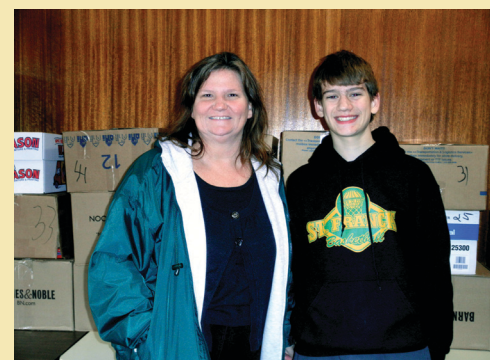




Renzi's Catering provided a delicious Christmas meal for our Westside Brunch clients. **THANKS!**



St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield, PA held its annual "Souper" Bowl Food Drive. The strong and kind-hearted persons pictured here delivered and unloaded the 2,615 pounds of food so precious to the families of Bernardine Center.



HEARTY THANKS to
(L top) Corinne, Paul, Karen and Dennis Conlan
(R) Marjorie and Daniel Lehigh
(L lower) Kelly, Angel and Marylou Laboy
(R) Tom Wimer



Bernardine Center is thankful for Federal funding through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) granted through the Department of Homeland Security. BC's Westside Brunch is supplemented by this FEMA funding

BERNARDINE CENTER FUNDRAISER

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, March 24, 2013
Serving between 3:00 and 6:00 PM
at St. James' "The Doghouse"
1499 E. 9th Street, Eddystone, PA 19022



\$15.00 gets you a sit-down meal of Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Soda, Beer or Wine (Ages 0-3 free; 3-6, \$7.00)

Try your luck with chances for a 50/50 drawing and Baskets of Cheer!
To register and receive your ticket(s),
Please call Sister Sandra Lyons at 610-497-3225
or e-mail to srsandra@bernardinecenter.org



Bernardine Center
2625 West Ninth Street,
Chester, PA 19013
www.bernardinecenter.org

Stamp



2625 West Ninth Street,
Chester, PA 19013
P: 610.497.3225
F: 610.497.3659
director@bernardinecenter.org
www.bernardinecenter.org

WINTER 2013

THE Bernardine Center

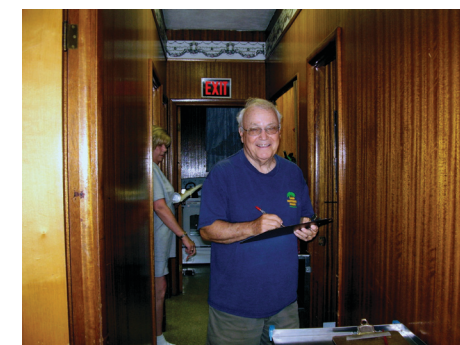
TIMES

A Ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Bernardine Center's Food Pantry Facelift

"Behold, I make all things new!"

Revelations 21:5



Bill Olphert (volunteer) stands in the long narrow hallway, his back to the 5 small rooms that previously served as our food pantry that housed non-perishable foods.



And the walls come down carefully through the skill of Andrew and Ed. Note the confinement of the long-time pantry area and the congestion that staff and volunteers needed to negotiate while filling menus.



With most walls already removed, the small size of each of the former rooms is visible.



The renovated food pantry area is more spacious and allows placement of all freezers and refrigerators to be in the same space as the shelves of food. So much easier to stock food and to fill the menus clients complete on food distribution days!



Thanks so much to patient staff and volunteers who tranquilly endured the ever-changing scene while continuing to provide service to families in need of food help.

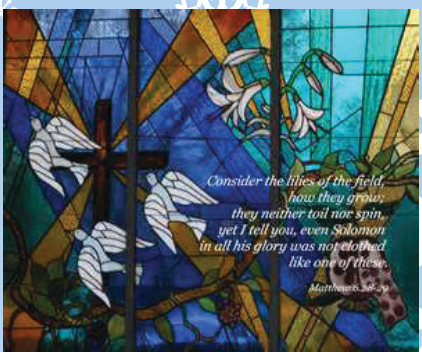


Mission Statement

The Bernardine Center provides a helping hand to low-income Chester area residents by distributing emergency or supplemental food and supplies.

