

... I was hungry
and you gave me
food,
I was thirsty
and you gave me
drink,
I was a stranger
and you welcomed
me ...

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OUR DAILY BREAD NEWSLETTER

FALL 2012

Over 1,050,000
meals served.

More than 100 Volunteers in action

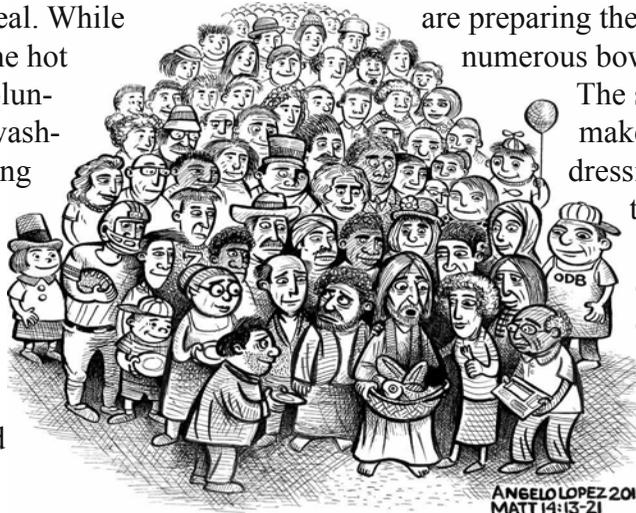
Volunteers Make ODB Happen!

by David Barnes

Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before the sun comes up, the cooks and helpers start their day prepping and cooking the main meal. While they are preparing the hot entree, additional volunteers are selecting, washing, slicing, and dicing the fresh fruit of the season that go into serving bowls of fruit salad. Many hands work at this around the tables in the prep room and sometimes spill out

onto the dining hall tables. Lots of cutting boards and knives are in action. Next to them or at the countertops more volunteers are preparing the vegetables for the numerous bowls of green salad.

The salad makers even make a homemade salad dressing. Across from them at the counter under the windows, desserts are being cut into portions, put onto plates or cardboard boats, and placed on long trays that fit into a



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OUR DAILY BREAD serves hot nutritious meals to hungry people three days each week. Anyone is served without regard to race, color, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, or disability. Regular serving hours are 11:15-12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



YOU KNOW, LORD... IN THIS WORLD OF WEALTH, A MAN'S WORTH IS IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO HIS WALLET —

BUT AT LEAST AT "OUR DAILY BREAD"

I'M STILL SOMEBODY!
THANKS, BOSS!

CARL - PHILLIPS@HOTMAIL.COM
2006.09.22

Final panel of a six-panel drawing by Carl Phillips, a former ODB diner who drew on his placemats while eating lunch. To see the full drawing, go to <https://www.amazon.com/cloudrive/share?s=mLHt2UxVTiEosbQiF6XqWE> and click on Download.

ODB Really Cares About Its Diners!

by Jan Camp

We at ODB strive to put into action what we state as our mission—to feed the hungry—and have proven that by reaching the millionth meal last year. What isn't generally known is our caring for those who become our diners and our concern for their well-being. We do this in many ways, but most obviously by allowing our disabled and infirm diners to enter the dining room before the general population. This protects them from being jostled and gives them access to seats and drinks first.

Recently, a diner missed a week not being at ODB. His tablemates and a number of volunteers noticed he was missing and tried to find his last name and phone number. None of us knew this information, so we worried about him. When the second week ended without his presence, the worrying really intensified. Only after someone from his neighborhood looked through his window and saw him lying on the floor, did help arrive. Thankfully, he is recuperating from the four days on the floor and is at a care facility until he is strong enough to go home.

What has occurred from this diner's accident is a powerful sense of caring shown by both diners and volunteers. So many asked about him and now his tablemates report to each other about his progress. Even normally shy people have been phoning him, so he knows people really care.

I think we've all learned an important lesson from this: be aware of those who live alone and provide a contact person who can phone daily. In addition, we have all been truly touched by the concern and now the relief all these caring people have shown for someone who was once a total stranger.

