



Inter Parish Ministry

Heartlines



Thank You for Sunday Supper Success

Volunteer Highlights

10 Years of Service

George Beller

Jane Connerton

Kurt Frees

5 Years of Service

Marla Bagley; David Byrnes; Nirvani Head; Kathy Kennedy; Chuck Lynch; Ted McCormick; Dale & Mary Moore; Sheryl Roth; Jane Stuhlmüller

Fun, food and honors! All were enjoyed at our recent Circle of Hope Sunday Supper Celebration at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. Master of Ceremonies, Thom Brennaman, assisted IPM's Executive Director, Lindsey Ein, and IPM Board President, Cyndy Wright, in honoring volunteers who have contributed outstanding support and service to Inter Parish Ministry.

Volunteers honored: Sue Porter, Jennifer Shackelford, Marcy Franco and Chuck Lynch: Owlett "One of a Kind" Award. Congratulations all!

Thanks to George Brown, auctioneer extraordinaire and to all who attended, donated, sponsored and otherwise supported the event that raised more than \$55,000 for IPM's Choice Food and Clothing Pantries and other assistance programs. It was our most successful event to date and we are grateful!

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Michelle Hamilton, Cyndy Wright and event chair, Cyn Macke at the Park National Bank table.



Tom and Beth Bowers Klaine, Auction Chair with special art work auction items.

Mark Your Calendar to Stomp Out Hunger

6th Annual Stomp Out Hunger 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, August 1st

The event begins and ends at Armstrong Chapel UMC on Drake Rd. in Indian Hill. This family and dog friendly race is being coordinated by **Armstrong Chapel's Vertical Impact Student Ministries**.

Race registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The race starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. Water and healthy snacks will be provided. Online registration is available at <https://www.registrationspot.com/MenuEvents.cfm> or register by calling Gail at 561-3932. Don't delay, register soon!

Join others in supporting IPM by running or walking the challenging course through picturesque Indian Hill. People tell us it is one of their favorite courses and they come back year after year to help Stomp Out Hunger. Please join them!

P.S. Cross country teams—this is a great way to warm up and prepare for your fall season. Challenge other teams and youth groups to **win a special prize!**



Back to School Before You Know It



We know it seems far away and summer is just getting started, BUT in order to help 200+ kids with backpacks, school supplies and new shoe gift cards by **distribution day, August 8**, we have to start NOW. **Here are the items we need:** Glue sticks/bottles of glue; pencils/pens; colored pencils; water-based markers; loose leaf notebook paper; spiral bound notebooks; pocket folders; 3 ring binders/dividers; scissors & erasers; pencil holders/cases; USB flash drives; rulers; index cards and protractors.

And, of course, sturdy backpacks, especially for kids 6th-12th grades. In order for all kids to start off the year with new shoes, we need **\$25 Payless gift cards**. Remember how fast your children outgrew their shoes? Often they seem to grow out even more quickly than they wear out. Our families tell us that our new shoe program is a huge help to them, especially as school starts and there are so many other expenses. Data indicates the cost per child for back to school supplies, fees etc. is close to \$100. Thanks for your donations to our Back to School program. You really do help families. **The deadline for Back To School donations is August 3rd.** Contact Sarah at 561-3932 with questions.



36 IPM Team members raised almost \$2,000 at the Memorial Day event. Online donations to teams can still be made through June.

www.freestorefoodbank.org.

Click on "Hunger Walk, online donations" and click IPM Team page. Thanks for your support.



A Grandmother's Story



Recently Grandma Jill (not her real name) visited the Choice Pantry with her 5 year old granddaughter. Jill has been an IPM client for a few years and each time she expresses her gratitude for the help she receives. Like so many other families in Clermont County, the heroin addiction issues have affected her directly. Jill's daughter is currently incarcerated because of her many arrests related to her inability to "stay clean". Jill now has permanent custody of her granddaughter and she continues to need help and assistance from IPM to make ends meet. In spite of her being in the situation of starting over with parenting responsibilities, she conveys her feelings of having a blessed life.

Memorable Morning at a Mobile

At a recent Mobile Food Pantry, a young family visited for the first time, not knowing what to expect. They had 3 young children and no food at home. Their monthly SNAP benefit had been cut in half because the husband had recently worked a few part-time hours. They were discouraged, but as the volunteers welcomed them, helped them shop from the tables of food and load food in their car, smiles returned. They made a special point to return to the distribution area to express their appreciation to all of the volunteers.



Memorials and Lasting Gifts

Memorial Day was observed not long ago and reminds us that memorial gifts are a very touching way to honor a loved one. We are honored that the families of Ronald Rhatigan and Ruth Barrows recently designated Inter Parish Ministry to receive gifts in their memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families at this difficult time.

You can also leave a lasting gift to Inter Parish Ministry through a planned gift.

With thoughtful estate planning, you can make a difference in the lives of the people who visit Inter Parish Ministry for help for years to come.

Thank you for considering a planned gift to IPM. Please contact Development Director, Gail Koford for information. 561-3932.

A forward thinking donor once told me of the joy he experienced in "planting a tree under whose shade he would not sit" but so many others would for years to come. I will never forget his smile.



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Hunger Action Month

It may seem far away—but September is Hunger Action Month! Watch Inter Parish Ministry's Facebook page and read our e-news during the summer to learn how IPM will be taking action to fight hunger in our community. It may be hard to believe, but hunger exists in a family near you. Together we can act to eliminate the pain and suffering caused by hunger.



Save the Date!

October 18—3:00 p.m.

Music with a Mission

Armstrong Chapel UMC

Calling all choirs to raise your voices to raise funds to benefit IPM and the many families we serve. Contact Carol at 561-3932. Last year's event was great fun!

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