

# Soup Scoop

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*The mission of the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is to feed the hungry of our community regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. We welcome all volunteers to this service who share an unconditional positive regard for every human being. We provide a safe, respectful, and inviting environment in an atmosphere of hope and dignity.*

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Daily Bread is an entirely volunteer-run organization. Founded in 2009, Daily Bread serves a hot nutritious lunch seven days a week at 116 N. First Street, Champaign. Lunches are served from 11:00 to 12:30 pm to anyone who walks through our doors.

***“There Are Any Number of Ways That a Person  
Can Make a Difference in the World.”***

Anonymous



For most of the volunteers at Daily Bread, the #1 way we've chosen to make a difference in our world is through helping the hungry of our CU community. There is also any number of ways to tell the Daily Bread story. Here's the story of Daily Bread in numbers.

**1 in 7.** Many people don't realize how big a problem hunger is in our community. According to Eastern Illinois Foodbank, **one in seven** individuals in our community suffers from food insecurity or hunger. This figure is worse for children. One in five children suffer from hunger. The percentage of families living at or below the poverty rate in CU is 19% (not including students), higher even than the percentage in Cook County. Hunger may not be visible, but it's very real here in Champaign-Urbana. We see the hungry of Champaign-Urbana every day.

**200+.** At Daily Bread we serve a hot nutritious meal to over **two hundred** guests every day. Our hot meals include much more than soup, although we are justly famous for our soups! Guests enjoy a hearty entrée, a starch, fresh veggies, tossed salad, fresh fruit, bread, a variety of desserts, and always a tasty bowl of homemade soup. Guests may come into Daily Bread hungry, but they always go away well fed.



**300+.** Because a full belly at noon doesn't mean that stomachs don't rumble at night, we send our guests home with a sack lunch for an evening meal. Around **three hundred** sack lunches are given out daily.

**172,834.** If you add up all those meals and sack lunches, you get the figure **172,834**, which is the actual number of meals that we served to our guests in 2019.

**\$100.00 a Day.** What's pretty amazing is that we are able to serve all those meals for

only a food cost of **\$100/day!** Every **one-hundred-dollar** donation feeds over 200 guests—and provides each guest with a sack lunch to take home for dinner. We are able to be so cost effective due to some very creative and talented cooks, a very generous community that donates lots of food, and the Eastern Illinois Foodbank where we shop daily.

**0.** One of the things that makes Daily Bread unique among non-profits is that we have **ZERO** paid staff. Volunteers keep our books, pay our bills, run our fundraisers, shop for food, pick up donations, write our newsletter, organize our schedules, wash the dishes, and cook and serve delicious meals.

**240+.** Obviously, it takes a lot of volunteers to prepare and serve 172,834 meals a year! We operate on a daily crew system at Daily Bread, with each volunteer working on his or her specific day. Each day has its own cooks, soup makers, dishwashers, etc. Volunteers come and go (although we have many, many volunteers who have been serving our guests for years!), but we have well over **240** volunteers at any given time. Our volunteers are men and women, white, black, brown, Jewish, Catholic, Buddhist, agnostic, Republican, Democrats, all committed to our mission to feed the hungry.

**60+.** The average age of our volunteers tends to be over **60**, due primarily to who is available to volunteer during the week. The average age skews younger on the weekends when more students are available. We are always happy to have new volunteers, especially young ones.

**0.** Another thing that makes Daily Bread unique among many non-profits is that we receive **ZERO** dollars from federal or state funding. We are entirely funded by individual donations, by local fundraisers, and a few local grants.

**162,138,174.** Daily Bread's main mission is to feed the hungry, but we've also created an assistance committee that provides help to the guests that we serve. That help is primarily focused on three areas of need, bus passes, state ID's, and driver's licenses. Last year we provided yearly bus passes to **162** guests. Last year we helped **138** guests get state ID's and **174** guests get birth certificates, vital forms of identification for employment or government assistance.

**2,939.** This newsletter is being sent to **2,939** individuals, families, businesses, groups, etc, who support Daily Bread through donations, as volunteers, through prayers, in many different ways. It's your support that allows us to fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry of our community. We could not do what we do without community support. We are very grateful!

