

WELCOME SPRING!

The St. Susan Center

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

- **7th Annual Basket Fair March 27, 2010**

Chautauqua Suites & Expo Center, Mayville, NY

- **BPU Cents for St. Susan starts April 7, 2010**

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Twenty Six Years of Service

On February 1, 2010, the St. Susan Center celebrated 26 years of serving the Jamestown area. The first meal served in 1984 was grilled cheese and tomato soup. A total of four meals were served that first week! We have grown significantly over the years, now serving up to 300 meals per day, more than 80,000 in 2009. But the fact still remains. There are men, women and children in our community who do not have enough to eat. Most people who visit the center are unable to provide sufficient food for themselves, for one reason

St. Susan Center Mission, "In response to the gospel we provide food, fellowship, dignity and respect to all who come through our doors."

or another. The one thing our guests can count on is receiving a healthy, well balanced meal and a snack at the St. Susan Center. Every meal served provides fruit, dairy, vegetable, protein and starch with juice, milk, coffee or tea to drink and a healthy snack to go. Our guests are wel-

come to visit us once a day. St. Susan Center serves meals Monday - Friday from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, with special hours for holidays. We are open seven days a week, 361 days a year, except for: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

As our mission statement says, we provide food, fellowship, dignity, and respect for all our guests. We do not require identification or proof of income and welcome all to our table at the Center.

A Community Effort

The generosity of the whole Jamestown community keeps the St. Susan Center open daily. Financial support comes from many sources: people, clubs, schools/colleges, social/service clubs, churches, community agencies, workplaces, bequests, grants, foundations, food drives, and fundraising. Donations from area farmers, bakers, grocers, restaurants, and businesses help feed our

guests. The Center is run by a Board, a full time director, six part time employees and many volunteers who worked more than 17,000 hours last year, from once a month to several days per week.

The Center supports the Community Service Program through the courts and schools and the Welfare to Work Program in Chautauqua County by providing job placements.

WELCOME

The Board welcomes Sue Colwell, the new Executive Director of the St. Susan Center, Colleen McNallie, the new Volunteer Coordinator, and Sharon Young, Kitchen Assistant.

Fond memories are like a sunny day.



In Memory of

The St. Susan Center gratefully receives donations in memory of loved ones and friends. Each person lives on in the donor's memories while the gift provides a living memorial in the form of service to the guests of the Center.

In January, the St. Susan Center lost two longtime volunteers, Mary Ann Pappalardo and Tim Bascom. Mary Ann was a Board member and kitchen volunteer. Tim, in spite of his young age, volun-

teered in the kitchen for many years.

The following memorials were made from September 2009 through February 2010.

- Joseph Baker
- Tim Bascom
- Carmen Bellitto
- Norma Broadhead
- George Campbell
- Joseph Caruso
- Salvatore J. Grassi
- Joseph C. Lombardo
- Ernie Miller
- Edith Musella
- Mary Ann Pappalardo
- Pearl Peppy
- Joseph Polaski
- Rose Sadowski
- Bonnie Stafford
- David Strickland
- Frank V. Vella
- Abby Warner
- Robert Werner



Thank you, Charlie Heggarty and Darryl Hinsdale for all you do!

“People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” (John Maxwell)

In Honor of

The St. Susan Center also receives donations in celebration of happy events, including in lieu gifts for birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, Christmas gifts, and gifts honoring friends, family members, and outstanding services to family members. These gifts are also for the time period, September 2009 through February 2010.

- Arnone, Costanzo, Campagna Families
- Coralyn Boehler
- Buck & Foster Families
- Capizzi Family
- Steve & Diane Carlson
- Chautauqua Adult Daycare
- Frank & Mary Farrell
- Deborah First
- Don & Cheryl Haglund
- William Knight
- Thomas Neelan
- Connie Nemes
- Richard & Donna Pacitti
- Present Center
- Brett and Nancy Sheldon
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Sischo
- Bruce Thompson
- Donald Whittington

Real People Making a Real Difference

Recently, a couple came to St. Susan Center to eat lunch. After two weeks, they finally had enough courage to ask for help. “John and Mary” had been living in their car with two dogs and a few

personal belongings. To make matters worse John lost his job and the car was impounded. Finally at the end of their rope, “John” came to us for help. A caring women took the dogs and Community Helping Hands (a ministry in the Gateway Center) was able to help them find a place to stay short term until “John”

was able to find a new job and a place for he and his wife to live. “John and Mary” came to us in hopelessness and desperation. Through the efforts of caring people in our community, they moved on to a more stable life.

Living to Your Full Potential



At the age of seventeen, a young woman made decisions that would change her life forever. Her greatest regret for many years would be dropping out of high school. That failure

left a tattoo upon her mind that echoed “*you are a failure*”. The fear of failure is what keeps many men and women from living up to their

full potential.

Our lives should not be measured by our successes but by our willingness to try.

Eventually this woman conquered her fears and gained victory through the love and

support of a friend who saw her potential and encouraged her to face her fears. The young woman began to listen to new voices that encouraged her on her journey. It was a voice of success that echoed , “*you are a winner*”!

The words we speak can have a great impact on others. If we are willing to take time to listen to positive comments from others, we might learn to be a voice of encouragement to someone that desperately needs it.

SAVE A STAMP!

Visit us at www.stsusan.org to download the newsletter. Let us know by e-mail that you have the newsletter and will continue to download info from the website.

“Jamestown is compassionate, understanding, loving and gentle.”

Mike Tornabene

The Desire to Serve

Many years ago, several priests in the Jamestown area felt called by God to provide meals for those in need. As they met weekly with other clergy for fellowship, the desire to open a soup kitchen grew in their hearts. St. James School became available for use but something very important was lacking, financing for the project.

In the early 1980’s, two young women came to Chautauqua County on a ski trip and tragically,

were in a car accident. The girls’ parents headed to Jamestown from Long Island. Many people in the community helped the family through what was a very long stay in Jamestown. Eventually, Mike and Anne Tornabene were able to take their daughters home but sadly, Susan’s injuries caused her death.

Mr. Tornabene heard about the need for a soup kitchen and in honor of his daughter, Susan, provided a generous endowment to begin the St. Susan Center, saying “Jamestown is compas-

sionate, understanding, loving and gentle.” He asks that we remember the way the denominations worked together to form St Susan Center, especially Msgr. Attea, Fr. Rafael, Rev. Fenn, Rev. Steck, Rev. Coons, Rev. Croglio, Rev. TenEyck, Rev. Tuyn, and the other clergy in our community and the Center remains open to all. The family will never forget the love, concern, and support of Jamestown residents during their stay here, as we will continue to honor Susan Tornabene’s memory at the St. Susan Center.

Operation Rain Gear

A number of our guests walk to the St. Susan Center for their meals. In rain, and even snow, they often arrive soaked, chilled, and uncomfortable. An umbrella, rain coat, or poncho would help to keep everybody, men, women, and children, dry. New donations will be gratefully accepted at the Center.

Wish List

St. Susan Center always has a need for the following:

- **Fresh fruit and vegetables**
- **Milk, yogurt and cheese**
- **Juices of all kinds.**

Highlight on Volunteers

- Ginny Lind has been volunteering at St. Susan Center for 26 years!
- Nancy Stein’s passion and love for our guests is contagious.



Ginny Lind, left, and Nancy Stein, right.

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Spring Ahead

St. Susan Center
7th Annual Basket Fair
Saturday March 27th, 2010
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Chautauqua Suites In Mayville

Lunch Tickets

Adults \$7.00

Children \$5:00

Fun for kids

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