



Inter Parish Ministry

Heartlines

Hope, Encouragement and a Job!

Looking Ahead

April 30—Celebration at Oasis, 4:30—7:30 p.m.

May 29—Hunger Walk, Sawyer Point. Please join Team IPM

July 24—Back to School Sign-ups

July 29—Stomp Out Hunger Run/Walk begins and ends at Armstrong Chapel

August 5—Back to School Distribution

He has a job and is a volunteer too!

Last winter we told you about Hank and Rachel. Hank lost his job and they were struggling to get by. In fact, Hank and Rachel were the first client guests at the new Amelia Choice Food Pantry.

Hank was so thankful that he has volunteered at IPM while he continued to look for employment.

Amazingly, he gave us the good news that he was hired and starts a new job on March 13th!

We are always humbled and thankful that “Small acts of generosity can grow into something far beyond what you could imagine.” -Ephesians 3:20.

Hank’s hope and giving what he could through volunteering is a true example of this verse. Thanks to Hank and Susan for sharing their story and their journey with IPM. God’s grace in action!



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Circle of Hope Celebration '17

Sunday, April 30

Mark your calendars for that day!

Circle of Hope Celebration '17, our signature sip and taste event, will be held at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland from 4:30--7:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies, Thom Brennaman, will help IPM recognize our Circle of Hope honorees while guests dine on delights from local area restaurants. Sign-up parties, raffles, silent and live auctions will engage your imagination and your dreams!

Our Scripps Howard Intern, Megan, Shares Her First Day at IPM

As I am sure most of you are aware, it does not take long to figure out how special, unique and nurturing the environment at Inter Parish Ministry is.

During my first ever shift as a food pantry volunteer, I met a client named Paula . We introduced ourselves and got straight into the shopping. I walked alongside her, pushing the shopping cart as she debated over choosing black or pinto beans, peaches or pear slices, corn or peas.

As I shared some cooking tips with her (bake your chick peas in the oven, they taste like French fries!) she told me about her divorce. She told me that since she and her husband had split up, she wasn't able to keep up with her car, food and rent payments. For the first time in her life, she had borrowed money from her daughter.

I could not relate to her struggles and I was not sure what words of comfort, advice, or guidance I should give. But at the end of her visit to IPM, after we had finished putting the food items into her car, Paula turned to me and expressed deep gratitude for my kindness. She told me that she had never had to ask for food before, but "that people like me make it easier to come ask for help."

Her comment deeply touched me. I did not need to offer advice to her, I just needed to be a listening ear and a kind face. It is difficult to convey in writing the gratefulness in Paula's voice as she told me how nice of me it was to listen to her talk. **But that gratitude was there.** Every time I called her by name, a smile flitted across her face.

I have not been working at IPM for very long at all, especially compared to so many of the selfless volunteers who come back year after year to give their time to this special community. But I have spent enough time here to see that every client expresses the same gratitude that Paula did to me. And these clients are not just grateful for the extra food and clothes. They are grateful for the dignity, respect and love that IPM offers them.

At IPM, connection is what is important. Nobody believes they are better than someone else. Everybody is here to support one another. This is obvious when people who used to get food and clothing from IPM come back, but as volunteers. They want to give back to the organization that did so much for them during the dire times in their lives.

IPM is a truly special place where everyone who walks through the door is met with acceptance, no questions asked. God can be seen in the faces of each person in this community built on love.

Megan is a senior at Xavier who will graduate in May.
We are privileged to have her two days a week thanks to
The Scripps Howard Foundation.

Save the Dates for the Hunger Walk and STOMP OUT HUNGER 5k

Want to stay in shape? We may have the answer!

Join us and walk or run at the **Annual Hunger Walk held on May 29th**. The event held in downtown Cincinnati gives IPM the opportunity to form teams to walk or run. Contact Sarah Cadle at IPM for information.

The 8th Annual **Stomp Out Hunger Run/Walk will take place on July 30th**. The race begins and ends at Armstrong Chapel in Indian Hill. Armstrong Chapel's Vertical Impact Student Ministries is making plans right now to make this family and dog friendly race better than ever.



Check out IPM's Facebook Page, Twitter Account and website in April to find details on how to sign up for these races.



Circle of Hope Celebration '17, 4:30-7:30 p.m., April 30

Circle of Hope Celebration '17

It's time to sip, taste and sample!

Inter Parish Ministry's Circle of Hope Celebration '17 will take place on April 30th at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This year's event includes great tastes from area restaurants such as the Urban Grill, Clough Crossings, the National Exemplar and more. Added to that, guests can sip away at **wine and craft beer bars and enjoy bourbon tasting.**

Led by Master of Ceremonies, **Thom Brennaman**, the event includes a silent and live auction, a Keeneland Sign-up Party, a wine pull, mystery bowls, plus a craft beer and bourbon toss.

The event will honor this year's **Circle of Hope Award Recipients** Peggy Magnesen, Earl Mills and Dale and Mary Moore, One of a Kind Recipient Shannon Mills and Builders of Hope Award Recipients Dick Durand and Erick Harback.



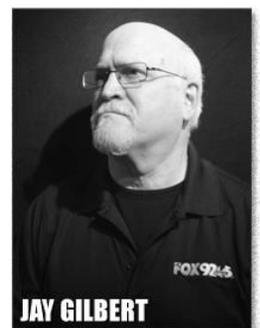
Live Auction items include an On Air Experience with 92.5's-The Fox- **Jay Gilbert**,



Acoustical Concert with **Dan Varner, Lobsta Bakes of Maine** "Dinner on the Porch", a **Bourbon Tasting Party** and more.

Tickets are \$55 each or \$500 for a table of ten. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

To make reservations go to www.interparish.org



All proceeds from the event will help Inter Parish Ministry fund not only the food and clothing pantries, but also our outreach events including mobile food pantries, emergency assistance, and holiday assistance program.

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Your Caring Made A Difference!

From a Clermont Chamber Young Peoples' campaign for toilet paper, (YP's for TP) to Anderson Businesses competing against one another to you caring enough to donate dollars or bring in personal care items....

Your "Caring from the Heart" Made a Difference!



Thanks to many individuals and businesses, Inter Parish Ministry matched a \$1,500 gift for personal care items as well as collected more than 5,000 personal care items during the month of February.

Congratulations to the "Caring from the Heart" business winner, **Coors Core Fitness** that collected 3,334 personal care items for IPM. First runner up was **First Financial Bank** and Second Runner Up was **Park National Bank**. Thank you to everyone for caring and making a difference!

IPM Staff

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New Amelia Pantry a Hit!

Volunteers and clients love our new pantry! Business has been brisk since we opened at 1075 W. Ohio Pike on October 6th. Next project is a Community Garden. Call Sarah to help plan this exciting endeavor!