

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FALL 2013

## “OUR FOOD. OUR TABLE.” WILL CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Celebrate 35 years of serving our neighbors in need with a wonderful evening of “simple foods made spectacular” as WCTC Instructor, Chef Jack Birren and his culinary students prepare a fine dining experience from the staple foods normally found on pantry shelves.

In the true spirit of collaboration the event, called “Our Food. Our Table.” will be held at Carroll University’s beautiful Stackner Ballroom. These two institutions have come together to help end hunger in our community, and over the last 35 years many other organizations have joined the FOOD Pantry to do the same.

Our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will honor just a few of the groups that have helped make our long history of service to the community possible.

### CIVIC PARTNERS:

Kiwanis Club of Waukesha  
Sunrise Rotary of Waukesha

### CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERS:

Cross of Life Lutheran Church  
Salem United Methodist Church

### EDUCATION PARTNERS:

ProHealth Care Community Outreach Program  
UW-Extension, Waukesha County

### FOOD DRIVE PARTNERS:

Boy Scouts of America, Potawatomi Area Council  
The National Association of Letter Carriers

### HOLIDAY PARTNERS:

Dai Shin Technologies  
The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Group

### INDUSTRY PARTNERS:

Roundy’s Inc.  
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Television personality Mike Miller will emcee the evening’s events and 2011 Wisconsin State Champion Auctioneer Tim Miller will host a live auction of great items to help us reach our fundraising goal of **\$50,000**.

**Reserve your tickets today - \$50 per person**  
**Call 262-522-2371 for information**



## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear Friends of the FOOD Pantry,**

Earlier this year I was looking for ways to collaborate with area businesses and organizations when it struck me that a great resource would be the Culinary Arts Program at WCTC. My hope was that we could put together an event that would celebrate the accomplishments of the FPWC *and* showcase the talents of one of the most respected culinary arts programs around. Inspired, I immediately called WCTC and left a message without even knowing exactly what I was looking for from them.

The instructor I had called was Chef Jack Birren. When I called, he was at a conference where he heard from a colleague about a unique benefit dinner for a food pantry in Maryland. The dinner was a delicious, gourmet meal made only from the same staple foods and simple ingredients that the pantry could provide to their clients. The chefs for the event had to use their fine culinary skills to turn ordinary into extraordinary! Chef Jack was captivated by the idea and was so excited to take on this challenge that, upon his return from the conference, he picked up the phone and called the FPWC to see if we'd be interested. Amazingly, our calls to each other were just a few days apart, and as soon as we did connect, the theme for the FOOD Pantry's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was born!

I encourage you to attend the FOOD Pantry's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner called "Our Table, Our Food." (See details on the front page.) The event is a great way for us to celebrate 35 years of service to the community and also a way for us to raise the funds we need to keep providing that service in the future. My hope is that this celebration will be less about the length of our service and more about the innovative and careful way we have used our resources to ensure that our neighbors in need receive free food they so desperately need.

Philosophically and practically, when it comes to fundraising, the FPWC has worked very hard to provide a great and positive impact without negatively affecting the various non-profit agencies that also provide necessary services for our clients. We have only been able to accomplish this because of YOU! When we have asked, you have answered – whether through donations of baby formula for our youngest clients, or protein items to ensure our senior citizens have enough nutrients to maintain their health. Your generosity is what makes it possible for the families that come to the Pantry to sit together at the table and share a meal without worrying that there won't be enough to go around.

Your generosity has gone beyond food, however. When we needed funds to move to a larger, more efficient building (more than once during our 35 years) you came forward and contributed in a way that meant we did not have to engage in a large capital campaign that could have put a strain on other service agencies.

Please know how much we appreciate the gifts you provide. Because of your support, every week, we provide food to more than 1,400 individuals. I hope you can attend our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on November 7. It will be a wonderful opportunity not only to celebrate 35 years of service, but also 35 years of relationships with people like you!