## *Numbers, Numbers, and More Numbers...*

### **900 Backpacks**

Christmas came early to Daily Bread this year. Once again, for the eleventh year, we asked for donations of filled backpacks to give as Christmas gifts to our guests and the community responded in an amazing way. Over **900** backpacks were donated. We literally filled two rooms to the ceiling with backpacks! Our giveaway day dawned bright and pleasant (for a Champaign December!). Our volunteers and guests were all cheery. Even Santa got into the act and handed out coffee and cookies for guests waiting in line. And we handed out over 800 backpacks to very appreciative guests in just over two hours. The remaining backpacks found homes in the following weeks. We've always known that the backpacks mean a lot to our guests, but one guest brought that home in a special way. Asked if she had checked out what was in her pack, she told a volunteer, "No, I'm saving it to open on Christmas."

The list below is a rough representation of all those wonderful generous people and groups who dropped off backpacks. Many others didn't want to leave a name or were missed in the confusion or had handwriting that was illegible to our tired eyes! But, on behalf of the Daily Bread community, volunteers and guests, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this a special Christmas!



Champaign Rotary, Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, Chapel of St John the Divine, Carle Lab, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Mahomet, Illinois Administrative Professionals, The Vineyard Church, Murray-Wise, Illinois International at U of I, Kim Moore and Carle Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Diane Garland, John Mies, Patti McKinney, Urbana American Legion Auxillary Unit 71, Bill and Anita Million, Bobbi McCall, Catholic Daughters of Americas, Saturday Morning Book Group, Mike and Joyce Day, Carle Sports Medicine, Beth Erwin at St Pat's Tolono, Karen and Kenny Wood, Sarah Circle at First United Methodist Church Champaign, Sonja Vickers at Ogden United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, Crossroads Corner Consignment, Clare Haussermann, Jean Curry, Cindy Redder at OSF OB Department, Norma Mutch, Jackie Christensen, Herb and Virginia White and family, Greenville High School Friends Class of 1971/72, Illinois International at University of Illinois, Sharon Conry, Carol Young, Kathy Dywer, Sally Zahas, Becky Reinhart, Murray-Wise Associates, Wenda Spears, Joan and Tony Peressini, University of Illinois Housing Staff, Karolee Harr, Gina Arnold, Jane Cook, Mike Haile, Marci Adelston, Cafer and Robert Schafer, Scott Ohl, Diane Clark, Fred Stavins and City of Champaign Legal Department, Helen Kaufmann, Joan Reeves, Judy Vasey, Eilene Walters, Deb Newel's Book Club, Beneta Schweighart, Urbana Champaign Friends Meeting, Bernie Zehr, CU Elks Club, Mark and Linda Johnson, Mary and Dave Kuetemeyer, Amy Kuetemeyer at Mother's Center of Champaign County, Lisa Braden, Marilyn Ryan, Clark and Cindy Breeze, Deb and Bob Foertsch, Ray and Ruth Landry, Carl and Kelly Busch, Pam Santic, Kathleen Smith, Colin, Lumin, Zohreh Sullivan, FE Moran Security Solutions, Adell Renzaglia Jim Dubnick, Pat and Gerry Guthrie, Chuck and Cheryl Milewski, Liz Lindemann, Human Kinetics, Bill and Rose Goodman, Susan Grueza, Illinois American Water, Urbana Adult Education, Britny Nivison, Alysha Ligggett, Ashton Sides, Peggy Beck, Mary Eppich, Pam Sheppard, Lynda Daniel, Barbara Bonacorsi, Kathryn Scott, Marsh Crane, Donna Vogelsand, Lou Ann Koebel, Susan Hinesly, Robbie Black, Joe and Phyllis Williams, Truman Langley, Liz and Monte Miles, Linda Drebe, Betty Segal, Connie Mcedo and Parkland Bookstore, Patricia Murdoch, Phil and Joyce Johnson, Academy High, Abby Ping, Vincent Kistner, John Coppess and Suzanne Warner, Rebekah Bambenek and the Catholic Home School Group, Joleen Drew, Lesley Deem, J Leman, Mary Knight, Christie Clinic Internal Medicine Dept., Austin and Sarah Ducey, Cindy Fraser, Hally and Jack Jordan, Darlene Taylor, Joan Zernich, Mahomet Christian Church, Kim Curtis, Paula Lluesse, Gerry and Teresa DeWitt, Carolline Phelps, New Life Church, Jay and Jodi Ehlman, Rose Mabry, Margaret Noonan, Judy Nowak, Mary Kay Pleck, Glenda Henderson, Kathy Rhodes, Sharon Bryan, Linda Sloat, Nancy Hatch, Susan Marshall, Karen Pickard, Ruthann Evans, Linda Ross, Mary Jane Kelly, Judy Sehy, Kathy Hansen, Helen Grandone, Leslie Neitzel, Darci Edmonson, Jane Tock, Cheryl Nimz, Mars Gentry, Joan Sensenbrenner, Elizabeth Dickerson, Nancy Gwinn, Bonnie Ziegler, Sarah Graham, Bonnie Ziegler, Mary Clegg, Connie Bryan, Susan Krickl, Barbara Kucera, JoAnne Broadbent, Julia Ulen, Pat Staagl, Donna Wagner, Gina Stocking, Martha Moore, Kathy Thorson, Cheree Flannigan, Cheryl Hahn, Jenny Meyer, Jen Yu, Brad Diel, Peggy Beck, JH Findorff, Margie Delheimer, Joe Casserly, Joe and Pam Rank, Joyce Conley, Karl and Jeanine Black, Cindy and Rod Clark, Denny and Bonnie William, Sandy and Joe Finnerty, Jane Oldham, Charlene Payette, Lynn Jones, Frances Drove-Silvers, Jeannine and John Wheeler, Carole Williamson, Diane Wilhelm, Bev Herzog, Vicky Kesler, Mary Bradyu, Carolyn Mullaly, Diana Harman, Theresa Hazlewood, Marilyn Silkwood, Rajni Govindjee, etc., etc.,....

