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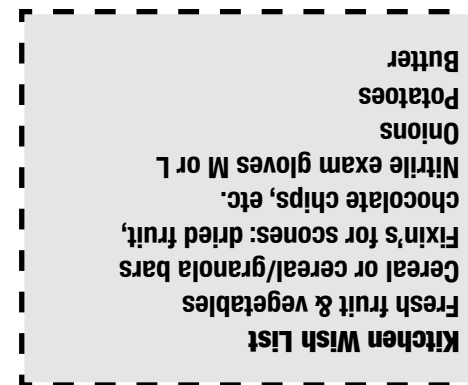
Community Kitchen is again, in 2009, participating in the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County's Matchstick Program—Phase IV. By participating in Matchstick Phase II & III, CK added over \$34,000 to that fund. Our goal in Phase IV is to raise \$15,000 for our endowment, which will qualify 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. We are most of the way to our goal with only a few thousand left to go! 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.

NAP Credits

We are still awaiting word from the state regarding the allotments of NAP tax credits for 2009. If you have contributed in the past, we will send you a postcard just as soon as we know of their availability. Until the state passes a budget, no decisions will be made. If you have not contributed in the past but would like us to let you know about NAP credits, please email: director@monroecommunitykitchen.com or call us at 332-0999.



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Hunger not a winter issue

One of the myths we work against at Community Kitchen is that hunger is a winter issue. We are so grateful that people think about feeding the hungry at Thanksgiving, Christmas and throughout the winter. However, there are hungry people in our community all year long. This year more than ever, we see people who are working but just can't make ends meet. We see more people who are TRYING to work, but just can't land that job. And we see more children utilizing our programs than ever in our history! In 2008, 51% of all meals given through Community Kitchen went to children. And so far in 2009, we have seen more than a 15% increase in the number of meals to children.

During these summer months we distribute sack breakfasts to children in eight low-income neighborhoods each Monday–Friday. Children receive one breakfast each. In the first 17 days of the program last year, we averaged 168 breakfasts to children/day. In the first 17 days of this year, we are already averaging 200 breakfasts/day. We're seeing almost 20% more children in the program this year than last. If you would like to help by volunteering for this program, give us a call at 332-0999. We have two volunteer shifts for Summer Breakfast–Prep: 7-8:30am and Delivery 8:20-11:30am. See the wish list in this newsletter to donate items for this program.

Chefs' Challenge 2009–September 4th Buskirk-Chumley Theater - Competition begins at 7:00pm

Community Kitchen will hold the third annual Bloomington's Chefs' Challenge this upcoming Labor Day weekend. Based on television's popular Iron Chef, this culinary event will feature three local chefs who will have one hour to prepare a winning dish from a pantry of ingredients. A "mystery ingredient" will be revealed right before the competition begins. BCAT film crews will show close-ups of the fast-paced action on the theater's big screen. Emcees will update the audience as the competition heats up and the celebrity judges will pick the top dish. Judging is based on the use of time, use of product, including secret ingredient, presentation and taste. Two chefs will be chosen through email voting to compete against last year's winner, Alan Simmerman of Bloomington's West. Watch the Herald-Times in July for a list and bios of potential competitors. Then vote for your favorite by emailing to chefchallenge@yahoo.com.

Tickets will be \$25 and will be available in late July at the Sunrise box office and Community Kitchen. There are only a few "Bistro" seats available for \$100, which include an up close view of the competition and a sampling of each dish prepared by the chefs. You may enter the lottery to purchase Bistro tickets by emailing chefchallenge@yahoo.com now. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available. For more information or to view last year's video clip visit the Events page at: www.monroecommunitykitchen.com.

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 April.

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Abundant Harvest Farms	Longhorn Steakhouse
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Black's Mercantile	Nick's English Hut
Bloomingfoods	Olive Garden Restaurant
Bloomingfoods West	Opie Taylor's
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& Brown County Coffee	Pizza X
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& Monroe Co.	St. Paul Catholic Center
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2009 Meal Counts

What your support helps accomplish at Community Kitchen

January—May 2009

Rogers Street CK	25,592
CK Express	15,827
Feed Our Future	17,269
Backpack Buddies	6,640
Nutrition Links	864

Total Meals	66,192
	(10% increase)

Palette to Palate was a huge success—Thank you!

