

The Good Samaritan

Open Hand Kitchen Has Seen Many Changes This Summer

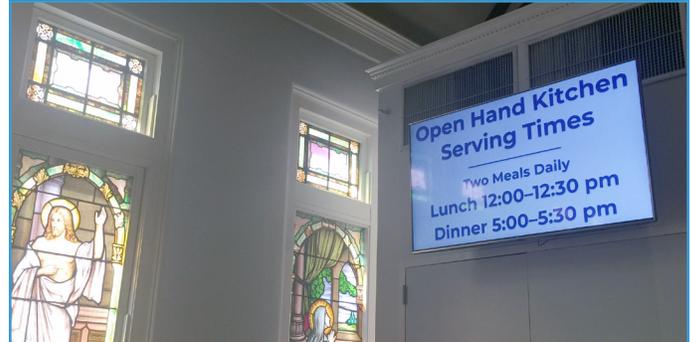
Everyone should have three meals a day, but the resources are not always there. That's starting to change at St. Vincent de Paul's Open Hand Kitchen. Recently, we started serving breakfast to the men staying at Ozanam Inn Men's Shelter. Many of the men leave the shelter in the morning and go to jobs, so having breakfast is a great way to start the day.

Breakfast service started as weekdays only, but after a few weeks, expanded to include weekends. "Talking to the kitchen staff, the guys seem very happy we're offering breakfast, especially when they can get seconds in the morning. They were excited they didn't have to go to work on an empty stomach or go spend money to get breakfast," said Cassidy Longton, Ozanam Inn Program Manager. "It really has been wonderful, and we thank the kitchen staff that come in early to make that for them. They have even provided sandwiches for guys to take with them if they cannot make it to breakfast. It really has been a blessing for our guys."

Donations for breakfast come from Dare to Care and others, but more are welcome. Hot cereal, oatmeal, eggs, bacon, sausage, donuts and pastries, milk and juices would be welcome donations to maintain the momentum of the breakfast program.

Thanks to a grant from Lift A Life Foundation, the Open Hand Kitchen has added a security system, new tables, chairs, booster seats, high chairs, a new exterior sign, and digital signs in the dining hall.

Out are the folding tables and in are the family-style four-top tables. With the new booster seats and high chairs, the



Digital signs provide current and relevant information to diners in the Open Hand Kitchen.

atmosphere is friendlier and more welcoming to families with children.

Visitors and volunteers alike are welcomed by a new exterior sign facing south on Jackson Street. The sign offers much-needed street visibility to the Open Hand Kitchen.

Inside, diners are welcomed by two digital signs that display the week's menus, operating hours, and important event announcements. During the winter months, we'll be able to alert visitors to inclement weather and announce Operation White Flag nights. To conserve electricity, the signs turn on and off automatically before and after meal times.

These much-needed improvements and additions will ensure the Open Hand Kitchen continues to adapt to serve those in need and this community.



New tables, chairs, booster seats, and high chairs make for a more family-friendly environment.



A new exterior sign provides much-improved visibility to visitors and volunteers.



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New Practicum Students Begin Work at SVDP



From left, Grace Mitchell, Kayla Neil, Brittany Sanderson, SVDP Clinical Services Coordinator Debbie Slagle-Pike, Shawnesha Mahoney, and SVDP Program Manager Julio Anthony.

St. Vincent de Paul welcomes four new practicum students from the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work. The bachelor-level students started their practicum on August 20 with an orientation program and will continue until April 22, 2019. The students are required to do 16 hours a week for a total of 450 hours. One of our students, Shawnesha Mahoney received a full, four-year Woodford R. Porter Scholarship with a stipend to attend Kent School.

The students will participate in weekly group supervision in addition to being offered individual supervision by Debbie Slagle-Pike, LCSW, LCADC, our Coordinator of Clinical Services. In addition to supervision and working directly with our clients, the students will be given opportunities to attend the same group supervision as staff who are working on obtaining their certification as licensed alcohol and drug counselors. The students are also encouraged to attend trainings outside of the agency throughout the semester.

They are eager to learn and make a difference in the community we serve, and we are happy to have such a great group of enthusiastic students.

Eagle Candidate Completes Playground Project

Eagle Candidate Stephen Pelle of Troop 306, which is chartered by St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, headed up replacing the pavers with pea gravel along the edge of the playground.

"Stephen is an impressive young man. He demonstrated extraordinary planning in executing this project," said Ed Whorowski, Executive Director/CEO.



SVDP Appears on Great Day Live!

Director of Development Angela Champion Sprowl and Nicole Stipp, co-founder of Matson&Gilman and a Certified Executive Bourbon Steward, appeared on WHAS11's Great Day Live! with hosts Terry Meiners and Rachel Platt to talk about the Abel Construction Clubs & Cocktails event.

One of the auction items available at our annual fundraiser is a personal bourbon tasting session with Nicole. Also featured were bottles of 15-year and 23-year-old Pappy Van Winkle which will be auctioned off during the event.

The event turns 15 this year and all proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

You can watch the segment on WHAS11's website or visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/svdplou.



From left, Terry Meiners, Angela Champion Sprowl, Nicole Stipp and Rachel Platt.



Historical Marker Unveiled

On August 1, the Kentucky Historical Society and the Shelby Park Neighborhood Association unveiled Kentucky Historical Highway Marker #2560 commemorating the St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

According to the Wikipedia page, the parish closed in 1996 and the building was purchased in 2010 by Sojourn Community Church and underwent a \$3.4 million renovation church. Today the church is home to Sojourn Church Midtown.

The marker can be found in the parking lot adjacent to the church at 1207 S. Shelby Street.

WHO WANTS TO BE A VOLUNTEER?



Calling all Middle and High School students! St Vincent de Paul's After-school Program at the Family Success Center needs your help. Middle and high school students, please sign up to help serve meals in the Kid's Café or help with homework. Our kids enjoy high-impact enrichment in an after-school setting, and you can be a part of that. Grab a friend, and sign up today!

Sign up here! <http://signup.com/go/BcyKjFt>

Help SVDP While You Shop



Are you enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards program? If not, we hope you'll take the time to sign up and designate St. Vincent de Paul as your charity of choice. Once enrolled, your purchases start earning rewards for SVDP.

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Don't Forget Our Thrift Stores

Don't forget St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Stores. All profits from the stores directly support our campus programs and mission. There are no "for profit" middlemen in our organization so the full value of your donation will make a difference in this community!

We have four convenient locations. Please visit our website for information about hours, directions and donations.

Our Wish List of Ongoing Needs at St. Vincent de Paul



St. Vincent de Paul Louisville has many needs that can be met with donated items throughout the year. To learn more, contact Donna Young at (502) 301-8688; dyoung@svdplou.org.

If you can donate any of the items below, please drop off items between 8am-4pm weekdays at SVDP's Administration Building, 1015-C S. Preston St., Louisville, KY 40203. (Note: We close for lunch between noon and 12:30pm.)

Thank you for your support!

FOOD PANTRY

- Canned Soups
- Canned Meats such as Chicken and Tuna
- Scalloped Potatoes, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned black beans, pinto, etc.
- Hamburger Helper or other boxed meals

OPEN HAND KITCHEN

- Plastic Forks, Spoons and Cups

CLOTHES CLOSET

- Men's Shoes, gently worn or new sneakers, casual or dress
- Men's Jeans, 34" waist and up

HYGIENE and HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Diapers, all sizes and styles
- Feminine Hygiene Products

HYGIENE KITS

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Razors

Hotel-sizes are perfect for the Hygiene Kits