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IN CELEBRATION OF THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

"My daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor and in an instant our lives changed," explained Ms. Arleida Eden during her visit to the Msgr. Sigur Service Center. "I naturally put my child's medical needs ahead of everything else and before I knew it I faced eviction," she continued. Being a single mother, Arleida was unable to maintain her job while providing for the care of her child; she turned to the Msgr. Sigur Center for help. The Center provided rental assistance for the Eden family, keeping them in their home during their unexpected crisis.

"The Msgr. Sigur Center gave me peace of mind by keeping us in our home; they were a blessing during a difficult time in my life." She now finds herself free of the nightmare she once lived. Arleida's daughter is tumor free and excelling in school. Arleida's life, once in a downward spiral, is now back on track and thriving with new purpose.

On behalf of the Eden Family, and the hundreds of families and individuals who found themselves in crisis this year and were served through our programs, we wholeheartedly thank our supporters for ensuring these services are offered in Acadiana.

We ask that as you gather with family and friends this holiday season and reflect on your personal blessings, please remember the poor, homeless and hungry among us and consider making a contribution to our ministry to serve them. Your contribution means that we can be there for someone in their time of greatest need.

May you and your loved ones be blessed this holiday season!

Kimberly Boudreaux
Executive Director

NEW LIFE CENTER PARTICIPATES IN 24TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

KLFY-TV 10 will host the *Food for Families Food Net Food Drive* on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The event has become one of the largest annual food drives in Acadiana. Multiple collection sites throughout the region are available for easy drop-off.

In St. Landry Parish, Wal-Mart will be the drop off location for food donations. Michelle Hinman, Director of the New Life Center in Opelousas, coordinates the collection of items for St. Landry Parish. They plan to collect food from 5:30am-8pm. Last year, the New Life Center was able to fill their pantry with a literal ton of food during the Food for Families Food Drive.

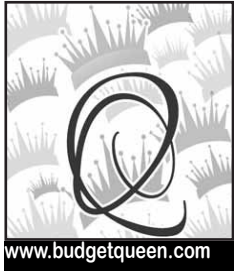


Mark your calendars, December 8th, for this great event and help feed the hungry this holiday season.

'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; Naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Matthew 25:34-36

THE BUDGET QUEEN

TIPS ON SPENDING MONEY WISELY



The Budget Queen takes time to visit with the residents of the Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing Program once each month. Teresa Theriot is the local queen of finance who has created a system of smart spending which she shares on her popular website, thebudgetqueen.com. The system is made to be easy to follow because in the process of saving, fun is purposely not eliminated.

The Budget Queen System teaches how to save money through frugal shopping. She recommends creating a menu plan based on what is available in the pantry before working on a grocery list. Coupons are a must-have in a frugal budget and can be found on the Budget Queen website. Money saving events are also listed on the website, including a coupon swap gathering. The swap allows a coupon to end up in the hands of a person who will use it; a great way to keep coupons from going to waste.

Residents are able to create a realistic budget for their family with the help of the Budget Queen and then learn to apply it. The priceless information they are provided will be extremely important for their success when leaving the program and living independently.

HOLIDAY BLESSINGS

MEN'S HOUSING RESIDENTS TREATED TO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

St. Michael Veterans were remembered and honored by Our Lady of Fatima church this year. A *Dinner and a Movie* evening was provided for the residents in appreciation of Veterans Day. Dinner was delivered to the veterans and they each received a movie ticket to enjoy a night out as a thank you for serving our country.



Flag Ceremony - St. Michael Center for Veterans

The Veterans were also invited to attend a UL football game on Saturday, November 20th. They had a great time cheering for the Cajuns! UL Athletics Director, Mr. David Walker, is responsible for providing the tickets. Mr. Walker served our country as well, and is happy to offer fellow veterans a day at the stadium.

Residents of both the St. Michael Center Veterans and the St. Joseph Shelter were invited to celebrate Thanksgiving at Bailey's restaurant. Each year the owner/award winning chef, Ema Haq, opens his business doors to provide a wonderful meal to those less fortunate in the community. It is a very special dining opportunity for our residents; Mr. Haq really celebrates Thanksgiving in the most self-less way!

TIS'THE SEASON FOR GIVING

LCSC'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMS BRING JOY TO ACADIANA FAMILIES IN NEED



TOYS FOR TOTS

UNITED STATES MARINE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
MSGR. SIGUR CENER - DISTRIBUTION SITE FOR TOYS

****DONATE****

BRAND NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

WAL-MART
WALGREENS
BIG LOTS

****VOLUNTEER****

HELP DISTRIBUTE TOYS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13TH

MSGR. SIGUR CENTER
337. 235.4972
(CALL JILL TO VOLUNTEER)

****ONLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE TOYS IF QUALIFIED AFTER SUBMITTING APPLICATION****



COATS FOR KIDS

KLFY-TV10'S ANNUAL ACADIANA COAT COLLECTION
MSGR. SIGUR CENER - DISTRIBUTION SITE FOR COATS

****DONATE****

NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS ONLY

****IN NEED****

KID & ADULT SIZES AVAILABLE

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

GOOD WILL	LAF GENERAL SURGICAL HOSPITAL	MID SOUTH BANK	UNICE BOB'S
CAMELLIA CLEANERS	EXPRESS PRINTING	MCDONALD'S	TV10
HARDY'S CLEANERS	ANDREPONT PRINTING	CENTENNIAL	CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

