



KENNETH BUTLER MEMORIAL SOUP KITCHEN

Quarterly Newsletter - March, 2021

Current Wish List:

- *Bottled Water
- *Styrofoam 3 comp. lg. foam hinged lid containers (9 1/2 x 9 1/4 x 3 - Dart 95HT3R 200/box)
- *Mayonnaise
- *Bisquick or other baking mix
- *Salsa
- *Craisins
- *Velveeta (or generic) cheese blocks

(please remember we are only taking donations of food and money at this time.)

WORDS FROM JILL

from the desk of Executive Director,
Jill Ebbert

Well, here we are finally in 2021. I think everyone was glad to closeout 2020. While fear, stress, and constant change kept a pretty tight grip on us here, faith and adaptability won out in the long run. Every challenge was met and conquered. Our beautiful mission stood strong as we served 23,491 meals last year - an 18% increase over 2019. As you all know, we are really much more than a hot meal. Our last hurdle is reopening the dining room. While there are no plans to do that in the near future, I look forward to the day when we truly can interact fully and safely with our patrons. I know they miss their socialization in a loving atmosphere and we certainly miss them. Until then, our major focus is to stress the importance of all people knowing that we are here to help them with food. Please don't let anyone you know struggle to pay their bills or forego medications in order to buy food. Spread the word to everyone to let us do food so they can do life. Food should not be their concern right now. KBMSK has been blessed with ample food supplies for all who need us. I have always believed that we are put on this earth to help one another. Keep putting one foot in front of the other as we head toward the light at the end of the tunnel.

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WORDS ABOUT ENDOWMENT

Like us, many organizations and clubs in our community work very hard to raise money that will help them fund pressing issues...nutritious meals for the hungry, facility management, etc. Maintaining current properties and operating expenses are a constant concern. It's vital that money is donated to address the needs of today...money in; money out...just like in your personal checking account.

Equally as important, is to consider the future sustainability of the work of the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen. The Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen Operating Endowment can be compared to the savings account or a retirement account....an account where money is saved, invested, and grows over time. Income generated from this fund will serve future operating needs.

An endowment fund can grow in any number of ways. Some organizations pledge to donate 10% of every fundraiser to the fund. Others have designated the proceeds from one fundraiser per year to grow the fund. In addition to these efforts, we must not forget to share how people who love the work of the soup kitchen can ensure that the good work continues through a planned gift to the endowment like a bequest through a will or trust. Simple language can be added to either of these documents and can make a **BIG** difference in our future:

"I give to the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen Operating Endowment at the Hancock County Community Foundation, 312 E. Main Street, an Indiana nonprofit corporation in Greenfield, Indiana ___ percent of my estate OR the sum of \$____."

Perhaps you have a retirement account or insurance policy. Once you've made sure your family will be well cared for, you can very simply designate a percentage of these types of legacies and name the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen Operating Endowment Fund as beneficiary...a simple phone call can make a world of difference.

The needs of today are great, but to continue the mission of our organization, we must consider the future. If you have questions or seek guidance on how you might make a gift to the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen Operating Endowment Fund, contact Mary Gobble, President/CEO at the Hancock County Community Foundation at 317.462.8870 or mgobble@giveHCgrowHC.org.

If you would like to give to our endowment....

You can do so online here:

https://hancock.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1222

or mail a check to: HCCF, 312 E. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140

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WORDS FROM A DONOR

by Celine Nathal

I love to donate to KBMSK because Jill and her awesome staff are tireless to provide delicious meals and love to the needy of the community. I've known a couple of these wonderful volunteers for a few years now and they are always ready to show love and compassion to the people and families that benefit from their resources. I am so blessed to be able to donate on a regular, monthly basis to a caring, Christian-based organization that truly cares about the community!

1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Celine Nathal, one of our treasured monthly donors.



