

Loaves & fishes



Spring 2017

Coffee to Go

At the beginning of each week, one of our guests asks if he can pour the leftover hot coffee into a gallon milk jug. Nathan let me know that this is his coffee for the week. I saw Nathan in the parking lot one night. He packed the coffee in the front seat of his car, which looked like a small pantry. Nathan's home.



It's stories like these that inspire our board and staff to think of ways to serve more meals to those in need. Last year, we topped all previous meal counts and served over 571,000 meals – I am very proud of our work and the people who made it happen.

In January 2017, we opened a new warehouse that gives us the space to bring in larger amounts of food for free or at a greatly reduced cost. By building this infrastructure and capacity, we are in a position to dream even bigger and help more people. The need remains great and we remain committed to serving even more. Please see the back side of this newsletter to learn how you can get involved.

I love beginning each day in my comfortable living room with a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee. The aroma reminds me to think of Nathan and those who need our help.

Cathy Maes
CATHY MAES
 Executive Director

O U R G R O W T H	1982	1986	2014	2017
				
	St. Stephens Clinton Ave.	St. Pauls Logan Ave.	Waterbury Jackson St.	721 Kasota Ave.
	Basement Office—115,715 meals	Church Office—306,387 meals	2K sq. ft. warehouse—320,000 meals	8K sq. ft. warehouse—571,000meals



Why I eat with Loaves and Fishes.

Josh arrives home from high school to an empty house. His dad works until 10:00 pm every night and if it were not for Loaves and Fishes Josh said that he would have nothing to eat.

Watch Josh's story and others on our website.



Why we give to Loaves and Fishes.

Frequently hosting friends in their home, Laura and David Dourgarian's passion is feeding people. Wanting to extend their hospitality to "those in need right down the street," they have become regular volunteers and donors (both individually and through their company, Tempworks). They value that no guest is turned away and continue to donate to ensure that this resource is available now and for years to come.

We're Growing!

We are excited to announce our recent move into a new warehouse, increasing our space from 2,000 to 8,000 square feet.

This move sets us up for future growth, ensuring that together, we can continue to expand programs and increase the number of nutritious meals and people served.

Your help is needed.

We now have the space. Now, your support is needed to purchase the necessary equipment to maximize capacity and operational efficiency.

Refrigeration | Walk-In Freezer | Industrial Racking | Fork Lift | Cardboard Baler | Pallet Jacks

2017 Loaves and Fishes Building Campaign

Your donation towards the building campaign, of \$500 or above, will be prominently displayed on our campaign donor wall.

PLATE LEVELS:

Serving Platter: \$10,000+

Dinner Plate: \$5,000-\$9,999

Salad Plate: \$1,000-\$4,999

Dessert Plate: \$500-\$999

To learn more or to schedule a time to visit our new warehouse, contact Patti Sinykin, Director of Development: 612.392.5881



UPCOMING EVENTS



**Chili Cook-Off
& Open House**

**Sunday, February 26
2:00—4:00 pm**

Help us celebrate our 571,000+ meals served in 2016!

Tour our new location at 721 Kasota Ave SE, Minneapolis. Sample and vote on different chili recipes. Compete in the Chili Cook-Off and win prizes! To enter, email: events@loavesandfishesmn.org



BINGO! @ Lake Monster Brewing
Sunday
March 12
3:00 - 5:00 pm
550 Vandalia St

Join us to play **BINGO** and raise money to feed your community!

BINGO | MEAT RAFFLES | DOOR PRIZES



St. Paddy's Chanhassen 5K & Half Marathon
Saturday, March 25
6:30—11:30 am

Volunteer: Help with registration, hand out gear, work water stations, etc. Email: events@loavesandfishesmn.org.

Run: Sign up through our website and use the coupon code **LoavesAndFishes** to receive 10% off your registration.

Race begins at the Chanhassen High School.

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571,000+ meals served at 28 year-round sites in 2016 (with an additional 19 summer sites) with the help of 10,000 volunteers.