



Kitchen Bites and Pantry Delights

May 2015

What does it take to run the Kitchens and Pantry? Behind the scenes, our staff must remain organized each day as they juggle receiving, storing, and accounting for food donations; welcoming volunteers and coordinating their activities, and maintaining the facility. Most importantly though, our staff and volunteers must work together to prepare a good meal to serve our guests. The commitment of our dedicated volunteers makes this possible, as well as our donors' generosity in providing the financial support for operating costs and food. Your efforts make us successful in serving those in need of a meal or groceries. Your generous gifts are always appreciated!

Donations



You can safely and securely donate to our Kitchens and Pantry online and save the cost of mailing a donation at: www.overtherhinekitchen.org and click on "Make a Donation". You can also make a donation by sending a check to: Over-The-Rhine and Walnut Hills Kitchens and Pantry, P.O. Box 6045, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Thank you for your continued support for our Kitchens and Pantry. We are grateful to you! 🐾 *Patricia Wakim, Executive Director*

Driven to Succeed

David Van Schoik has succeeded the late Greg Frank as our primary van driver. David picks up food and supplies donations and transfers items between the Kitchens and Pantry. His work allows us to be much more efficient with our donors' in-kind and monetary donations because we are able to share food and supplies among all three sites and not stockpile items in each location. **Welcome David!**



Many/Impassioned Thanks to M/I Homes


M/I Associates cook wonderful meals at WH Kitchen, plus they have donated new sauce pans, towels, pot holders, utensils, and plates. Our guests and staff always have a great time with you! Shown are: Greg Williams, Nichole Lawrence, Kim Bauwens, Karen Carroll, and Rick Carnevale.



Board Officer Changes

The OTR and WH Board of Directors welcomes two new officers: President **Michael Mattingly**, a labor/employment attorney with Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, and Treasurer **Gary Dagues**, business development leader at G.E. Aviation. Our new officers step into a well-run organization thanks to a decade of diligent work by past President **Victoria Vonderberger**, RSM, canon lawyer, Director of the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; past Treasurer **Robert Hauser**, CPA, retired from Deloitte & Touche; and **Tom Roesener**, retired entrepreneur and long-time volunteer since 1976. Sr. Vickie, Bob, and Tom joined the Board in 2005 and retired from the Board in April 2015.

Kitchen Wish List

- ♥ 9" (or larger) plastic or foam plates
- ♥ ¼ lb. size paper food trays (paper "boats") → 
- ♥ 8 oz. paper or foam cups
- ♥ Plastic forks
- ♥ Paper napkins
- ♥ Square-bottom, large, heavy paper grocery bags
- ♥ 1 quart size zip top bags
- ♥ 60 gallon trash bags
- ♥ Plastic grocery bags



Neighborhood Clean Up

In February, the WH Kitchen and Pantry began partnering with our "upstairs neighbor," Talbert House, in an on-going neighborhood project to clean up our campus and surrounding area after each meal at our Kitchen. We are happy to be a part of this project. Our community already notices the difference!



Bags of Thanks

- ♥ For providing prized, personal care items for our guests, we thank **George Mitchell** for laundry soap and bath soap; **Suzanne Whitehead** for shampoo, lotion, and toiletries; and the **congregation at New Covenant Fellowship** for personal care items, as well as gloves and blankets during the winter.
- ♥ We are grateful to the gentlemen from **Isaac M. Wise Temple Brotherhood** for providing the funds to OTR to purchase steam table pans. We are now able to cook without running short on pans!
- ♥ Bags of thanks to those helping fulfill our **Wish List**: weekly volunteer **Gene Schorer** and Board member **Rita Nzinga**.
- ♥ The staff at WH does not mince words in sending enthusiastic thanks to weekday volunteer **Judy Stober** for donating a food processor. It has been used daily since Judy delivered it to our Kitchen.
- ♥ **St. Saviour Parish** shines bright for their gift of ballasts and light bulbs for much-needed lighting repairs at WH Kitchen. The brighter lighting has been enjoyed by our staff and volunteers who prepare and cook so many meals in our Kitchen. We sincerely thank electricians **Joe Hardy and Jim Cook** for donating their time to install the ballasts and bulbs.
- ♥ We love young people who give back to their community! WH Kitchen welcomed **St. Ursula Academy students Sarah Fenno, Nora Zacharski, and Lauren McCauley** who helped prepare a meal and brought pies for dessert. The Pantry once again welcomed **Springer School and Center**. We are grateful to the students and staff for continuing to supply hungry families with canned goods throughout the year.
- ♥ Thank you to an **Anonymous Friend** for providing the OTR Kitchen with new scales for weighing and tracking our food donations. Although our work is in service to others, we endeavor to manage all of our resources professionally.
- ♥ Be it ever so humble...we give thanks equally for those who provide us with the most basic gifts: **Tom and Ruthie McCormack** for many kitchen and cleaning supplies; Weekend Warrior **John Edwards** for new mop heads; weekly volunteer and owner of Libby's Gourmet Desserts **David Zennie** for aluminum pans, aprons, and boxes of food service gloves. You are critical to our mission too!



Thank You Weekday Volunteers *Weekday volunteers are the hands and hearts that pick up donations, prepare food, cook, serve, and clean up in the Kitchens, as well as stock shelves, pack bags, and distribute groceries at the Pantry. We could not run the Kitchens and Pantry without our wonderful volunteers! We salute each of them for giving of themselves to serve those that have so little.*

David Angevine
Mary Apke
Valerie Badinghaus
Marley Belair
Tom Brinkman
Gary Bryson
Dan Bucci

Judy Caldwell
Sandy & Tom Deters
Sonnie Fee
Dolores Goldfinger
Patsy Grote
Jeanne Gudmens
Germaine Hale

Bill Hoffman
Mary Jefferys
Dee Mason
Ruthie & Tom
McCormack
Kerrie Messer
George Mitchell

David Ness
Rita Nzinga
Joyce Rohan
Michael Schultz
Seasons Retirement
Community
Sr. Julie Sheatzley

Diane Sweeny
David Van Schoik
Melanie Tadayesky
Ariyale Twitty
Ruth Waldron
David Zennie

Try A Day With Us

513-961-1983, ext 2 or aposervice02@gmail.com

- **Opportunities at both Kitchens Tuesday, Wednesday, &/or Thursday:**
 - Preparation 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and/or
 - Serving 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and/or
 - Clean up 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. and/or spend the day with us!
- **Opportunities at Pantry on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday:**
 - Bag groceries, stock shelves 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 - Finish bag preparation, distribute groceries to guests 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- **Pick up donations on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday:**
 - Requires a valid driver's license. Use our cargo van.
 - 9:00 a.m. - approx. 12:00 p.m. (depending on the number of pick ups)

Don't Forget to Enroll Your Kroger Card

Support the Kitchens and Pantry



Now is the time of year to **re-register** your **Kroger Plus Card** and designate "Over-The-Rhine & Walnut Hills Kitchen and Pantry" [68688] as your organization of choice. Just go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Kroger will donate to us a percentage of your total purchases, which adds to a large amount over time. **PLEASE SIGN UP!** This program is separate from points you personally accumulate. Questions? Call Pat at 513-961-1983, ext 1.
Thank you to all who have already registered to support us!