The Bernardine Center also offers educational, spiritual and advocacy programs to help clients build better lives for themselves, their families and communities.

All the ministries of the Bernardine Center are rooted in Franciscan hospitality and the social teachings of our Catholic Christian tradition.



Bernardine Center's "Hundredfold"

**In-kind and Monetary Gifts
from December 1, 2012
through February 22, 2013**

Anthony & Kathleen Alosi
America's Charities (Allison Snyder)
Anonymous
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Bernardine Franciscan Sisters
Gil & Joan Bardsley
Joseph & Jeanne Boyle
Vince & Joan Boyle
Jane Brennan
Joe Brinker
Ed & Arlene Burke
Bud Englert Charitable Fund
Judith Burns
Charles Butera
Paul Cacciatore
Peter & Leondina Caracci
John & Jo Ann Carey
William & Patricia Cassels
Central Baptist Church
Chester Community Charter Middle School
Chester Senior Center
Chestnutwold Elementary School
Church of Saint Kevin
Michalene Chabon
David Chominski
Helen Chominski
Cigna-Truist (Walter Heindl)
City Team
Ann Clancey
Kevin & Alex Clancy
Diane Coburn
Congregation Ohev Shalom
Connelly Foundation
County Savings Bank
Coventry Cares
John & Bridget Cowell
Mary Cummings
Bill & Theresa Cupples
Curves (Havertown)
Dapplecroft Fund of The Philadelphia Foundation
Gerry DeFonzo
Delaware County Juvenile Probation
Devereux
William H. Dickson
Pete Drury
Mike & Kim Durante
Cass Englert
Estate of Stuart Green
Mary Farley
Frank & Mary Fee
John & Theresa Fetrow
Fidelity Charitable Fund (Vincent P. & Veronica Anderson)
Arthur & Carole Finley
Fisher Tank Company
Catherine Galvin

Giant Food Stores (West Chester)
Eileen Gilligen
Lucy Giancristoforo
Judy Gould
Nancy Gray
Madeline Gudelunas
Robert & Maura Gustafson
Leon & Patricia Harenza
Heart of Mary Convent
Ron & Cheryl Hodgins
Allan & Marilyn Holmstrom
Lorraine Iacone
George & Peggy Kau
Debbie Kelly
Barbara Keosayian
Teddy Kestner
Kimberly Clark Corporation (Chester)
Andrew Kiszka
Jack & Connie Kopko
Jennifer Krout
Ramon and Mary Lou Laboy
Cathy Larkin
David & Marilyn Lemmerman
Vincent F. & Felicia Lindsley
Marjorie R. Lucci
Tom Lyons
Francis & Mary Mallee
James McCabe
Margaret McIntyre
Chuck & Natalina McLaughlin
Martindale's Natural Market
Joan McLaughlin
MaryEllen McTeague
Bob Mitchell
Bill & Terry Moller
Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School
Angela Mulranen
Robert & Rosemarie Naef
Needlework Guild of America (NGA Hatboro)
Carolyn Nelson
Newcomers & Neighbors
Bruno Niski
Josephine Novak
William J. & Maureen Olphert
On A Roll Restaurant
Jim & Bette Ortoleva
Our Lady of Angels Convent
Our Lady of Charity Parish
Our Lady of Charity PREP Program
Polish American Heritage Club
Stephen D. Pollard
Norbert J. & Carmella Poloncarz
John Powell
Geraldine Randall
Renzi's Catering
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Joseph & Loretta Romo
Sacred Heart Parish (Havertown)
Jay & Ana Sanders
Madlyn Santivasi
Candy Schreiber
Carol Seeley
Adam & Janis Sendek
Cathy Shuda
Sister Betty Kane
Sister Jean Anthony Rodgers
Sister Maria J. Riedel
Sister Marilisa Helena da Silva
Sister Marinetta Harenza
Sister Patricia Lynn Farrell
Sister Roberta Ann Leskey
Sister Ruth Ann Rogozinski
Tom & Terry Smedile
Soccer Hall of Fame
Sons of Ben
St. Anastasia Parish
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
St. James Alumni Association
St. James Regional Catholic School
St. John Chrysostom PREP
St. John's Knights of Columbus
St. John Chrysostom Parish
St. John Vianney Convent
St. Joseph's Guild
St. Madeline Parish
St. Madeline PREP
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish
St. Mary Magdalene Community
St. Thomas More Convent
St. Thomas the Apostle
Warren Speakman
State Government
Veronica Stengel
Frances Rhoda Stier
Timothy & Gia Sullivan
Ricky & Patricia Swam
Swarthmore Rudledge School
Joseph D. Szczepaniak
TE Middle School
TEFAP - Government Program
The Fresh Market (Glen Mills)
The Ken Margolis Giving Fund (Vanguard Charitable Fund)
U.W. of Greater Philadelphia & South New Jersey
USI Affinity
Wells Fargo Support Campaign (Bill Moller)
West Council Telecom Pioneers
Susan J. Whartnaby
WIC (Chester)
Edwin & Mary Youtz
Richard & Alice Zaleski