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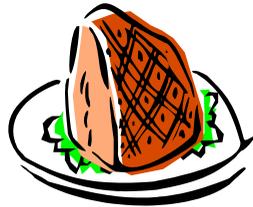
Thanksgiving Needs

Our Daily Bread is in need of turkeys (16-22 lbs each) or turkey breasts (3-4 lbs each) for our Thanksgiving meal which will be served on Wednesday November 21st. As we have limited storage, we are requesting that all donated turkeys be delivered to ODB on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM from November 7th - 16th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call ODB at (408) 736-4108. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry and homeless in our community!



Holiday Needs

We are requesting donations of boneless or canned hams for our holiday meal in December. We will be collecting hams December 3rd - 17th. Please help make this holiday season special to someone in need by donating a ham. Thank you for your generosity!



Pantry Needs

The following food donations are greatly appreciated *and always needed for our pantry*:

- Powdered milk
- Coffee
- Large #10 size cans of tomato sauce, diced or stewed tomatoes, and spaghetti sauce
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressing
- Canned mushrooms



Please note that ODB can accept any foods that are commercially packaged or prepared as well as garden produce. Health regulations prevent us from accepting food that has been prepared at home. The preferred times to drop off contributions are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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Traditional Gift Bags for our Diners

by Jan Camp



Almost everyone enjoys receiving a gift, no matter how small it may seem. Our diners appreciate the toiletries and candy we place in their gift bags each year. For some, it may be their only gift, so we need many toiletries and a lot of candy (especially chocolate) to fill 300 small cloth bags. It's okay to contribute your left over Halloween candy too!

Needed toiletry items include shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. These, along with candy, go into the 'regular' bags. But we need some additional items for our homeless. Their special bags will have

razors, deodorant, socks, and sweat shirts or tee shirts. Any large size toiletries will be given out during the year, as will knit caps, briefs or panties, and the homeless items mentioned. These items and the special bags will be given to the homeless in a discreet manner.

You may bring your contributions to ODB any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday before 1:30 p.m. Sorting will take place Saturday morning, December 8th, starting at 9 a.m. in Cowans Hall, the dining room. The St. Thomas congregation will bag these items between services on Sunday the 9th.

***Many thanks for your past support
to this worthwhile project.***

Volunteer Appreciation

by Jan Camp

Thanks to Dorothy Ames

For almost as many years as ODB has been in operation, Dorothy has been writing personalized thank you notes to all who donate money to Our Daily Bread. The time and effort she's put forth doing this is commendable for sure, but think of how our feeding the hungry program has exploded in recent years and how many "thank you's" she must have written! Now she has turned this task over to a new team. Our sincere thanks to Dorothy for all the heartfelt personal messages she's given in those "thank you" letters.



Dorothy Ames

Congratulations to Dolores Goodman, Bread Loaf award recipient

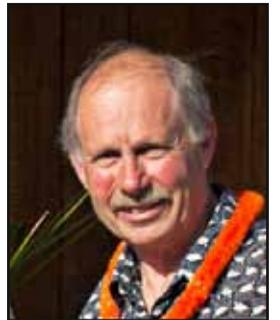
Dolores truly looked surprised when her daughter and grandson arrived at the Volunteers Appreciation celebration. They helped honor her as she received our unique Bread Loaf award. Not only has Dolores been working at ODB for twelve years, she works all three days and is our number one sandwich maker. She's a whiz at turning out the usual peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, but goes beyond the call of duty producing gourmet quality thick meat or egg salad sandwiches we give to homeless people all three days. The ingredients vary, but the results never do because they are all just the kind of luscious sandwich you and I wish to consume. Our homeless diners rave about these delicious creations. It was Dolores who volunteered to fix peanut butter sandwiches years ago when she realized there was a need to give out lunches to the homeless. It's been more recent that it was apparent we had enough ingredients to enable the homeless to receive these special giant sized ones. Thank you for the hard work you do for those in need.



