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DINER OFFERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING

TRAINING AT ST. JOSEPH DINER HELP HUBERT BOB FIND A JOB



Hubert Bob, Resident of St. Joseph Shelter for Men

St. Joseph Diner's new location on Lafayette Catholic Service Center's main campus is creating new opportunities for the residents of St. Joseph Shelter for Men and St. Michael Center for Veterans. Volunteer positions allow the residents to acquire valuable pre vocational skills by working in the kitchen and other areas of the Diner.

Hubert had been looking for employment, but was unable to find regular work. He heard of St. Joseph Shelter through a friend. "I remember the day I moved into St. Joseph," smiles Hubert, "because it was Valentine's day."

"I wasn't working so I went to St. Joseph Diner to volunteer," says Hubert, "It gave me something to do." Hubert had been knowing Mrs. Rita, the head day cook, since his childhood and enjoyed working with her. Over time he learned how to prep for meals, a little cooking and the general operation of a commercial kitchen.

"I felt confident, so I interviewed and got the job."

- HUBERT BOB

Hubert's friend at St. Joseph Shelter had recently found a job with a new restaurant in town. After several months of working in the kitchen, Hubert felt confident he could handle a job at a restaurant. "I interviewed and got the job," Hubert grins.

Five days a week, Hubert travels by bus to his new job at a River Ranch restaurant. "It is a good restaurant" Hubert says.

Earning a check now for his work, rather than volunteering his time, is rewarding. Hubert is currently meeting with his case manager at St. Joseph Shelter for guidance in budgeting and saving. "I've never saved or had a bank account before," he shares. He expresses an opinion of his experience in the shelter thus far, "If you're on the street, it's a good place to start and get your head right."



St. Joseph Diner is seeking donations of turkeys, hams, hens and ducks to distribute to low income seniors for holiday food baskets

Donations can be dropped off at the Diner, 613 W. Simcoe Street, between 7 AM and 6 PM seven days a week.

Call Autumn dela Houssaye at 232-8434 for more information. Thanks!

OPUS CHRISTI MAGNUM



Jimmy Mallia opened his home to host the September Opus Christi Magnum event, raising funds for the vital services provided by Lafayette Catholic Service Center's programs. The event hosts included: Charlie Baudoin, Jimmy Mallia, Thomas Hightower and John Butcher; photographed above.

SLCC SUPPORTS NEW LIFE CENTER



Michelle Hinman, director of NLC and Erin Begnaud, SLCC

South Louisiana Community College Communications Instructor, Erin Begnaud, promotes community involvement in her classes. Each semester her students host a supply drive as means to connect with those in need. This fall marks the third year that Erin has chosen the New Life Center as the recipient of her student's collections, benefitting the women and children residents.

VETERANS ATTEND STAND DOWN

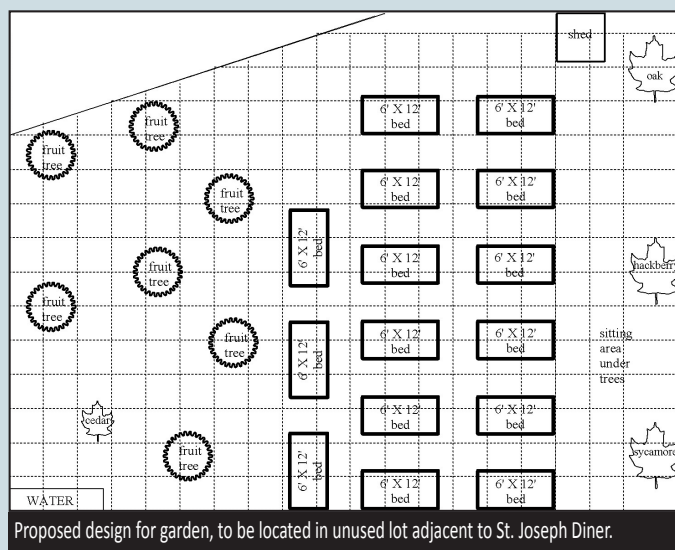


Residents of St. Michael Center for Veterans

Residents of St. Michael Center for Veterans and New Life Center Veterans Housing attended the VA Stand Down in Alexandria, LA. Stand Downs are hosted by the Department of Veteran's Affairs in an effort to provide outreach, services and support to homeless veterans.

ST. JOSEPH DINER GARDEN

A YEAR ROUND SUPPLY OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES FOR THE HOMELESS



St. Joseph Diner was recently awarded a Pugh Family Foundation grant to build a fruit and vegetable garden on Lafayette Catholic Service Centers main campus. The new garden will supply St. Joseph Diner with affordable, nutritious, organic crops year round, which will be used to prepare healthy meals for the homeless.

In addition to providing cost-effective ingredients, the garden will also offer an opportunity for hands-on learning with community volunteers and residents of St. Joseph Shelter for Men and St. Michael Center for Veterans.

The Community Roots Project, a coalition designed to develop community gardens throughout Lafayette Parish has provided direction to get this project underway, including the planning and design. Members of the coalition have also committed to providing mulch and manual labor. Intentions are to begin construction to install the garden this fall, with hopes of harvesting in the spring.