****NO QUALIFICATION PROCESS; ANYONE IN NEED OF A COAT IS WELCOME****

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

SAINT JOSEPH DINER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

****DONATE HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS****

ITEMS NEEDED

TURKEYS & HAMS
CANNED GOODS

DROP OFF

SAINT JOSEPH DINER
613 WEST SIMCOE

****HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS WILL BE ASSEMBLED DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13TH****

BODACIOUS BASH

A BENEFIT FOR ST. JOSEPH DINER

GRANT STREET DANCE HALL ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

TAD BENOIT
CAJUN INFLUENCED BLUES

THE KEITH BLAIR BAND
BLUES/ROCK

****ADMISSION \$15 OR \$10 PLUS 5 CANNED GOODS****

FOR MORE INFORMATION | MSGR. SIGUR SERVICE CENTER | 337.233.7788

TALENT & TREASURE

Giving Thanks and Gratitude

Lafayette Catholic Service Centers sincerely thanks the following groups and individuals:



Mr. Dick Dischler, the Coordinator of Coats for Kids, and the Knights of Columbus St. Edmond for making this program possible. After their collection, cleaning and delivery of thousands of coats, it is easy for the Msgr. Sigur Center to redistribute them those in need.

Phil Stoma, Jr. for donating furniture to Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing.

Members of the community who provided appreciation for our residents of St. Michael Center for Veterans this year for Veterans Day

- **Our Lady of Fatima** for Dinner and a Movie
- **J. Wallace James' 4th grade class** for raising \$460.60
- **Mr. David Walker, UL Athletics Director**, for 20 tickets to a UL football game
- **KATC** for a new flag, which was raised on Veterans Day
- **United States Marines, 1st Sgt. James D. Erwin, Jr., Gy Sgt. Chris Plattsmier & Sgt. Wayne Provo**, for their participation in the Home for the Holidays fundraiser



Gy Sgt. Christopher Plattsmier



Glenn Mire, Jonathan Linzer & Andrew



Sgt. Provo, Glenn Mire & 1st Sgt Erwin

Anonymous Donor who provided 32 new bunk beds for St. Joseph Shelter for Men.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Ashy for bringing Christmas gifts to the residents of St. Joseph Shelter.

Bailey's Seafood & Grill for opening their restaurant to residents of the St. Michael Center for Veterans and St. Joseph Shelter for a delicious Thanksgiving meal.



Othella Mayes, Aline Smith, Cashara Edgerson & Eugenia Knight of Med Exp

Med Express' Rachel Rachal for organizing a group of 7 ladies who worked for 15 days to paint the entire 3rd floor of the New Life Center, including 21 rooms and a 158 ft hallway. Eugenia Knight is representing Med Express in the photo.

Students attending the following schools who have volunteered to serve lunch at St. Joseph Diner this school year:

- St. Pius**
- St. Genevieve**
- St. Cecilia**
- St. James Baptist**
- Comeaux**
- St. John Berchman**
- Fatima**

Preis & Roy for their annual donation of \$4,000 to St. Joseph Diner presented by Holly Gauthier.

Brian Ducharme for his endless support of Lafayette Catholic Service Centers.

St. Pius Catholic Church for the continued kindness, in donating 1/2 of all proceeds from their bi-annual Pius Promise GaraSale to Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing.



Holly Gauthier, Kimberly Boudreaux & Autumn dela Houssaye

HOST A HOLIDAY DRIVE FOR LCSC

- Decide what type of drive to host (food drive, toiletries drive, cleaning supplies, etc)
- Choose a place, along with a date and a time, to host the drive (school, church, business, neighborhood)
- Spread the word - let EVERYONE know when, where, how and what to donate
- Contact Jill Beaulieu for more information, if interested in hosting a drive at 235.4972 or jbeaulieu@catholicservice.org

A GREAT WAY TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

Lafayette Catholic Needs:

- Food for St. Joseph Diner & New Life Center
- Toiletries for Men, Women & Children deoderant, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, toilet paper, etc
- Diapers & Wipes
- Cleaning supplies
clorox bleach, lysol spray, pine sol, laundry detergent

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 \$ _____

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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DINER PREPARES LUNCH FOR HOMEBOUND

VOLUNTEERS MAKE DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND POSSIBLE

St. Joseph Diner serves a warm lunch to the homebound within Acadiana each weekday. The service is designed to offer a free, well-balanced noon meal to those unable to shop and cook for themselves. Homebound meal deliveries allow participants to remain comfortable in their own homes and still receive important daily nutrition.

We are able to offer this extraordinary meal service through the help of many volunteer drivers organized by Lawanna Carlin with St. Mary Church. Meals are prepared in to-go plates each morning at St. Joseph Diner and are available for delivery drivers to pick-up by 10:30am. Volunteers currently deliver 25 meals right to the door of the homebound in our community. These volunteers have taken on a special responsibility to hand deliver what may be the only hot meal of the day for some recipients of the program. The friendly smile of a volunteer also offers the homebound an opportunity for a social encounter; although limited, it is meaningful for each person to experience some interaction with another human being.



Homebound Delivery Volunteers

Anyone interested in helping St. Joseph Diner deliver lunch to the homes of our homebound should contact Autumn dela Houssaye, Director of St. Joseph Diner, for more information at 337.232.8434. Volunteers are welcome to offer their services as often as daily and as little as monthly.