Dolores Goodman

Thanks to Chris Schmidt

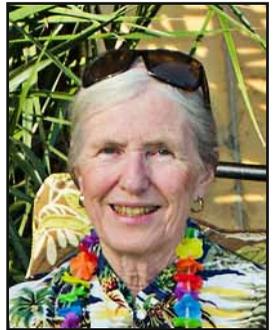
Chris is past president of ODB's Board of Directors and chairman of the past two Volunteers Appreciation celebrations. He has been a familiar face to many volunteers beforehand because he is one of the food runners and a Mr. Fixit at St. Thomas. When something needs repair or doesn't work, ODB volunteers and St. Thomas parishioners often ask Chris to check on it first and often he does his Mr. Fixit magic. Thank you for coming to the rescue and volunteering so much of your time and energy to these ministries.



Chris Schmidt

Thanks to Caroline Hui

For some time we've needed to officially name another headwaiter. Caroline very graciously accepted the position and is working both Monday and Friday. She's been waiting on tables for years and now she's expanding her work by helping with the greeting and seating of diners. She's very good at keeping herself alert to what is going on in the dining room and courtyard. With our increased number of diners, three or more headwaiters per day have been needed and adding Caroline helps a lot when one of the headwaiters is ill or out of town. Thank you for saying "yes" to this important job!



Caroline Hui

Thanks to Cynthia Elliott

Cynthia's services are funded by a grant from the Satterberg Foundation to provide helpful services to our diners. She provides information regarding health agencies, jobs, and a listening ear to their troubles. Print-outs, brochures, and a comfortable chair await them in her tiny office, which was carved out the storage area in Cowans Hall, the ODB dining area. ODB wanted to provide this help early on, but didn't have the funding, so we're delighted to have Cynthia working along side us. She is a true gem who goes beyond the call of duty to help others.



Cynthia Elliott

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- Thanks to **Lee Allen and Friends**

On Saturday, October 6th, ODB volunteer Lee Allen and his Sunnyvale Church of the Nazarene friends donated their time by clearing roof gutters, cleaning the upholstery on prep room chairs, and repairing the dishwasher. This was a part of their observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the Nazarene Publishing House. They hope to make regular visits to help us.



Lee Allen

- Great ODB Volunteers BBQ, thanks to **David Barnes**

David did himself proud with his luscious barbecue for ODB volunteers at Washington Park Tuesday, September 4th. His various meats, like steak, burgers, and chicken, were a big hit. And the many yummy salads and desserts made by our talented colleagues gave us a feast fit for royalty. David spoke about how he enjoyed working with us and then he and Jan Camp presented ODB pins to a number of our newer volunteers along with brief descriptions of their jobs.



David Barnes

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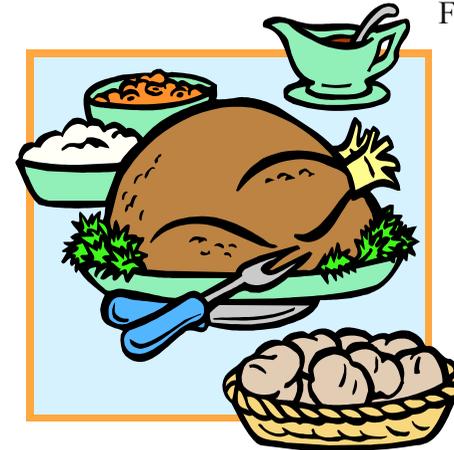
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www.stthomas-svale.org/odb/news/breadlines



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Our Daily Bread's Annual Fundraising Drive



For the past 30 years, Our Daily Bread has served hot meals three times a week to the aged, homeless, unemployed, disabled, and working poor in our community. In 2011 the number of meals served exceeded 57,000, an all-time high. Currently over 265 diners come to ODB each day for a hot meal. For many of these diners, ODB is their only source of food and their survival depends on our program.

ODB would not be possible without your continued and faithful support. Unfortunately, our costs in 2012 are expected to exceed our income by \$17,500. We need your help so that we may continue to feed the hungry and homeless.

A gift of \$28 will help us feed a homeless person for one month!

A gift of \$126 will help us feed a hungry mother and child for three months!

A gift of \$335 will help us feed an unemployed worker for one year!