Other partners in the project include Earth Share Gardens, Stine Lumber Company, Sugar Mill Pond, Ducharme Brothers, Fremin General Contractors, Lafayette Garden Club and Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department.

The garden will be operated by existing St. Joseph Diner staff; however, volunteers and sponsors will be essential in cultivating and maintaining the garden. If you have a love of gardening and time to share or would like to adopt a bed, please contact Autumn at 337.232.8434.

LOCAL STUDENTS SERVING

SCHOOLS VISIT ST. JOSEPH DINER TO INSTILL THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

During the school year, St. Joseph Diner welcomes the volunteer participation of students throughout the community. We are grateful for the growing support of local schools and youth groups and look forward to a year of providing a more dignified life for the homeless of Acadiana.

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| Alice Boucher | Academy of Sacred Heart | ULL - Liberal Arts |
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| Carencro Catholic | ULL Engineering Society | St. Thomas More |
| Our Lady of Fatima | ULL Accounting Society | St. Genevieve |
| | Our Lady of the Lake Nursing Students | |

TALENT & TREASURE

GIVING THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Lafayette Catholic Service Centers thanks the following groups and individuals:



Chef Patrick Mould, Bonnie Parr, Kimberly Boudreaux, Jim Parr

Dan Didier for volunteering at the front desk at Men's Housing Program

Buffalo Wild Wings for donating twenty pounds of pulled pork

Target employees for beautifying LCSC's main campus and flower beds

For their ongoing support of feeding the homeless at St. Joseph Diner through the summer months:

Mr. Taft Webster
Ms. Mary Usner

Belle of the Oaks
Target Employees

Diocesan Deaconate Candidates
Friends Serving Friends

David Shaffer & Melony Verruchi for volunteering to operate the front desk of the Msgr. Sigur Center

Dick Dischler with the St. Edmond's Knights of Columbus Council for his ongoing dedication to providing children warmth during the winter through the Coats for Kids program

Budget Queen, Taffi Poirot, for volunteering regularly providing budgeting classes for residents of Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing

Audrey, Kaitlyn & Lindsay Mallia for personalizing homework supply boxes for the students residing in the Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing program



Audrey, Kaitlyn & Lindsay Mallia

Mr. Timothy McDonald for donating household items to Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing, and **Hayward Walters** for donating children's items

Baptist Church Pastor Louis Charrier for towels & washcloths for the New Life Center



Chitimacha Tribe Chairman John Paul Darden and Kimberly Boudreaux

Life Teen Give it Away, **St. Peter's Catholic Church and Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist** for hosting drives to collect baby items for the New Life Center

Chitimacha Louisiana Open for awarding Lafayette Catholic Service Centers with a donation from the 2011 golf tournament

Friends of Charlene and Mike Fitzpatrick for donating toiletries & paper towels to the New Life Center

Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church for donating toiletries and hosting a birthday for residents of the New Life Center

HOW YOU CAN HELP

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer:

- to paint and do minor repairs
- to host a food or supply drive
- to provide after school tutoring

Donate:

produce	soap	paper towels
canned goods	diapers	bath towels
meat	wipes	wash cloths
milk	toiletries	deoderant
eggs		laundry detergent

chests of drawers and dressers twin size sheets & blankets
Sam's gift cards to purchase supplies

*Food donations are accepted at St. Joseph Diner from 6am-6pm, 7 days/week

*Anyone interested in volunteering, donating, or hosting a supply drive please contact Jill Beaulieu, 337.235.4972 or jbeaulieu@catholicservice.org

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Become a partner in our mission to preserve, enhance and support human life by serving the poor, hungry and homeless of Acadiana.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contribution Amount \$ _____

DONATE ONLINE
CATHOLICSERVICE.ORG

Please cut out form and mail it with donation to:

Lafayette Catholic Service Centers
PO Box 3177
Lafayette, LA 70502-3177



HELP THE HUNGRY, HOMELESS & IMPOVERISHED

Lafayette Catholic Service Centers' mission is to provide human services, which reflect Gospel values and the Church's commitment to preserve, enhance and support human life with a special concern for the poor, the hungry and the homeless of Acadiana.



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COATS NOW AVAILABLE

DEACONATE CANDIDATES BUILD A NEW COAT CLOSET IN TIME FOR FALL



With the help of deaconate candidates, Timothy Marcantel and Stephen Van-cleave, a permanent closet was constructed and the coats will be easily accessible to the public.

Coats are currently available for anyone in need; children sizes and adult sizes may be picked up during Msgr. Sigur Center's regular business hours, M-F, 8:30-12, 1-3:30.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Coats for Kids can contact Jill at 337.235.4972.

Lafayette Catholic Service Centers partnered with the 2011 deaconate candidates during the summer to enhance services the poor. Deaconate candidates shared their time and talent in a variety of projects, including striping the LCSC main campus parking lot, staffing the front desk at the men's shelter, serving at St. Joseph Diner, and building a coat closet at the Msgr. Sigur Service Center.

Msgr. Sigur Service Center is the distribution site of the KLFY Coats for Kids program. Each winter an average 1,000 coats are distributed.

