Kroger Community Rewards

Do you shop at Kroger? Carry one of those Kroger Plus cards? Now you can help support Community Kitchen when you shop at Kroger. Just register your Plus card at the website and 2% of your grocery purchases support Community Kitchen each time you shop. Follow the link below to register your card today. When you get logged in and registered, just move to the Community Rewards section and select Community Kitchen of Monroe County or organization #47663. It’s that simple. You have to register once/year so if you haven’t registered in 2016, please do so today! https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards

New Equipment

Community Kitchen is grateful for a grant from the City of Bloomington’s Jack Hopkins Social Service Funding program. This grant allowed us to purchase this lovely tilt skillet for our kitchen operations. In this unit, our staff can prepare 30 gallons of food at one time in an efficient manner. Our grant will also cover some parking lot repairs. Thank you to the City and the Jack Hopkins Social Service Funding Committee!

Food for Thought

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Feeding Children - always a priority!

You are all aware that we conduct our Summer Food Service Program at this time of year. We’ve been very excited this summer about the lunches that we are providing to children and youth in clubs and local low-income neighborhoods. Lunches include sandwiches, wraps, pasta salad or something similar that includes the protein and grain components. Meals always include milk and also include a fresh fruit and vegetable. We’ve worked hard this summer to expand our fruit and vegetable offerings for the children. Our menus have expanded to include: Carrots, celery, broccoli, sugar snap peas, zucchini, cucumbers, oranges, apples, bananas, pears, berries, grapes and fruit salad. While we will continue the Summer Food Service Program until the first day of school, we are also starting to plan for the start of school and the return to Backpack Buddies.

When school starts we will again begin our Backpack Buddies program. Currently, we’re stockpiling food for the beginning of that program in August. When school starts we will again start distributing backpacks of weekend food to children/families identified by school social workers to be in need. See below for a list of foods you can donate now to help out with either our Summer Food Service Program or our Backpack Buddies program.

Summer Food Needs

- Sliced ham
- Sliced turkey
- Sliced cheeses
- Large whole grain wraps
- Baby carrots
- Sugar snap peas
- Cucumbers
- Cheese sticks
- Healthy snack crackers
- Zucchini
- Celery

Backpack Buddies Food Needs

- Canned or pouch chicken or tuna
- Peanut butter
- Meal helpers (Chicken/Hamburger/Tuna)
- Fruit cups
- Instant oatmeal & boxes of cereal
- Dried fruits (raisins, craisins, cherries, etc.)
- Mac & Cheese and other easy to prepare foods (instant potatoes, rice & pasta meals)
- Small pop top cans of vegetables
- Granola/Fruit/Cereal bars

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At Family Volunteer Day in April, they made up hygiene kits that were distributed to community members. Family Volunteer Days are designed to give families with children an opportunity to volunteer together.

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Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
South Central Community Action Program
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
St. Paul Catholic Center
St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church
Stanford Outreach
Stone Belt
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The Warehouse
Theta Chi
Theta Chi Realty Corporation
TIS Inc.
Traditions Catering
Trinity Episcopal Church
Truffles
Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute
Unionville Church of Christ
Unitarian Universalists
United Way of Bartholomew Co.
United Way of Greater Philadelphia
United Way of Monroe County
Unity of Bloomington
Yesarang Church

Breakfast of Champions
Community Kitchen’s next brunch fundraiser will be special! We’re calling it the Breakfast of Champions, as each chef who contribute to brunch has been part of a winning Chef’s Challenge team. Alan Simm-er of Bloomings foods, Erika Yochum of Feast and Corbin Morwick of One World Catering will all contribute to our Breakfast of Champions event on Sunday, July 24th. Like our others, this will be a three course brunch with paired drinks by Nick Mateo of C3. Brunch will be held at Community Kitchen’s main location at 1515 S Rogers St. The menu will be available on our website and Facebook page soon but with this cast of chefs, it promises to be out of this world! Make your reservations for either the 11am or 1pm seating by calling us at 812-332-0999. Tickets are $45/person. All proceeds benefit Community Kitchen’s hunger relief efforts.

Save the date for the 10th Chefs’ Challenge
August 6th 7pm Buskirk-Chumley Theater
Save the date and plan to join us at the Buskirk-Chumley on Saturday, August 6, 2016 for our 10th annual Chefs’ Challenge event. 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 in this year’s competition and we want to make it special. Get the date on your calendar now and don’t miss it!