



Inter Parish Ministry

# Heartlines

## Volunteer Milestones

### 10 Years

Rene Beck  
Rod Plybon

### 5 Years

Marc Brunelle  
Claudine Elzey  
Paula Hertel  
Linnea Kaminsky  
Bill Mack  
Linda Mallott  
Dave Moyer  
Melinda Scheper  
John Schraut  
Karen Thomas  
Pat Volmering

**Thank you for your  
loyal service!**

## **Record Breaking Celebration Thanks to All!**

More than 350 guests enjoyed food, fun and recognition during IPM's successful *Celebration 2016: Faces of Hunger and Hope* on May 1 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. Thom Brennaman was back as Master of Ceremonies, Craig Lytle served as auctioneer and Dan Varner serenaded the crowd with a special acoustical performance.

Circle of Hope volunteer award winners included: Beth Bowers-Klaine, Tom Clore, Kathy Kennedy and Debbie Motz. Congratulations!

Each year, IPM holds an awards event to honor outstanding volunteers and raise funds to support our many programs that serve those in need. We are grateful to our sponsors, donors and everyone who attended the celebration event. The funds are critically needed as we prepare to open our second Clermont County location in late summer. The event raised \$79,000 surpassing the \$70,000 goal!



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Master of Ceremonies, Thom Brennaman and IPM Board Member, Polly Brennaman



Dan Varner serenades the crowd



Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene, Rev. Roger Greene, Erick and Ellen Harback among the guests at the Celebration event

## Mark Your Calendar to Stomp Out Hunger

### 7th Annual Stomp Out Hunger 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, July 30th

Armstrong Chapel's Vertical impact Youth Group is busy planning the 7th annual Stomp Out Hunger 5k race for **Saturday, July 30th from 7:30-10:00 a.m.** Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome to attend the race which is being held to raise funds to fill the shelves at Inter Parish Ministry's food pantries. This is a family friendly event and even dogs are welcome! **Michelle Heatherton** is the presenting sponsor for the event. Other lead sponsors include **Dawn Management Company, Park National Bank** and the **Dan Varner Band**. Last year, Stomp Out Hunger hosted over 250 runners and walkers who enjoyed the scenic Indian Hill course. "We are excited to host this event again, which makes such an impact on fighting summer hunger", said Kyle Hazen, Armstrong Chapel Youth Director. "The funds raised will help fill IPM's Choice Food Pantry's shelves which are usually out of food by mid-summer every year." Awards will be presented to overall male/female runner, specific age group winners and even the "top dog" will receive an award. Post race refreshments will be served. Pre-register online at [www.registrationspot.com](http://www.registrationspot.com). \$30 pre-register with t-shirt; \$15 race only. Race day \$35/\$20.



## Help 300+ Children Get Ready for School



Yes, the school year just ended for most schools, but in order to be ready for the next, we have to start now! Our distribution of backpacks, school supplies and shoe gift cards is **August 6th** and that will be here in less than two months! It is hard enough for families to feed their children during the summer months so purchasing all of the required items for school is a burden many families cannot afford. Each year we are amazed at the smiles and looks of joy on their faces as the children choose new backpacks, all of the supplies they need and to top it off, receive a gift card to buy new shoes. See how happy they are?!

**By August 1st, these are the items needed most:** Sturdy backpacks, \$25 Payless gift cards, colored pencils, water-based markers, loose-leaf notebook paper, spiral-bound notebooks, pencils, pens, pocket folders, 3 ring binders/dividers, scissors and erasers, USB flash drives, rulers, index cards, protractors.

We provide these items for all pre-registered families with children grades K-12.

### Recent Fabulous Food Drives! Thanks to:

Anderson Hills UMC Project 5000  
 Newtown UMC—over 750 cases of food  
 St. John Fisher Catholic Church  
 St. Veronica Catholic Church—300 week-end/summer food "power packs"

Thanks to General Data for your super food drive!



## Finding Hope in a Hug



Greg and Melissa needed help. They were desperate and didn't know where to turn. Greg was in a serious car accident that left him with a traumatic brain injury. Even though he is recovering, he still cannot return to his job as a pharmacist. As a result of the accident and long recovery period, they went through all of their savings, 401k and other resources in order to feed, clothe and provide basic needs for their family of 5.

One day they were literally "in the dark" as their electric was shut off. A kind friend referred them to IPM where they found the help and hope they needed. IPM arranged to pay their electric bill, helped them shop for food in the Choice Pantry and directed them to other helpful resources in the community. Their darkness turned to light. As Melissa says, "IPM gave us the hope we needed. We have food, resources and even received a warm and heartfelt hug from an IPM volunteer." Hugs really do give hope.

## Summer Food

How does your garden grow? Or maybe you shop at one of the many local farmers' markets to get your fresh produce. Please remember how much our families need and appreciate those items. In our cooking classes, many of our clients have learned to make salsa and sauces, soups and squash dishes. We want to provide the fresh bounty of summer for as long as the season lasts. Nutritious, fresh fruits and vegetables help feed the children during the summer months when so many are hungry.

No school often means no food. **1 in 5 kids are hungry right now.** Ohio's food insecurity rate is higher than all surrounding states and the US average. IPM is working with other agencies and businesses through the Clermont County Safety Net Alliance to help feed hungry children this summer. Together we can make a difference.



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. What is your action plan? Let us know! Thanks!

### Mobile Mania—on the schedule:

6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28—Emmanuel UMC (Cooking classes too);

7/13—St. John Fisher; 8/11—Lutheran Church of Resurrection; 9/15—Horizon Community Church;

11/05—Mt. Carmel Christian Church

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#### IPM New Clermont County pantry location opening soon!

This will be our third facility serving residents of Clermont County and eastern Hamilton County.

Watch for news and details

of grand opening, dates and hours. We will need food, clothing and volunteers for this Amelia location. Please contact Carol or Chuck at 561-3932. Thank you!

#### IPM Staff

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