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BECAUSE OF YOU...

Feed My People remained OPEN

We continued to not only feed our clients but to also answer the plea for increased emergency food requests. All of this was possible because of the countless individuals, organizations, and churches that collected food that kept our pantries full. The adage that every little bit helps came to life for Feed My People as donations ranged from bags full of canned food to tons of food collected from local food drives. God provides!

Recently, one of our FMP vans blew a tire and was taken to a lo

So many people stepped up when least expected.

-cal repair shop where a passerby saw our van and stopped to inquire about the problem. This anonymous Angel then covered the cost of not one, but two new tires.

We hope you know just how grateful we are to have friends that support us so generously in this important work. Thank You!

On the good side, Covid-19 allowed us to make some exciting behind the scene changes too; a new FMP website, a remodeled South County Thrifty Hanger, and rescheduled fundraising events. Check out the rest of this newsletter for all the details so you can continue to be a part of all the FMP excitement.

THRIFTY HANGER REPORT Summer 2020

The Thrifty Hanger Thrift Stores are once again open and excited to see our shoppers. New shopping hours are 10-3, Monday through Friday, and 9-2 on Saturday.

South County shoppers will enjoy a completely cleaned and remodeled store. New sales technology has been adopted in both South County and High Ridge to give shoppers a steady stream of fresh, well-priced clothing, household items, furniture and more. A new practice of price drops on all inventory over a span of six weeks will appeal to fashion forward customers and bargain-hunters alike with prices as low as .99 cents.

As part of the grand reopening, the Thrifty Hanger is selling factory-fresh mattress sets at very affordable prices. Queen pillow top, luxury memory foam mattresses and box springs are available for \$252 per set. King, full and twin sets are also available in a variety of styles. Store visitors may register to win either a king or queen mattress set (mattress and box springs) from June 29-July 30, with the winner to be drawn on July 31, 2020. The winner will be announced at www.feed-my-people and inside the stores.

Donation drop-off, 8:30 to 1:30, Mon-Wed-Fri at South County and 9 to 1, Tues-Thurs-Sat at High Ridge.



FEED MY PEOPLE NEW WEBSITE

While Covid-19 brought much to a sudden halt, there were benefits for <u>Feed My People</u>, as it allowed us to develop a much needed, user friendly, website where you will find more information on all FMP topics. Everything from how to get help, programs that we offer, like Adopt-a-Family and Christmas Tree Room, fundraising events, Thrifty Hanger, and how to donate or help. Check it out!

NEED A GREAT NIGHT'S SLEEP?

Check out the terrific prices on <u>Factory Fresh Mattress</u> <u>Sets.</u> now available at both Thrifty Hanger Thrift Stores.

King ~ Queen ~ Twin

Quilted~Plush

Memory Foam

Stop in or register online to win a King or Queen MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING set. Clara Clark sheet and pillowcase sets are also available in a variety of colors and sizes.

📰 Save the Date

Manna March September 20 Jefferson Barracks Park

Trivia Night October 10 Immaculate Conception Church

Chef's Challenge November 10 Orlando's Event Center

Feed My People

A Christian Interdenominational Help Center showing God's love and compassion for His people in need.

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Food Help Emergency and Long Term

Job Counseling Computer Lab

Thrift Stores Open to the Public

Healthy Family Program

Nurse Consultant, Spring Seeds Program, Personal Care Items, Clothing Assistance, Eldercare Assistance

Healthy Kids Program Newborn Layettes, School Supplies, New Shoes, Birthday Room

Healthy Homes Program Heater, Blankets, Fans, Utility Assistance

Christmas Programs Adopt-A-Family, Giving Tree



Into Every Cloud Comes a Burst of Sunshine

Karen Lanter, MPA, CFRE, CAP® Executive Director, Feed My People

Peace to you during a beautiful summer day in St. Louis. I bring you good news and blessings from Feed My People.

Feed My People has been very fortunate to have had so many volunteers and dedicated staff step up to feed our neighbors. While the number of open pantries unfortunately dropped throughout the St. Louis area as part of the pandemic, the good people of Feed My People, through God's grace, was able to continue serving their neighbors with concern and respect. The pandemic reinforced my belief in the goodness of people, of human nature. At one point, several key volunteers were unable to continue due to very understandable health concerns, and I was worried. "How would we feed the hungry if not enough volunteers continue to come?" I got my answer when we had eight new volunteers ready to work the next morning. A simple request for help was all that was needed.

COVID19 brought out the best of people in many ways. Feed My People needed food to feed our clients and those in an emergency situations. At the onset of COVID19, the food pantry had low supplies of food. We asked for help. You responded. We had and have enough food at this time to continue serving people through this pandemic. That is a blessing!

In fact, Feed My People saw record breaking food collections and a lot of generosity. We saw people caring about people. That was a gift from COVID19 that I will never forget. Funny that one can call a pandemic an opportunity, but in several respects the pandemic was an opportunity for Feed My People. It forced our charity to dedicate itself to community, to those in need, even when the news called for everyone to stay home unless it was absolutely necessary. We took the opportunity to prove our commitment to our mission, to care for all of God's people, especially those in need. And it feels good!

I pray that you find your silver lining in this pandemic to see how it may have helped you to understand and better appreciate the beauty of life. Beauty and kindness are real and all around us. Just visit Feed My People.

Blessings!



PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY H.E.L.P. FEED MY PEOPLE

July 1 - July 31 Bring 10 non-perishable food items & enter to WIN! 2 Winners Drawn Every Wednesday Night (Gift Baskets and Gift Card)

> Joe Clarks Restaurant & Bar 2 Gravois Rd, Fenton, MO

MANNA MARCH Walk Against Hunger

Sunday, September 20 10AM - 3PM

Jefferson Barracks Park Atkinson Shelter

- Join Us In a Walk to Wipe Out Hunger
- Invite your Family, Church Groups, Organizations, work or play groups. All Are Welcome!
- \$30 donation/walker, includes T-Shirt, & refreshments
- Be a Virtual Walker for as little as \$5 (donation only) GREAT way to participate when you can't walk with us
- Sponsorships available

TRIVIA NIGHT 2020 Theme: 60s, 70s, 80s

Saturday, October 10 Trivia Starts 7PM, Doors Open 6PM

Immaculate Conception Church 2300 Church Road, Arnold MO 63010

- Jason Bollinger as Emcee
- Tables of 8, Standard or Premium
- Premium Tables have designated runner plus 2 free drink tickets per person
- Prize for Best Decorated Table per our theme
- FREE water, soda, popcorn & pretzels
- Sponsorships Available
- Every donated canned good earns a raffle ticket towards a Fabulous Prize!

For RESERVATIONS Reservations are not complete until payment is received CONTACT JANE By Phone: 314-631-4900 x312 Email: Janek@fmpstl.org SECURE ONLINE ORDERING WITH CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL www.feed-my-people.org/events

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK TO: FMP Events, 171 Kingston Dr.,

St. Louis, 63125

GENERAL INFO

Your name

Company

Email

Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

MANNA MARCH

Walkers # x \$30 each =	\$
Virtual Walker # x \$5 each=	\$
Additional Donation	\$
Amount Enclosed	\$

TRIVIA NIGHT 2020

Single Ticket # x \$20 each	\$			
Tables of 8 people				
Standard # x \$160 each	\$			
Premium # x \$240 each	\$			
Round Sponsor # x \$100 each	\$			
Amount Enclosed	\$			

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Enclosed is my gift of \$	Your name
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In honor of (name)	Phone
In honor of (occasion)	Address
Please send notification to:	City

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