



Inter Parish Ministry

# Heartlines

## From tears to smiles



**She** did not want to call and ask for help—again. She was so grateful for the food and help IPM had provided a few months before. She was getting her life back on track looking for a permanent job while working 2 part time jobs. But she lost the jobs and had nowhere to turn. In tears, she returned to IPM. She was doing the best she could but life was very difficult. We listened, offered emotional support and paid her rent so that she would not lose her apartment. She had a job interview in a few days that she hoped would be the answer to her prayers. Sometimes we provide that shoulder to cry on, the hug they need to walk out the door with a smile back into that difficult life with a glimmer of hope knowing someone cares.

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### 50th Year Highlights:

- 19 Mobiles = 2049 Households Served
- 15,089 People Served in Choice Pantries—7% increase over prior year
- Music with a Mission choirs raised \$7,000
- Holiday Toy Store & Adopt a Family Served over 400 families
- Memories shared by former ED's George Hupp, David Meredith & Annette Krochmalny



## Circle of Hope Sunday Supper Celebration

Sunday, April 26, 5:30—8 at the Oasis

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Sip, taste, wine and dine at the festive Sunday Supper celebrating this year's Circle of Hope Award volunteers:

Sue Porter

Jennifer Shackelford

Marcy Franco

Chuck Lynch: Owlett "One of a Kind" Award

## March Nutrition Month & Hunger Challenge!

### Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month?

During March and April we will introduce "My Plate", a pilot nutrition education program designed by the USDA. The focus is to educate clients how to choose nutritionally sound foods in order to lead a healthy lifestyle.

IPM asks that all food drives in March and April feature the 4 main food categories: fruits, grains, vegetables and proteins. Monetary donations received during this time will be used to purchase these types of food.

**Hunger Challenge: An anonymous contributor has pledged that for all food items and dollar contributions received in March and April, IPM will receive a challenge gift to support the "My Plate" program!** That means the more items and funds donated, the more IPM will receive!

We challenge you to help IPM clients who struggle daily to put nutritious meals on the table. Please consider a gift to support the "My Plate" program and this special challenge.



**Ohioans are Food Insecure !** Overall 1 in 3 is qualified to receive food at one of the state's food pantries!

"Food insecurity" means food intake and eating patterns are disrupted by a lack of money or other resources. This holds true for IPM clients.

In a recent survey of 100 clients who visited our Choice Food Pantry within the last 6 months:

**33% had to make a choice to pay for food or medical care every month**

**40% had to choose between paying for food or utilities every month**

## Annual Campaign Successful



Thanks to your generous support, IPM experienced a significant increase in Annual Fund donations both online and from traditional sources. We are truly

grateful to those who stepped up to become founding members of our new Jubilee Society of \$1,000 plus donors. Our new Marketing Communications

Committee has made a concerted effort to increase IPM's visibility in the community through social media, e-newsletters and print articles. Thank you all for a great 50th year!

## Hunger Walk May 25



It's almost time to lace up shoes and hit the pavement for a good cause! Join the IPM Team on Monday, May 25th for the 12th annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run! This year's race starts bright and early at 9AM. Over the past 12 years, the race has raised over \$1 million to help feed our neighbors

in need through the FSFB network of partner agencies. With each step you take you directly impact lives in our community. Register now and take a stand against hunger!

Contact Sarah Cadle to join the IPM Team!

[sarah@interparish.org](mailto:sarah@interparish.org)

Remember that every registration fee goes directly to the IPM account at the Freestore Foodbank so that we can order inventory when we need it most.



## Sunday Supper Celebration, 5:30-8 p.m., April 26

Don't miss the chance to soar with flying lessons, walk in the woods with John Ruthven, party with Dan Varner or see a Reds game with Thom Brennaman! All of these live auction items will be on the block at this year's event. By the bite

appetizers, soup sips, wine pairings, music, live and silent auctions will provide a great evening.

**Master of Ceremonies, Thom Brennaman** and auctioneer, George Brown will keep things

lively and fun. Bring your friends to enjoy an evening of celebration and honor special volunteers who have given hope to those in need through their dedicated service.

Invitations will be mailed. Reservations can be made online after March 15.



## Salute to Leaders



IPM is honored to receive a **2015 Salute to Leaders** award from the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce.

New this year, the award honors a member of the clergy, a faith-based organization or members of a faith-based organization who have made a positive contribution to Clermont County both within and beyond their faith-based organization. Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers who have made this award possible. The award will be presented on March 10 at the Salute to Leaders event.

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## Plates of Gratitude

Every day, Inter Parish Ministry's clients are thankful for the generosity and kindness from supporters like you! Clients recently had an opportunity to express this through IPM's Paper Plate Project.

Clients willingly made a Paper Plate of Thanks for our donors, volunteers, and friends. It was a true expression of gratitude and grace.



## Mobile Pantry Reaches Out to Those in Need

Mt. Carmel Christian Church hosted a mobile food pantry on Saturday, February 28 at their beautiful new facility.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped and to all who make it possible for the mobiles to serve over 150 families with 50 pounds of food each! We are grateful to all of our church and business partners that host our monthly mobile pantries and to the Freestore Foodbank for the truck, driver and supplies.



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