



The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling Inc.

The Mission of The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling Inc.

is to provide leadership in a community-wide effort to foster good nutrition to the needy, to minimize health risks due to the residual effects of hunger.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“So you say you love the poor....name them.”

– Archbishop Oscar Romero

This summer is going to be a whirlwind of activities for many people. Family vacations, reunions, picnics, many special events that make up wonderful memories. For some people summer isn't as easy. Without adequate finances summer can be a long, hot miserable struggle. Many things that are taken for granted are considered extravagant for our patrons.

The Soup Kitchen takes the Romero quote very seriously, we do know those we serve and we know names and many times their stories. Getting to know those we serve allows us to know what we can do to make life a little easier. However, when you know the people you are serving it becomes a lot more personal, a lot more rewarding and a lot more challenging as well. It is always sad to read stories or see pieces on TV shows about those who are in desperate need at times. We easily move on to the next story though, since these are things happening far away to people we do not know. When you are directly in contact with those in need, you become more invested personally and you are able to get a glimpse of the often very harsh world that they inhabit.

Robert F. Kennedy beautifully defines victims of all types of circumstances, “most importantly, they are human beings who other human beings have loved and needed”. Their heartbreak becomes yours. Their successes, no matter how small, become cause for you to rejoice as well. Too often, poverty is viewed as a personal deficiency rather than a compound circumstance that is the result of many factors, most of which are out of the control of the poor. They often lack basic resources, they lack a support network, they lack educational opportunities, they lack simple things that we all take for granted. Most people know someone facing hard times and often do not know that person is because they keep that information private from friends and even family. I know that I would have had a much harder way in life if I had been faced with many of the obstacles that are just facts of existence for our patrons. However, I am a better person for knowing those we serve.

You are called upon several times a year to help the Soup Kitchen continue to do what we do best, feed the hungry and nourish the soul. I am often humbled by the responses from those who believe our work is important to people who have fallen on rough times, the folks who will not escape the heat at the beach this summer, classmates left behind at reunions or missing that picnic on a beautiful day at a local park. I ask that you consider helping us fulfill our mission we are 100% dependent on the generosity of this community.

Becky

The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling Inc. Staff & Board of Directors

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

WELCOME SPRING!

Spring is finally here for certain and everything is getting green, a truly beautiful time of the year. I would once again like to take this opportunity on behalf of The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling, its Board of Directors, employees and patrons to thank all of you for your continued support of the Soup Kitchen and the important place it fills in our community.

Because of your continued support, and that of your community, The Soup Kitchen continues to serve hot nutritious meals to those in need, meals which absent the Soup Kitchen they would not receive. There is no greater fundamental need in being human than to have food to eat so that one does not have to go hungry. Because of the generosity of people such as yourselves, we have been able to meet this daily need to an ever growing number of individuals. We take great pride in allowing people to be able to obtain food and not go hungry and thus forego the dire choice between paying for heat, medicines and the like or being able to eat and sustain their bodies. Those of you who support The Soup Kitchen should likewise be proud of this accomplishment.

On behalf of everyone at the Soup Kitchen, we would like to again thank you for your support and we wish you a bright and joyous Spring!

Scott

Visit The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling on Facebook and click on "LIKE" to stay in touch with what's going on in the kitchen! Get updates on events and day to day blessings!

THE SOUP KITCHEN
OF GREATER WHEELING INC.
AN INTERFAITH MINISTRY



"The gifts that we give can't be touched or seen, only felt with the heart."

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CORY'S KIDZ CORNER

Cory's Kidz is a story of Hope. It has been for our family a journey to watch God take what was a terrible tragedy in our family and turn it into something good. He has provided a way for us to touch the lives of so many children in our community. It does take both the sun and the rain to make a rainbow.

The first Christmas after we lost Cory, we provided 7 children with presents at Christmas time in his memory. This past Christmas, Cory's Kidz provided 170 children with gifts for Christmas. We could not do this without the help of so many people who share the same passion for what we are doing. The Cory's Kidz picnic for our children and their families is scheduled for June 9 at the Wheeling Park ice skating rink. This is the kickoff for the beginning of our fourth year. We will register children and begin preparations for the back to school program.

As we continue to grow, we continue to need volunteers and sponsors for the children on our list. Sponsoring a child means providing school supplies along with a new outfit and new shoes for back to school. It also means providing gifts for that child at Christmas time. If you would like to be a part of our Cory's Kidz program, you can call Becky at the Soup Kitchen at 233-2992 or e-mail me on our Cory's Kidz website (www.coryskidz.com) or the Cory's Kidz facebook page. Donations can be made by making out your check to Cory's Kidz.

We are thankful for all of the support we have received from the community.

Blessings,
Bill & Cathy Kalisz

PATRON COMMENTS

"The Soup Kitchen people have been good to me and others. I would like to thank all of them for their time and the food they give us."

"You people are doing a fine job here. Thank you."

"Thank you for taking care of my kids, food and the extra things to make them happy."

"People are kind and friendly to me and my kids. My kids were afraid to come in here at first and embarrassed, now they enjoy coming here because people talk to them as friends and for that I thank you."

"The Soup Kitchen is a good place to eat. Thank God for the Soup Kitchen."

DRESS EXCHANGE



Starting next school (2011-12) year the Soup Kitchen will host a homecoming/prom gown exchange for our teens. If you would like to donate used gowns please call or drop them off at The Soup Kitchen.

Any organization wishing to hold a benefit for The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling, please call Becky Shilling-Rodocker at 304-233-2992 or email at wheelingsoup@yahoo.com

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Special Instructions: _____

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_____ Please do not send a thank you – save the money!

_____ Send our thank you via email. Our email address is: _____

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