## And More Numbers...

### 1000 Socks



Many of you may have heard the advertisements on the radio about Bombas Socks. When the Bombas Company started several years ago, they promised to donate one pair of socks to the needy for every pair of socks they sold. They've since donated over 30 million pairs of socks to over 2,500 organizations like



Daily Bread. So what did we do with our shipment of **1000** pairs of socks? Well, we stuffed extra socks into backpacks that looked like they could use a bit extra. And we set some socks aside for Valentine's Day! Fifth graders at St Matthew School took on the happy task of tying two pairs of socks with red or pink yarn, and our Friday crew gave every guest on Valentine's Day a special gift of Bombas Socks.



### 600 Kisses

Bombas Socks weren't the only surprise the Friday crew had in store for their guests. All the volunteers dressed in red shirts or aprons. They decorated the dining room tables, and they put out a big basket filled with **600** Hersey Kisses for guests. Happy Valentine's Day, indeed!

### 2 Desserts

Guests got another treat on Fat Tuesday when they arrived at lunch to find the Tuesday Crew wearing green and purple, sporting Mardi Gras beads, and offering every guest, not one, but **2** desserts.



## 180 Homemade Buttermilk Biscuits (and 100 Servings of Cinnamon Chocolate Chip Coffeecake)

Many of our guests spend their days or nights at CU at Home, so we were happy to provide a hot breakfast to many of you and other hearty souls who spent the night sleeping in a box for CU at Home's One Winter Night fundraiser. 120 chilly guests enjoyed coffee, egg casseroles, cinnamon chip coffee cake, fruit, and **180** of Yvette's homemade buttermilk biscuits. (Yvette tells me that her biscuits aren't really homemade because she starts with Bisquick, but they sure tasted homemade to our guests.)



## 2 Full Carts

We appreciate all the donations that arrive at our back door. We would like to thank 9-year-old Charlotte for holding her own food drive for Daily Bread and coming by on Saturday morning with **2** full carts of donations!



## \$500

Thanks to CU Sunrise Rotary for donating the proceeds from their annual fruit sale to Daily Bread. Their **\$500** check will provide five days worth of food at the soup kitchen and over 1000 meals!

## Lots and Lots of Oranges

Central High School Band sold oranges as a fundraiser and offered people the option of buying a case for DBSK. We added oranges to the sack lunches we handed out on Backpack Day and still had extra oranges to give out at our daily lunches. Fresh fruit is not readily available to guests with limited incomes so the **Lots and Lots** of oranges were very much appreciated—and enjoyed!



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## Join Us at a Great Event!!

### 11th Annual Empty Bowls Benefit for Daily Bread

Silvercreek Restaurant  
402 North Race, Urbana  
Wednesday, April 15, 3:30-6pm

\$25 Adults/\$10 children,  
Includes a handcrafted bowl  
with gourmet soup and bread.

Tickets available at the door



Cash donations always gratefully accepted at:  
Daily Bread Soup Kitchen,  
P.O. Box 648 Champaign, IL 61824-0648  
or [dailybreadsoupkitchen.com](http://dailybreadsoupkitchen.com)