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New Beginnings

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



Sanctuary Project

We are almost done with our transformation!!

We are coming to the end of our capital campaign to transform our playground into a fun sanctuary where our children can safely engage in play. We can't believe the change and want to thank everyone who contributed to making this happen.

We are waiting on the last item, the multiple purposes court. Like many industries, the material needed to complete the project is delayed.

Don't wait to register for Golf. We sold out our last two years!



Special Events

It's not too late to support our Back-To-School drive. School Supplies can drop off Monday - Friday, 9-5, at our McKelvey location. You can also donate online at www.loavesandfishes-stl.org/donate



Golf Tournament

Our 4th Annual Kevin Parrish Charity Golf Tournament will take place October 10th at The Falls Golf Course, 1170 Turtle Creek Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366. Please keep a look out for our flyer with all of the event and registration details.



Trivia Night

Our Hairy Scary Trivia Night is changing. This year our event will be held in December 2022. Don't worry, we will still have some of our crowd favorites, like costumes, but it will be a holiday theme! Watch your emails for additional information.

In Case You Missed It!

Loaves and Fishes Resource Center

We are excited to announce the opening of our second location. Our resource center is the first of its kind and a critical need in St. Louis County. This location will be home to our administrative offices, vital housing stability resources, and first responder support.

Our first responder support will work directly with our outreach team as law enforcement encounters unhoused individuals. We aim to find temporary shelters and other short-term housing options for those living in unsafe conditions.



Service Available:

- FOOD PANTRY
- RENTAL ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING ASSESSMENTS
- REFERRALS TO COMMUNITY PROGRAM
- HOMELESS SUPPORT
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How we communicate

If you have not seen the number of mailouts you are used to, that's ok; we are still holding the same events we always have. Due to rising postage costs, we will be communicating via e-mail more and more. Please have your friends sign-up for our newsletters to stay up to date on all things Loaves and Fishes.

Welcome to our new team members

- Melissa Koch - Outreach Liasion
- Mattie Williams-Johnson - Prevention Specialist
- Alandra Ellis - Food Pantry Driver



Promotions

Please help us in congratulating the following team members on their promotions:

- Josh Johnson - Food Pantry Manager
- Angie Hatchett - Shelter Manager



We are hiring

1. Shelter Monitors - \$15/hr, first, second and third shift available.
2. Case Manager - \$40,000 - \$45,000
3. Development Director - \$60,000 - \$65,000

- Salaries are negotiable and based on experience.
- All full-time hires receive two weeks of vacation and five sick days after they complete their 90 probationary periods.
- 401K and health care supplements are available.
- Flex hours and remote employment are available for certain positions.



Summer Pictures

Thank you for making our Summer and Back-To-School Programs the best yet. Even with the heat and floods, we still had so much fun!



Thank You FINISH LINE IN WEST COUNTY MALL!!!



Back-To-School shopping is always a favorite day for our resident kids.

Summer Kick-Off BBQ



Taking our new shuttle van on its first field trip.

Thank you!



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Andy's always makes the summer heat better.



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Meet Patrica and her teenage son, Jerome. Patty and Jerome found their way to Loaves and Fishes after sleeping in their car for almost a week. Patricia had lost disability benefits due to a clerical error that pulled all the income from her home. To make it worse, she suffers from chronic medical health issues, and Jerome wanted to drop out of high school in his senior year. After many attempts to find shelter, Patty showed up on our doorstep without support, hope, or guidance. But she was determined!

During their stay, Patty was linked to medical health doctors that could address her chronic health conditions. She was linked to a specialist and began the process of learning to live under medical supervision. She also received assistance in re-applying for her disability and was placed on a housing voucher list. Jerome didn't trust us and was rarely seen on the property.

It took our team a little, but we finally gained the trust of Jerome. With a bit of encouragement, Jerome graduated from high school! He began interacting with the LF team, participated in weekly summer field trips, and, most important, Jerome found an escape in Art Therapy!

We wish Patty and Jerome all the best in their new home.



Can you believe it, the holidays are almost here!

Here's how you can help ...

Thanksgiving



1. Host a food drive - Ask us for a flyer to help you spread the word.
2. Purchase a 10lb or greater size turkey.
3. Volunteer - help the day of the event to prepare and distribute Thanksgiving bags of food.
4. Offer financial assistance - We can purchase the items we are missing.

Christmas Food Distribution



1. Host a food drive - Ask us for a flyer to help you spread the word.
2. Purchase \$30 gift cards to a grocery store.
3. Provide financial assistance.

Christmas Toy Drive

1. Host a toy drive - ask us for a flyer to help spread the word.
2. Adopt a family - Most of our clients will leave homelessness but not poverty.
3. Provide financial support to ensure all age groups receive a Christmas they will never forget.

