



Kitchen Bites and Pantry Delights

September 2015

Dear Friends – Our hands have been especially full since October 4, when a smoldering electrical fire broke out overnight at OTR from a short in the restroom exhaust fan. While only one small part of the roof was burned, the building suffered huge smoke damage. Through it all, **we have cancelled NO meals!** Our staff, weekly volunteers, and Weekend Warriors have continued to serve boxed meals in the area next to our building, rain or shine, and our guests continue to arrive each day. Here are two snippets from the log of Joanne Dobler, OTR Kitchen Manager, *Oct 6: "We had an electrical fire at our kitchen over the weekend so it will be inoperable for a month or two. We decided to make box lunches at Walnut Hills and serve them...at OTR. We want to make sure our guests don't go hungry. Pat, Sydney and I discussed how we can keep the two employees from OTR busy and how we can work together in the kitchens. We also planned our lunch menu for the next month. When we served today the guests were so happy we were there. They thought they wouldn't get anything until we reopened."* *Oct 15: "We finished another week of box lunches. We made 225 today and still ran out. Next week, since it is middle to end of month, will be even busier."* We appreciate the determined people who will not fail our mission to the hungry! **Our target date for serving the first major indoor meal is December 25.** Until then, monetary donations or in-kind donations of food or paper supplies would be appreciated – and keep us in your prayers!



Patricia Wakim, Exec. Director



Over 85% of your support goes directly toward our programs. Thank you for considering a donation today. You may donate securely at www.overtherhinekitchen.org clicking on "Make a Donation." You may also send a check to: OTR and Walnut Hills Kitchens and Pantry, P.O. Box 6045, Cincinnati, OH 45206. As always, thank you!



Clean Challenge Update



We challenged our readers to "Help Us Clean Up" by providing our pantry guests hygiene items beyond regular groceries, particularly because most hygiene items cannot be purchased with a SNAP card (food stamps). We would like to offer a basic hygiene pack consistently, preferably every quarter, to each of our 360 pantry households. If we aren't able to meet the Clean Challenge quarterly, we will give out products 1-2 times per year, so that no household is overlooked.

The Clean Challenge

Help us gather the following items from September through November for distribution in December.

Gather Items	Distribute Items	Needed Each Quarter	Still Needed by Nov 30
Sept, Oct, Nov	December	Laundry detergent - 360 containers	358
Dec, Jan, Feb	March	Bar soap – 360 bars	290
Mar, Apr, May	June	Toothpaste – 360 tubes	160
Jun, Jul, Aug	September	Toothbrushes – 360 brushes	345



Read: [10 Things You Can't Buy With Food Stamps](#) (laundry detergent, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste/floss, diapers, tampons/pads, deodorant, cleaning products, toilet paper, hair care products, lotion/powder/sunscreen/lip balm).

Bags of Thanks



- ♥ To **Clifton Park Kroger** for providing a great deal of vegetables and other foods as they closed for remodeling. Three cheers!
- ♥ To **General Cable** who donated 350 snack bags. **Cheryl and Kelly Stevens** distributed lunches and snack bags with huge smiles!
- ♥ To **Concordia Community Garden** for giving us a large basket of the last of the season's tomatoes – the best!



Kitchens and Pantry Win B.B.B. Award for Non-Profit Ethics

[View the Video](#)

After being a finalist last year, the Kitchens and Pantry won the 15th Annual Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics! "There are no words to express...how much we appreciate the BBB and the judges' acknowledgement of our organization,"



said Executive Director Patricia Wakim. Awardees are chosen based on a thorough self-evaluation and review by a third party judging panel. "Our honorees take great pride in ensuring an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust one another," said. Jocile Ehrlich, BBB President and CEO.



If you have compassion for the poor and a few hours available a few times a year, YOU have the "right stuff"! Weekend Warriors are a group of family, faith, friends, or co-workers who provide a meal at the OTR or WH Kitchen, bringing in food, preparing it in our commercial kitchen, serving it to our guests, and cleaning up afterward. Your group would provide the volunteers, food, and plates, cups, etc. Opportunities are available!

Walnut Hills Kitchen, 2631 Gilbert Avenue

Over-The-Rhine Kitchen, 1620 Vine Street

3rd Saturday of odd months, Breakfast, served 9:30-10:30am

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov

5th Saturday, Lunch, served noon-1pm

Apr, Jul, Oct, Dec

3rd Saturday of even months, Breakfast, served 9:30-10:30am

Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

2nd Saturday of even months, Lunch, served noon-1pm

Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

2nd Sunday of odd months, Dinner, served 5-6pm

Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov

1st Saturday of even months, Dinner, served 3-4pm

Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

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Try A Day With Us

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•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 - 2:00 p.m. and/or spend the day with us!

•Opportunities at Pantry on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday:

Bag groceries, stock shelves 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.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)

Kitchen Wish List

- ♥ 9" (or larger) plastic or foam plates
- ♥ ¼ lb. size paper food trays/paper "boats" (see photo at right)
- ♥ 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

