

If you were accustomed to looking at Community Kitchen service numbers you would recognize that Community Kitchen is on target to set another new meal record this year. Conservative predictions are that we will surpass the most meals ever served by Community Kitchen (152,516 in 2007) by at least 6,000 meals this year. So far in 2009, we have seen a 10% increase in the number of meals served. The number of meals served by the Kitchen in 2008 was almost exactly the same number served in 2007. However, the big difference from 2007 to 2008 was the number of meals that went to children. While about 41% of meals in 2007 went to children, in 2008 that percentage jumped to 51%.

Let me say that again, of all of the meals (151,460) served by Community Kitchen in 2008, 51% went to children! Startling isn't it? Meals in our children's programs are up 7% so far this year. I can tell you that despite seeing the need for our services day in and day out, it's the children—babies in strollers, toddlers running alongside their parents, school age kids in our Backpack Buddies Program, that make me want to run home and kiss my kids. Despite how any one person gets to the point that he or she needs to access our services, regardless of the decisions made or unfortunate circumstances, no child should go hungry. No child should start out life at a disadvantage because there's not enough to eat. And at Community Kitchen we continue to say they will not—not on our watch. We will continue to search for more ways to get food into the hands of those children who need it most. Thank you for helping us to do that. Thank you for your ongoing support that allows us to make a significant and lasting impact on children in Monroe County.

Palette to Palate – May 16th

On Saturday, May 16th, Community Kitchen will hold its annual **Palette to Palate** fundraiser. This event involves a silent art auction followed by a live auction with fabulous packages for bid. The event will start one hour earlier than normal. At 6:00pm we will hold our annual meeting and the silent art auction will begin. As always, local artists have been incredibly generous to us by donating over 100 pieces of wonderful local art in all price ranges. Immediately following the silent auction, the live auction will commence with the following packages being auctioned by Jimmie Dean Coffey:

1. Brown County Retreat, including weekend accommodations at Stonehead
2. Bloomington's Chefs' Challenge VIP Package
3. Dinner Party provided for you and five friends
4. Brown County Country weekend
5. Pet Package, including boarding, grooming, etc.
6. Crafter's Delight
7. Gardener's Package, including gift certificates to May's Greenhouse and Twin H Nursery
8. IU Men's Basketball package, including two tickets to a 2009-10 season game and Coach Crean autographed basketball
9. Children's Birthday Bash, including magic show and children's portrait

Also included in this event is fabulous music provided by Merrie Sloan and

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Thank You!

The Community Kitchen would like to thank the following organizational and institutional supporters and we encourage you to thank them as well. These that follow have provided financial, in-kind, or volunteer support since December:

11th St Seven-Eleven	Grace Food Pantry
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2009 Meal Counts

What your support helps accomplish at Community Kitchen

January—March 2009

Rogers Street CK	14,973
CK Express	8,399
Feed Our Future	9,240
Backpack Buddies	3,575
Nutrition Links	512

Total Meals 36,699
(10% increase)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Stanford Senior Club
Stoneybrook Community Church of God
Subway
Target
The Green Bean
Tri-Parish Group
Tuesday Morning Sewing Clique
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Homeward Bound—5K Walk April 19th

Community Kitchen is one of the agencies participating in this year's Homeward Bound walk to fight the effects of poverty and homelessness. At Community Kitchen we provide meals to anyone in need, no questions asked. As you might imagine, persons experiencing homelessness are among our patrons. In order to raise awareness and funds to continue feeding those in need, Community Kitchen will again walk in Homeward Bound. The walk is on Sunday, April 19th and will kickoff at Third Street park with free food, entertainment and music. Consider supporting Community Kitchen. Simply visit: <http://homewardboundindiana.org/bloomington> to join the Community Kitchen team, volunteer, donate or start your own team.

Doing good on the internet

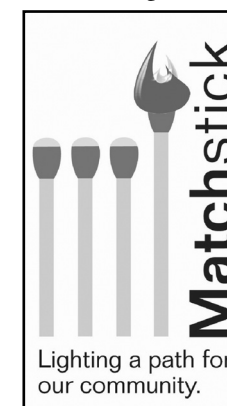
What if Community Kitchen earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Community Kitchen as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting Community Kitchen.

Make your donation count—even more

Community Kitchen is again, in 2009, participating in the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County's Matchstick Program—Phase IV. By participating in Matchstick Phase II & III, CK added over \$34,000 to that fund. Our goal in Phase IV is to raise \$15,000 for our endowment, which will qualify for a \$5,000 match. Each \$3 raised toward this goal will qualify for a \$1 match. Giving to the Community Kitchen Fund means that your \$75 becomes \$100 and helps fund the Kitchen's hunger relief programs in perpetuity. The funds will stay with the foundation permanently, providing annual interest income to fund Kitchen programs as long as they are needed. Community Kitchen is in its 27th year of fighting hunger in our community. Help us ensure hunger relief for our community for the future by contributing now. Checks should be made out to Community Foundation with CK Fund noted in the memo section. For additional information, please visit www.communityfoundation.ws or call us at 332-0999.



Hand in Hand

Jonathan Hossler and Shawn King of Stone Belt's Hand in Hand program drop off their collected food at Community Kitchen. Through Stone Belt's Hand in Hand program, Stone Belt clients run local neighborhood food donation routes to collect food for Community Kitchen each day. In 2008, this program represented our single largest source of donated food (after the Hoosier Hills Food Bank) and was responsible for about 16% of our food donations.

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Toby Purnell, along with food from over 25 local restaurants and local beverages. Palette to Palate will be held at The Clubhouse at The Fields (1333 Fenbrook Lane). Tickets are \$25 and are currently available at Community Kitchen (917 S Rogers St), Rebecca & Me (2909 E Covenanter Dr), Bloomings East and Bloomings West.

The event is generously sponsored by: Dr. Malone, Dr. Todd Whitlock, Bill C Brown Associates, Southern Indiana Pediatrics, United Commerce Bank, Orthopedics of Southern Indiana, Monroe Bank, Mastertech Auto Service Center and Joie De Vivre - Dr. Jerrells. For additional information, please call us at 332-0999.