*****Easy ways to donate are time, money, food & supplies and choosing AmazonSmile anytime you order from Amazon!*****

WORDS FROM A PATRON

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We actually heard about the soup kitchen off of Google when I was searching for food pantries. I knew we needed some help and the soup kitchen has helped us so much. It has had such a big impact on me and my husband and our marriage and our little doggy. You guys were never concerned with what we're doing but how we were doing as individuals and as a couple. After losing everything when the riots happened, this was a breath of fresh air and a much-needed blessing that we will forever be grateful for. Everybody at the soup kitchen has been absolutely amazing. Eventually, we would love to become volunteers to help out and pay back just a little bit of what we have received. To know that we have people that actually care about us, and no matter what, a hot meal waiting for us...words cannot describe how grateful and how encouraging these actions are to us they also keep us motivated.

WORDS FROM A VOLUNTEER

by Margo Detzler

A little bit of this, a little pinch of that, add a few talented cooks, some peelers, choppers, mixers, mashers, a director who can create meals of left overs, stuff from the freezers or shelves, a little bit of fun, and what have you got VOILA.....LUNCH, or maybe DINNER, prepared with LOVE, by volunteers at the KBMSK. After being made aware of the existence of the "Soup Kitchen", I decided to explore the organization that my friend had made a donation to in memory of my Mother.

Never had I ever receive awards for my attempts at cooking or baking, but I decided to visit, on a wing and a prayer, that there might be other things I might be able to do beyond preparing meals. Never could I have imagined the adventure that I was embarking on. I was met with gracious enthusiasm by Director Jill. She shared the history and vision of the KBMSK and then guided me on a mini-tour of the building. Any insecurities about my cooking skills quickly vanished when I passed a huge shelf of cookbooks. Reading and following directions was something I COULD do, fairly successfully actually! Since that first tour, over ten years ago, I have discovered just how truly blessed I was, that a gift from a friend, and a little shove from my Heavenly Father, guided me to the beautiful brick building in downtown Greenfield, known for welcoming all in God's love. Not only have I picked up some top-notch cooking skills, from amazing volunteers who truly DO know how to cook, I have also discovered



Margo and Doug being whisked away by the JOY of working at the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen

the generosity of the caring community I live in. "The Lord always provides" is so evident at the Soup Kitchen. Donations of food and other necessary items seem to come from everywhere. Food is served to grateful guests. When the dining room was open, it was so rewarding to get to know our visitors and receive their friendly waves and thank yous. I can't wait until we can open our doors and greet all of our buddies again. When my husband retired a couple of years ago, he joined the volunteer crew.

Now, together with our volunteer family, a very dedicated staff, and generous board members who share their time and talents, we are blessed to serve, make a difference, and touch lives in His name.

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Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen



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kbmskitchen



WORDS ABOUT SAFETY

by the Board of Directors

In order to protect our staff and volunteers during the pandemic, we are keeping the building closed and locked. We are only taking donations of food and money. If you bring a donation, please park in the lot to the west of the building and call us to let us know what you have. Someone will meet you at the office door. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of clothing, blankets or other items at this time.

Serving times:

Carry out meals only
11-1 and 5-7 Monday - Friday

Office hours:

9:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Delivery hours at office door (alley door) or back door:

9:00 - 11:30am and 1:30 - 4:30pm
Monday - Friday

Closed for Memorial Day, May 31

Did you know.....

You can help the kitchen be sustainable by committing to a monthly donation? You can donate to us directly or to our operating endowment. Please give Jill a call if you would like information about how to set up your monthly payment.

"STUFF"

1 lb. ground beef
4 medium potatoes - chopped
(peeled or unpeeled)
1 small onion - chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown ground beef and onions in large skillet uncovered. Once ground beef is browned, add potatoes to skillet and cover with water. Cover skillet to steam cook the potatoes.

"Stuff" is done when potatoes are cooked but not mushy and the mixture has thickened slightly.

This serves 4.
Just increase ingredients proportionately to serve more. It's a simple, filling meal here at the soup kitchen.