2013 16th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger!

The Feinstein Foundation supports hunger fighting charitable organizations nationwide for a total of \$1 million. Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide this \$1 million proportionately according to how much each registered agency receives from its donors from March 1 through April 30, 2013. Food and monetary donations are counted. Each item or pound of food is calculated at \$1.00

**Will you consider giving your annual donation during this time period to enhance Bernardine Center's return from the Feinstein Foundation?
We would be most grateful!**



Lorraine from the Bakery Department of the Giant Food Store in West Chester, PA provides Sr. Sandra with the day-old bread and desserts. These are offered to families during food pantry distribution days. Sr. Sandra, Marylou or Mike, our volunteer, take turns doing the regular pickups. What a blessing!



Norma Testa-Walsh, RSVP Exec. Director, with Alisha Knight and Lynn Cohen, RSVP Program Coordinator, present 207 pounds of non-perishable food that was collected during their Martin Luther King, Jr. food drive; they also gifted our children with hats and gloves.



BC staff and volunteers attend a BC luncheon and in-service on Civil Rights Training, a mandatory annual program since BC receives funds for its food pantry from the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP).



Marilyn makes her lunch choices after the power-point presentation.

Bernardine Center serves all those in need regardless of age, disability, national origin, race, religion, or sex.

**Bernardine Center is grateful to the
SONS OF BEN
for its donation of \$5,300 to kick hunger**

Holiday Gifts



Michael and Kim Durante with niece Nikki Perry deliver a full Christmas meal for a family-in-need of a special holiday delight!



Marylou welcomes Joseph and Michael Slowik who deliver their annual winter hats and gloves to warm our BC children.



Mark (trainee) and Mike (volunteer) accept 89 frozen casseroles from TE Middle School for food pantry distribution. Now to transfer them to the freezers!



Marylou accepts Christmas gifts from Carolyn Nelson and Kate Morley donated by the St. Mary Magdalene Community.



Jim Buckley of Fisher Tank Company delivered gifts of coats and toys to Sr. Sandra for BC families.



Robert Ludwig and Bob Kozlowski (both far left) representing the Soccer Hall of Fame and students from Fr. Judge High School deliver more than 300 winter coats for our struggling families. Sr. Sandra and Marylou made their way into the picture too.



Marylou and Mike Reyes (volunteer 2nd from right) welcome (from left) Sean Gallagher, Pete Lucidi, Joe Oliver, and David Hajinian who deliver 100 full Christmas meals donated by Joe Brinker for our families.



St. James Alumni provide Christmas gifts for the children of our families who frequent Bernardine Center. I see lots of basketballs amidst the deluge of gifts.



Josephine, volunteer from St. Madeline Parish, sells Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate during Sr. Sandra's pre-Christmas Fair Trade fundraising sale.