We thank you for considering our plea and hope you will help ODB in these challenging economic times.

eScrip **REMINDER:**

Did you renew your Safeway card at eScrip? Your previous registration expired on October 31. So if you haven't already done it, please renew TODAY so that ODB will continue to earn money when you shop.

(While you're at it, you may want to update the expiration dates on any credit cards you have signed up.)
Questions? Call us at 408-736-4108.



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tall portable cart.

By now the dining room is in full swing getting ready for serving lunch. We might have some special needs students helping out in this area. After cleaning the tables and chairs, we put down placemats, flowers, salt and pepper shakers, and even fruit, cookies, and other items that we might have on hand.

Another caring soul has fixed the coffee, tea, and water, made the fruit juice for that vitamin C kick, and filled the sugar containers. She comes early and stays late working wherever she's needed.

What do we hear going on outside the kitchen? Here is our receiving superstar who welcomes all our donations. Food donations come from a multitude of locations near and far. They get picked up by many drivers who donate their time, energy, and gas (and then some) to make it happen.

We receive the items and then they need to be delivered to their proper place.

Once we get the meal prepared and ready to serve and the dining hall ready, we open the doors for our guests to enter the world of ODB. They come in, find a

seat, and then get a beverage or two. Soon some fine volunteer servers bring them food. Not only do we serve a first meal, but often a second one on a smaller plate, for those who are very hungry. We recently served 500 meals on one day, a new record—and that wasn't even a special holiday meal.

At 12:30 we close the doors, though some diners are still eating. Now, if we have food left over, some of these hard-working volunteers take a break to eat their own lunch.

Then starts clean up, putting away, and packing up so we can be ready for our next lunch. Needless to say, our dedicated dish and pot washers have been working from early on and still are at this point. They and the outside volunteers are busy working after almost all other volunteers have left.

Finally, the church custodians have arrived and they clean the hall and kitchen floors, and bathrooms. St. Thomas Episcopal Church and ODB share this expense. (Can you imagine how much wear and tear there is on the church's facilities because of all this extra use on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays?)

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What happens after hours and the rest of the week? We have a "freezer guy" who keeps all of our items rotating. He even helps create our daily menu selection, not to mention he's a great handyman who can repair many items to keep us up and running.

The world of ODB would not exist without our dedicated volunteers who supply their time, energy and hard work—and often their money. So to all of them we say,

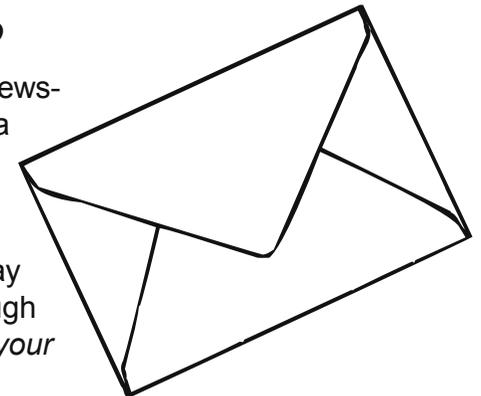
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And the same to St. Thomas for founding this unique meal program and the continued commitment shown over these many years in feeding the hungry. The diners are very grateful for the delicious hot meals and the warm reception they receive at Our Daily Bread!

CONTRIBUTOR'S ENVELOPE ENCLOSED

Each year at this time we enclose an envelope in the newsletter for the convenience of those who want to make a financial contribution to ODB. Though ODB receives support from business and civic organizations, the majority of our financial support comes from caring individuals. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's day we hope to receive the funds that will carry us through most of 2013. *To increase your gift, please enclose your company's "matching gift" form, if they have one.*

If you prefer to donate online, please visit our website at <http://www.stthomas-svale.org/odb/> and click on the  button.





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Important Dates

Wed., Nov. 21Thanksgiving Meal
Tues., Dec. 11Board meeting
Fri., Dec. 21Christmas Meal
Tues., Feb. 12Board meeting

Donations

Please consider ODB in your holiday giving — see **page 11** for our annual “Contributor’s Envelope.” See **page 5** for donating Christmas gift items to our diners and **page 4** for donating food items. Your support is always needed and greatly appreciated.

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