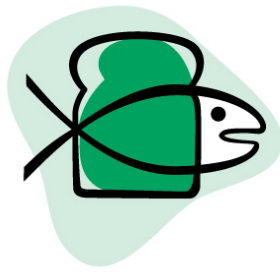


WINTER 2011



LOAVES & FISHES
FAMILY KITCHEN



Dear Friends and Donors,

Thanks to your support we had a good fiscal year filled with generous volunteers who gave their time to serve our guests and who donated many, many gifts in kind, including backpacks, toys and food. We ended the year with strong financial reserves **thanks to you**. Sadly, we found out early this year that the City of San Jose will no longer be funding our programs, which equates to a loss of \$50,000 or 15,386 meals as of July 1, 2011. We are still waiting to hear if the County of Santa Clara and the Federal government will be contributing any funding for our programs as well.

Many programs in Santa Clara County will be cut or eliminated. Loaves & Fishes is lucky to have been well-established in San Jose 31 years ago. In recent years, only 20% of our budget has been funded by the government. As you know, we opened an additional location this last year and our hope is to keep all three sites open. It is individual donors that keep us going strong and our plan is to continue to add the number of meals necessary to feed anyone and everyone who comes to our sites. The number of **guests we receive now is 70% greater than the number we saw in July**, and we expect that count to increase as programs terminate around us. Three food pantries and one shelter have already closed in our county and more closures are yet to come.

On a completely different note, I am happy to announce that Teddy and I will be having a baby girl soon. I will be on maternity leave beginning March 9th and returning June 15th. Dayna Grabeklis, our Associate Director and the Board of Directors will be running the organization in my absence.

I feel so lucky to be part of this wonderful organization and I know I can count on your support helping our guests get a hot nutritious meal into their stomachs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christina Egan

Executive Director

MISSION

Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen is committed to providing no cost, hot nutritious meals and support services in a dignified, safe and caring environment. We provide services to all needy individuals, with special concern for families, senior citizens and the homeless.

Upcoming Events

Jim Rinaldi

Raffle

Tickets mailed April 1

Drawing May 31

DONATE ONLINE

Donate Electronically!

Go to our website at www.loavesfishes.org and click "Donate".

Leave a Legacy

Provide for the future by including a bequest in your will or estate plan. Continue to support Loaves & Fishes for many years to come.

Donate Stock!

Take a charitable gift deduction by donating shares via Loaves & Fishes Schwab Account :

Account #: 5514-4073

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Very Happy Holidays

Loaves & Fishes' experienced great holiday programs this year — largely due to wonderful donors and volunteers.

Annually we hold a "Parent Toy Shopping Day" where parents come to shop for unwrapped toys for their children. Volunteers act as personal shoppers while others wrap the presents so small, prying eyes don't get a peek before Christmas Day. Over 225 children received four gifts each plus stocking stuffers. A group from Intel and from the Silicon Valley Young Democrats came to assist, as well as a number of our regular volunteers.



St. Maria Goretti families were honored by a visit from Santa. Over 80 families had their photos taken with St. Nick and had pictures provided to share with family and friends. Santa's helpers helped pass out a stuffed animal for each child. Thanks Lynn, Butch, and Eva!



Lynn and Butch Shafsky and Eva Fulvio

Holiday Hams were served at two locations on Christmas Eve with a great turnout by our guests. UniVision Radio came to the Eastside Neighborhood Center and entertained us with lively Christmas carols, and Good Karma Bikes raffled off bicycles to six lucky guests. The perfect end to a good year.

*Thank you
eBay!*



Loaves & Fishes is excited to be the recipient of a GIVE Team grant of \$5,000. The grant was made possible as a result of Brian Donahue, an eBay Inc. employee and Loaves & Fishes Treasurer, who recommend Loaves & Fishes for funding.

eBay Foundation's GIVE Team program encourages employees to become involved with and advocate funding for nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for all.



*Wish
List*

Vans—Cargo & Passenger

Shredder

Dinnerware—Forks and Spoons

Flat Screen Computer Monitor—in good condition

Pens—ball point & Sharpies

Dishwashing Gloves—all sizes

Stick-on Name Tags

100% Juice

Fresh Fruit & Produce

Large Size Seasonings & Spices

Volunteers:

The Heart of Loaves & Fishes

By Mia White



Special Feast for Feb 14th!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen. I often tell people that the best part of my job is spending my days with people who want to do nothing more than to give back.

Each week, we depend on over 100 volunteers to fill 150 volunteer shifts in order to serve our dinners. With a small kitchen staff, Operations Manager Frank Stovaul tells our guests every day “This would be an impossible feat without the help of our volunteers.” And it’s true.