On May 16th, we gathered at The Clubhouse at The Fields for another successful *Palette to Palate*. This year's event boasted nearly 200 pieces of art for bid in silent auction, along with more than a dozen live auction packages, including local weekend getaways, art, gift certificates and a beautiful blue spruce tree. At the end of the night over \$15,000 was raised for Community Kitchen programs, with over \$6,000 being raised specifically for the Kitchen's Backpack Buddies program. We extend many thanks to all of the artists, restaurants and local businesses who donated toward the cause. Thank you to Merrie Sloan and Toby Purnell for providing music, and Jimmie Dean Coffey Auctions & Realty for stellar assistance with processing and the live auction. We truly appreciate everyone's support of this event.



Auctioneer, Jimmie Dean Coffey, works the crowd during the auction.

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry in our community.

Contributing artists: Jim Abram, Mila Aciro, Troy Anderson, Tim Arnold, Jacques Bachelier, Cathra-Anne Barker, Paul Batz, Hans Baugh, Charlotte Behrens, Danielle Bachant & Michael Bell, Edward Bernstein, Molly Bitters, Angela Bond, Linda Boyle-Gibson, Jerry Brem, Peter Brenner, Connie Brorson, Ed Brownlee, Helen Burkett, Rhonda Cearlock, Martina Celerin, Laura Chaiken, Charles Clabaugh, Tim Clougher, Debbie Cohen, Lee Cohn, Michael Combs, Amy & Jeff Dallas, Michael Davis, Gary DeLamatre, Roger Disney, Albert Drake, Robin Edmundson, Dylan & Amy Engler, Judy Noyes-Farnsworth, Lorraine Merriman Farrell, Todd Fezell, Demaris Gaunt, Carolyn Dawson Gieryn, Sheila Golden, David Goodrum, Bonnie Gordon-Lucas, Karen Green-Stone, Chris Gustin, Libby Gwynn, Anna Haag, Suzanne Halvorson, Cherie Haney, Dorothy Hanvey, Alice Harpel, Sarah Hatch, Cathy Hillegas, Lindsay Hine, Anabel Hopkins, Jane Jensen, Greg & BJ Jordan, Bruce Kell, Aldis Knight, Jerry Krider, Wendy La Grange, Tom Laird, Joe Lee, Denise Lessow, Patty Lezotte, Satian Leksrisawat, Joey Like, Judy Lucas, Rebecca Lucas, Susan Luks, Barb Lund, Sandra Matasick, Bill McCamish, Patrick McDaniel, Linda Meyer-Wright, Carol Miller, Dee Morris, Donna Mundschau, Stephen Rich Nelson, Terry Taylor Norbu, Sharon Parsons, David Petlowany, Cappi Phillips, PipeDream Glass, Bubba Poor, Sharon Pugh, Todd Ramquist, Bob Reiberg, Michele Reilly, Meri Reinhold, Kimberly Rorick, John & Judith Rose, Jenny Rytel, Susan Sammis, John Schirmer, Walt Schmidt, Randall Shedd, Kathy Sheldon, Bonnie Sklarski, Daria Smith, Kyle Spears, Larry Spears, Veda Stanfield, Carolyn Abbitt, Peter & Lisa Streit, Sun Oak Trading Post, Vinnie Sutherland, Charles Sweitzer, Tim Terry, Art Titus, Jeff Unzicker, Steve & Sue Vachon, Michael Vanvooren, Mary Rose Wampler, Sadie Wang, Betty Westhues, Sue Westhues, Susan White, Katie Wolfe, Sheryl Woodhouse-Keese, Phillip Woodward, Olga Yevseyeva, Wendy Baxter & Marc Zoschke, BloomingWorld Imports, Stacy Graham Wilson.

Community Kitchen Survey

Over the summer we will be working to survey community members regarding what they know about Community Kitchen and its programs, as well as, what they would like to see us be able to do in the future. Please take a minute to take this short online survey and let us know what you know at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2GFIhW1e6YYU5_2fXn6YpHOA_3d_3d or visit our website: www.monroecommunitykitchen.com and click on the survey link.



Bidders watch over the jewelry cases as the silent auction bidding closes.



Fantastic packages were sold during the live auction.