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NEW BEGINNINGS

The Official Newsletter of Loaves and Fishes For St. Louis Inc.

The Sanctuary Project

Spring is here, and we are pushing hard to get our Sanctuary area open before the construction begins on the road in front of the building. We are just about there. We had delays in equipment, but our new playground structure is in the ground! We saved our fish, which needs to be cleaned and attached to the new play structure.

Right now, we are waiting for the ground to dry. We still need to install the multi-purpose court, rubberized surface, fencing around the play area, and a new wood fence around the back of the property to ensure we are good neighbors by keeping our noise levels respectable



What's Happening

Stamp Out Hunger

MAY 14

Summer Program Kick Off
Carnival

JUNE

Back-to-School Fundraiser

JULY

D1 - Top Golf Fundraiser
July (more info to come)

Golf Tournament

AUGUST

Trivia Night

OCTOBER

Thanksgiving Food Drive

NOVEMBER

YOU DID IT AGAIN!!!

EASTER EVENTS

Another successful; food distribution and Easter Celebration thanks to you and the generosity you show our community.

Distribution started at 10:00am and lasted until 4:00pm. We are happy to report that 164 families will be enjoyed a special Easter meal. Would like to thank everyone who contributed, donated and prepared for these special event.



The big Easter egg hunt was epic!!



" I believe in
Christ, like I
believe in the
sun - not
because I can
see it, but by it I
can see
everything else."

~C.S. LEWIS





SPOT LIGHT ON SUCCESS

MEET THE ROBINSON FAMILY

The Robinson family came to Loaves and Fishes during Covid-19. Although the father worked very hard, he wasn't making enough money to make ends meet.

As we got to know this family it was clear that these parents were unified in their desire to give their children more opportunities than what they had. Growing up in Kinlock was hard. Jimmy and Talisha Robinson knew that their opportunities there were limited.

After seeing the effort of this family we decided to enroll them in a pilot program that would relocate the Robinson family and place them in a community that would provide different types of opportunities than what they were used to. Not only did we need a community but a relocation like this would require a support team that could help the Robinsons with housing stability.

We couldn't have been happier than when Mayor Mike Clement, Manchester Missouri, and the Manchester Cares Team stepped up to help. They opened up their community to our family, introduced us to their faith leaders, and connected us with landlords in the Manchester/Ballwin area.

Through a strong, patient, collaborative effort, we are pleased to announce that this family has a new life in Manchester. Good Shepard Lutheran Church was excited to be part of this pilot and is the housing stability team.

We would like to thank YOU, Mayor Mike Clement and the Manchester Care Team, Gary Hoefferkamp Realtor, and Good Shepard Lutheran Church for giving this family a new life. We couldn't have done this without you!!!

"We want more for our children than what we had"

~TALISHA





MAILOUTS

YOU MAY NOTICE FEWER SOLICITATION

Loaves and Fishes respects and appreciates all our donors and volunteers! To keep us from flooding your mailbox with solicitations and offset postage costs, we will reduce annual mailouts from five to three. You will now receive a spring mailout (Easter), Mid-year (summer and back-to-school, and year-end (Thanksgiving and Christmas). Each mailout will cover an event and our general operations.

If you are one of the many donors who contribute to all five mailouts, we hope you consider this when making your annual contributions.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish happy birthday to all of our supporters born in April.

EXPANSION SERVICES

WE NEED YOUR

Loaves and Fishes is relational. Once you enter our doors, you genuinely do not want to leave. We live in a close relationship as staff with residents and volunteers.

Each person feels a great sense of belonging here. Supporters share feelings of ownership in this work and know they are vital - that we exist by God's grace and your support. We leverage every donor dollar with an additional five dollars in government contracts, in-kind contributions, and volunteer services. We are positioned to make an even more significant difference in our area.

With a great deal of hard work and support, we have provided services, measurable impactful services that change the lives of individuals and families. Loaves and Fishes must be in a position to provide impactful services to the larger St. Louis region. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a life alter contribution to the expansion of our services.