Every dinner service volunteers begin by either helping to set up the dining room or prep food in the kitchen. Then, everyone is assigned a serving duty, either on the food line or pouring drinks in the dining room. With their help, we are able to serve over 400 meals a day in our locations around San Jose. It’s a transformative experience for our volunteers, each of whom interacts directly with the guests we serve.

Loaves and Fishes is proud to open our doors to anyone in the community, so volunteers see a diverse mix of guests, from homeless individuals, to families with young children and to low-income seniors trying to make ends meet. Our volunteers are also a multi-faceted group, ranging from high school age to seniors, and of all races. Each took a different path to finding volunteer work at Loaves and Fishes. They each bring a unique touch to dinner. Meals are lively and exciting, with volunteers racing each other to see who can serve the most drinks, cracking jokes with the guests, or singing back up to Chef TP in the kitchen. No two days are ever the same.

We love having groups join us, so let me know if you’d like information on scheduling. We can take groups of up to 10 members for our dinner service, advance notice of 2-3 weeks is usually needed. If you have a larger group, we may have special projects. We also have other volunteer opportunities such as our grocery bag program, holiday events, and office work. Join the fun!



Valerie Perry, getting ready to serve ribs for Valentine’s Day

VOLUNTEER

Loaves & Fishes relies on our many wonderful volunteers to ensure we can serve all of our guests. Shifts are Monday through Friday 3:30pm-6pm. There are no minimum commitments. You can volunteer one time, or as often as you would prefer. Please contact our Volunteer Manager, Mia White, to get more information or sign up -- 408-439-0915 or volunteer@loavesfishes.org.

Volunteers with Loaves and Fishes help with food preparation, setting up the dining room for dinner, and serving the meal. Everyone gets an opportunity to interact with the guests, and it is an extremely rewarding experience. It is also a great way for high school and college students to complete their community service hours.

Visit our website

www.loavesfishes.org/volunteer

Volunteer schedule for dinner service

Note: We do not serve on weekends, and volunteers must be available for the entire shift

Eastside Neighborhood Center (ENC)

This is where we need the most help

2150 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, 95116
Monday through Friday (5 days), 3:30pm – 6pm

InnVision’s Montgomery Street Inn (MSI)

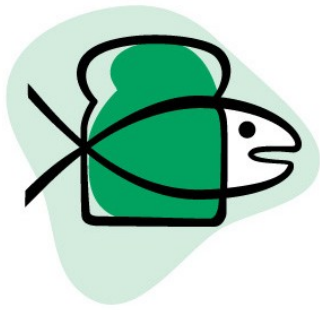
358 N. Montgomery Street, San Jose, 95110
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 3:30pm – 6pm

St. Maria Goretti Church (SMG)

2980 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95111
Wednesday and Friday, 3:30pm – 6pm

Volunteers must be 14 years or older and provide proof of a negative tuberculosis (TB) test from the last three years. Pre-registration is required, and we typically schedule 1 to 2 weeks in advance. Please see our schedule above, and a calendar of openings is posted online. When emailing or leaving a message, be sure to indicate what day(s) and location (s) you’d like to volunteer, and include your first and last name with a contact phone number.

If you are performing court-mandated community service, we will ask you to sign a letter of agreement before beginning your volunteer shifts.



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The Lynchpin of Loaves & Fishes

A Profile of *Dayna Grabeklis*

Dayna Grabeklis returned to Loaves & Fishes in March 2010 as Associate Director, after having worked for the organization before as Office Manager. “I am really enjoying my new duties, and I love my ‘small but mighty’ staff.” She also enjoys going to the meals and seeing the guests. “There are some truly wonderful people out there, with such great attitudes, especially given their circumstances. And the meals that the staff create are extremely tasty—no wonder our guests say we have the best meals in town.”



Dayna's First Photo with Santa

Born in Vancouver, BC, Dayna has spent most of her life in San Jose, living now only 1 mile from where her parents lived. “I still love Vancouver very much, but the older I get, the less rain I want to see!” Dayna has “extensive” experience (she wouldn’t say how long) in the nonprofit community, including several small nonprofits and United Way, Planned Parenthood, Hospice of the Valley and Second Harvest Food Bank. Her volunteer activities involve helping animals—she was a board member for the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, dog socializer at the Peninsula Humane society and helps with Town Cats events.

In her spare time, Dayna enjoys spending time with her Techie husband Richard, and their three dogs—Cricket, Leonardo and Libby. She also enjoys gardening, and graduated from the UC Master Gardeners program in 2007.