Sincerely,



Karen Tredwell,  
Executive Director







## PANTRY VOLUNTEERS GOT THE SCOOP AT THE HIDDEN RIVER ART FESTIVAL

Volunteers (above, left) from the FPWC and the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts were on hand to scoop out some delicious ice cream sundaes for the Empty Bowls fundraiser at the Hidden River Art Festival. Patrons ate their sundaes from one-of-a-kind bowls (above, right), made by the Center's students and local potters, and then got to take their bowl home. Proceeds supported the FOOD Pantry and arts education scholarships at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts.



## 35 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERING

The FPWC has been at it a long time, and Rose Emanuele has been volunteering at the Pantry just as long. She was a volunteer at the very start of Pantry's humble beginnings back in 1978. Rose recently celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Pantry and is seen here enjoying her birthday cake.



## A TREE GROWS IN WAUKESHA

Pantry staff members Karen Tredwell (left) and Charlotte Borchert (right) put the finishing touches on a tree donated by Modern Woodman Fraternal Financial as part of their national "Plant A Tree" program. Modern Woodman has been a regular Pantry supporter, providing matching funds for last year's open house and sponsoring the construction of our donation foyer.



## THE FPWC HOSTS CYCLISTS AT SERENITY FARMS

The FPWC has worked with Laura Phelps many times on GE Capital's Can Sculpture Competition, so when she asked if the Pantry and its volunteers would like to partner with her to host the cyclists on the "Ride to Barns" fundraiser, we jumped at the chance. Over 500 cyclists participated in the event put on by the Tall Pines Conservancy. Laura, along with her husband Paul Phelps (center photo, above the troll) own Serenity Farm in Oconomowoc, which was the last stop of the day for the riders. Their beautiful farm is filled with a wide variety of fabulous statues, art pieces, stained glass, and salvaged architectural features.



## THE PANTRY GETS A LITTLE BIT GREENER

Even with last year's hot weather the garden behind the Pantry did a great job of bringing in fresh produce for FPWC clients.

This year, volunteer extraordinaire Bob Kubiak expanded the garden and designed a multi-barrel rainwater collection system (above) to help keep the garden properly hydrated and to also keep the Pantry's water bill low.

## MISSION

The Food Pantry of Waukesha County provides food, hope, and dignity to county residents in need, and advocates to increase awareness of hunger in the community through collaborative action.

## VISION

We envision a future without hunger in Waukesha County.

## NON-PROFIT STATUS

The Food Pantry of Waukesha County is a non-profit community organization, maintaining 501(c)3 status, and all donations are tax deductible where allowable by law.

The Food Pantry of Waukesha County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

### NOVEMBER 2013

#### “OUR FOOD. OUR TABLE.” 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT Carroll University’s Stackner Ballroom Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

The FPWC will acknowledge 35 years of service with a unique evening of culinary delight. Please join us for a meal prepared by Waukesha County Technical College Culinary Arts Program Students and their instructor, Chef Jack Birren.

Event details are available on the FOOD Pantry website [www.waukeshafoodpantry.org](http://www.waukeshafoodpantry.org) and Facebook page. Tickets, table reservations, and sponsorships are available by calling **262-522-2371**

### DECEMBER 2013

#### MIRACLE ON CANAL STREET – CHARITY DRAWING Potawatomi Bingo Casino, 1721 West Canal St., Milwaukee Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Miracle on Canal Street has raised more than **\$12.5 million** for hundreds of area children’s charities – and this year the FPWC is in the running to be a beneficiary. Join us at the drawing to play bingo for a great cause and to bring us some GOOD LUCK!

Visit [paysbig.com/miracle](http://paysbig.com/miracle) for more information.



When you’re helping end hunger, you have a lot to be proud of.

Together, we can make a powerful difference in the lives of people facing hunger. Every can of food, every box of diapers, every bar of soap, every dollar donated sends up hope to children, the elderly and working families who can’t make ends meet. Your gift not only fills plates, it fuels a brighter future for our whole community. When we medal compassion, we inspire greatness in ourselves and in others. **FIGHT HUNGER. AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT.** Find out how at [www.waukeshafoodpantry.org](http://www.waukeshafoodpantry.org).



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