

*A Celebration of
25 Years*



Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen
2015 Annual Report

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About Us

The Soup Kitchen opened its doors on October 1, 1991, as an outreach project of The Memorial Church of The Prince of Peace. That year we served 300 meals. We were off to a great start! In 1994 the project was incorporated as a separate nonprofit and became known as the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen. On Jan 4, 2012 it moved to its current location, The Peace House, a space designed specifically for our needs and a welcoming space for our guests.

Since 1991, The Soup Kitchen has served over 239,484 meals. The Soup Kitchen serves the hungry, elderly and young, disabled and able-bodied, on foot and by car. We serve guests who are unemployed as well as those who are underemployed. Some people stop by when their supplies run low at home, while some guests are provided with their only meal or companionship of the day.

Every day of the year, a largely volunteer group serves dinner over the noon hour. Recipients are not required to complete paperwork, provide proof of income, or submit identification. Anyone who comes to The Soup Kitchen is served nutritious food with kindness and respect to ensure his or her dignity and privacy at all times.

The Soup Kitchen also has a Food Voucher program. To be eligible for a food voucher, guests use a "dining card" which is stamped with each noon meal visit. When a guest obtains eight stamps in a one-month period, that guest is eligible to receive a food voucher. The voucher entitles the guest to a \$15.00 credit towards basic foods at Kennie's Food Market courtesy of The Soup Kitchen.

Within the last few years, The Soup Kitchen Board initiated a program called "New House Groceries." When guests obtain new housing, this program provides them with basic foodstuffs, paper products, and cleaning supplies. Each "New Home" delivery facilitates new beginnings for many of our guests.

Individuals, faith communities, businesses, and other groups hold food drives for the Soup Kitchen. These drives are a very important source of our food supplies, and items such as individual servings of snacks, soups, canned goods, and small gifts from local gardens are donated and used as a take away item for our guests.

Year by year we have progressed and made wonderful strides, and we would not be able to provide our guests with these services without the community playing a crucial role. Many thanks to each of our sponsors who have made these 25 years such an extraordinary success.

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2015 Finances

Regular Contributions, Gifts and Grants	\$88,152.
General Expenses, Supplies, Salaries, Insurance, etc.	\$83,395.
Net Operating Income	\$ 4,757.

Our Vision

"To live out the words of Christ, who called us to love those in need, by partnering with churches, community groups and individuals committed to serving the hungry in our community..."

Our Mission

We seek to achieve our Vision by:

- Creating a welcoming, hospitable atmosphere for our guests that models Christ's love
- Serving a nutritious meal
- Networking with our church and community partners to further the physical and spiritual well-being of our guests

A note from the Chair of the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen Board

One can do some, but when many join together the impact is tremendous. With the support of many individuals, faith communities, businesses and community organizations volunteering their time and resources, the mission of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen to feed those in need is accomplished.

Our energetic and faithful staff and volunteers make the preparation and serving of meals a daily success. The Board of Directors actively supports the work of The Soup Kitchen, ensuring that donated funds are used wisely, and that the community is informed and thanked for the support given.

One can feed some, but together we feed all who come through the doors of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen.

Marie Chantelau, Board Chair

A note from the Director of the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen

This year is the Soup Kitchen's twenty-fifth! From a few sandwiches in 1991 to 16,178 meals served in 2015, the loaves and fishes have truly been multiplied. Our meals have supported many elderly, homeless, handicapped, and underemployed people. In addition to the meals our guests are able to take home bread, two grocery items from the giveaway basket, and—in summer—produce. People who newly find housing receive a set of pantry staples to offset their initial expenses. Happily, they are then able to cook and clean as true householders. Previously homeless guests are ecstatic! Our numbers of meals served have jumped by 1000 each year for three years. We have many groups who come in and volunteer their time to cook and serve the guests. There has been no shortage of volunteers who find this work fulfilling and mostly fun, thank God.

Janice Guillory, Director

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Our special thanks to

- To Prince of Peace Episcopal Church whose ministry to the Gettysburg community has included sharing space in Peace House for the daily operation of the Community Soup Kitchen. This church's generosity and commitment over several decades has supported the serving of more than 220,000 meals to the hungry among us.
- All the supermarkets, bakeries, produce suppliers and stores that provide fresh products, canned goods, and household items.
- To the farmers and gardeners who donate fresh vegetables and fruits from their crops or from their gleanings.
- To those individuals who bring stock from their cupboards or closets and to the church and civic groups that consistently prepare and supply daily meals.
- To those who work serving meals in the kitchen each day, and those who deliver food and supplies, stock the soup kitchen pantry and perform needed cleaning and repairs.
- To those who contribute financially, whether large or small, weekly or at year's end. May God bless each of you for your generosity. The Soup Kitchen Board diligently attempts to acknowledge all those who have contributed to the operation of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen over the past year. If by chance, one or more names have not been included in these lists, please be assured that your work and donations have helped to make this operation a success, and we extend our sincere thanks to you.

The Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by IRS approval, and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. The Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen acknowledges that no goods or services were exchanged in return for your contribution.

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