

Food for Thought

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Tim, Adam and Jason, trying out the new awnings on the vans for Summer Food Service delivery.

Summer is underway

As soon as school was out, we started our Summer Food Service Program. We are excited that the program has had a great start and has been going smoothly. Food donations for the program are incredibly helpful. Thank you, especially to Trinity Episcopal Church, who collects food donations for the program each summer. Each Monday morning we get a delivery of generous food donations for the summer program. Those donations are helpful to keep down food costs. If you are interested in supporting the Summer Food Service program with food donations, please consider bringing: large whole grain wraps, sliced ham, turkey or chicken, sliced cheese, peanut butter,

cheese sticks, canned or pouch chicken or tuna, mayonnaise, celery, baby carrots, broccoli, zucchini, cucumbers, sugar snap peas, granola bars, etc.

We are also grateful this summer to have received a Jack Hopkins Social Service Funding grant from the City of Bloomington. We used it to purchase awnings that attach to each of our delivery vans. That means that we can provide shade for children to eat under, in neighborhoods where there isn't any. We can also provide some cover when it's raining. So far, folks seem to really be enjoying the comfort the awnings offer. We deliver in all kinds of weather so we are grateful to the City for the grant that allows us to provide just a little additional comfort.

June is still looking for volunteers for some of the summer program shifts. In particular, she still has some 7:30am-9:30am shifts available. During that volunteer shift, folks prepare the lunches that are then delivered to ten sites across the county. If you'd like to help out with that shift or any of our other shifts throughout the summer, please contact June at 812-332-0999 or june@monroecommunitykitchen.com and she'll get you signed up.

We appreciate all of the help from volunteers and donors through the year. **Thank you!**



Children at Orchard Glen enjoy their lunch under the big shade tree.



Save the date!
Bloomington's Chefs' Challenge
Sunday, August 4, 2019
Buskirk-Chumley Theater
7pm

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following organizational and institutional supporters and we encourage you to thank them, as well. The groups below have provided financial, in-kind, or volunteer support since our last newsletter:

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| Ellettsville House of Prayer | | |

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 #SJ831. It's that simple. <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>



2019 Jan-May Meal Counts

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| Rogers Street | 16,379 |
| Express | 18,892 |
| Feed Our Future | 29,208 |
| Head Start | 23,150 |
| Nutrition Links | 1,723 |
| Backpack Buddies | 39,070 |
| A Friend's Place | 7,150 |
| Senior Links | 1,360 |

Total 136,932

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And you can follow us on Twitter: @Monroe_ck or

Instagram: monroecommunitykitchen

Help us spread the word about Community Kitchen happenings and join us today!



Volunteer Spotlight - Liliana Wagner



Liliana Wagner has been volunteering at Community Kitchen since she was 10 years old. Now, at the ripe old age of 15, she still comes regularly with her family. When she was in first grade, she learned about the Great Depression. The images of people in soup lines made such an impression that she talked to her mother about it. She was determined that people should not go hungry. She asked her mother if they could help. When she became old enough to volunteer at Community Kitchen, she talked her family into volunteering together.

Because Liliana and her family live in another county, many of her friends have never heard of Community Kitchen. She educates them about our services and explains the importance of our mission. She wishes that more people knew how many people we feed through our programs so they could understand how pervasive food insecurity is in our society.

Liliana enjoys the camaraderie between staff and volunteers. Because she has done most of the tasks on the meal prep shift, she helps show new volunteers what to do. She likes getting to know new people and helps new volunteers feel welcome.

When she isn't at Community Kitchen, she has several interests to keep her busy. Liliana enjoys making friendship bracelets so much that she teaches others how to make them. She makes a variety of styles that take anywhere from 1 hour to 2 days to complete. She also performs with Stages Bloomington and is a member of Btown Aquatics Swim Club.

50+ Men Who Care

Community Kitchen of Monroe County was voted to receive support from the local philanthropic group 50+Men Who Care, at its February quarterly meeting.

Longtime Kitchen volunteer, Tim Mayer, presented on behalf of Community Kitchen to the 50+ Men Who Care. His heartfelt presentation highlighted the plight of families, especially in single parent households and the assistance provided from Community Kitchen through Backpack Buddies.

Community Kitchen of Monroe County is delighted to announce the donation. Since the group's founding in April 2014, 50+ Men Who Care has contributed over a quarter million dollars to different not-for-profits in Monroe County.

This donation from 50+ Men Who Care will be used to feed local hungry children through our Backpack Buddies program. Children make up 66% of the individuals we serve and are a very vulnerable population. A donation like this at this time of year is incredibly helpful!

50+Men Who Care is open to all men in Monroe County who wish to support local nonprofits. At each meeting, three members are chosen from those who put their names in a basket, to advocate for a local nonprofit organization. The group then votes, and the winning organization receives a \$125 donation from each of the 50+Men Who Care members.

The group meets on a quarterly basis. Becoming a member requires a \$100 donation from each member to the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and a \$125 donation to each nonprofit selected totaling a \$600 annual commitment.

For more information about *50+ Men Who Care*, visit the website: WWW.50menwhocare.com, or the Facebook page, 50MenWhoCareBloomington, or contact Steve Martin, the Convener, at 50menwhocare@gmail.com.



SUMMER BRUNCH

Seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
\$50 includes three courses and
cocktail pairings by Cardinal Spirits
to benefit Community Kitchen
Reservations required: (812) 332-0999

Join us for our upcoming Summer Brunch fundraiser for Community Kitchen's hunger relief efforts. This three course brunch will be held on **Sunday, August 18th** at Community Kitchen and includes paired cocktails from Cardinal Spirits. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available. The cost is \$50/seat. There are two seatings: 11am and 1pm. Reservations are required in advance. Food choices are still forthcoming. Watch our website and Facebook page for the menu.



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Kitchen Wish List

Canned vegetables
Cooking oil
Elbow macaroni
Garlic powder
Onion powder
Large whole grain wraps

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