

SL ONLY SERVING LOVE

From our Executive Director Lessons...

You have made it possible

for us to feed the children and adults who live in the Nickelsville encampment. Named after Seattle's former mayor, OSL serves life-saving meals each day to the residents of this "Tent City"

As I enter the 57th year of my life, the thing that I have learned with a certainty is that every time I am certain, I am usually mistaken.

I do not know the best direction for my willful 89 year old mother, nor how to impart words of learned wisdom for my three children, and most of the time, I am unable to determine my own life purpose. I think maybe the closer we come to the moment of our own mortality, the more we question the whys, the purpose, and the mystery. Why am I here? Am I doing what I am supposed to do? Does any of it matter?

During a recent trip to New Mexico, I was able to witness the whole state being invaded by Miller moths, a brown moth the size of a large bumble bee. Literally millions of moths swarmed throughout the entire state. They are harmless creatures that feed on the nectar of flowers, and during the day their wings noisily clack and clatter in a wild cacophony like locusts, in the Ponderosa and Pinion Pines and the Juniper Cedars. At night, they are drawn to the window glass, which becomes black with the perpetual motion and movement of thousands of moths, all clambering for a little piece of the light. It is awesome and disturbing, all at the same time.

For 23 years, I have been allowed to submerge myself in the lives of thousands of individuals, many of them reaching with their faces pressed against the glass, struggling to move into the

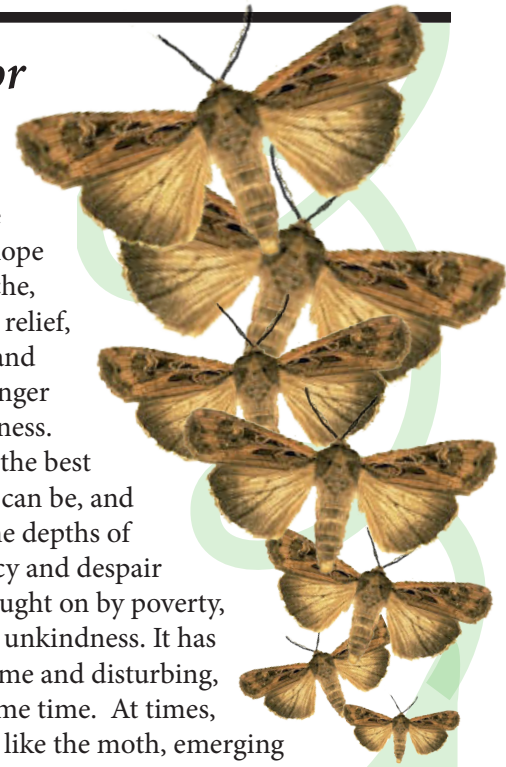
light. I have witnessed hope and heartache, hunger and relief, generosity and hoarding, anger and forgiveness.

I have seen the best that people can be, and glimpsed the depths of despondency and despair that are brought on by poverty, apathy, and unkindness. It has been awesome and disturbing, all at the same time. At times, I have been like the moth, emerging from an oblivious cocoon, torpid in my unawareness, and then, somehow, through some sort of grace, the gift of empathy has poured over me like light at the break of day. This extraordinary gift has been my life's classroom and it has been given by the supporters of OSL. You, who have trusted the work that we do and encouraged growth, service, and the continuation of being love in action.

OSL is an organization that has been built on the understanding that being human is not an easy assignment and that we are, for better or worse, all in it together. If we look closely and listen intently as we march stalwartly towards becoming fully *anthropos*, fully human, we will discover that we are more similar than different, that fierce joy can be found and shared even in the hardest moments, and that nourishment is necessary, not only for the body, but for the mind and spirit as well. These are the things that I *am* certain of. These are the lessons that we have learned and the love that we continue to pass on, through your generosity, gifts, and support. While we address hunger and hopelessness, each and every day, we express the value and care you have shared with us. We are your emissaries.

Thank you.

beverly graham



**Celebrating
14 years of
service to
the greater
community
through
OSL,
AC states:**

"OSL has given me the ability to really care for others while looking through someone else's eyes. We are given forgiveness, honor, and grace. We are given as many chances as it takes.

It's all about the love."

Honoring Chef AC

As a young boy, Chef AC worked as a share cropper down south. It was not an easy life, and not an easy childhood. He worked on the farm from the age of 11 to 14, raising animals, growing crops; the only thing he remembers not being grown was the Kool Aid and sugar purchased at the store by his mom. Everything else was raised and created on the farm. He learned soul food and southern cooking skills from his Mother and Aunties.

AC's father was murdered when he was a young teenager and his Mom moved the family to Washington State. He graduated high school in 1966 and worked at Boeing on the assembly line and the University of Washington as a dishwasher. As a young African American male, AC developed a passion around the African American movement and joined the Black Panthers. The leader of the Seattle division of the Black Panthers was 19 year old Aaron Dickson (Dixon marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to end housing discrimination in Seattle).

Although a great deal of positive work was done by the Black Panthers, there was also an element of anger and violence. When AC was 19 years old he was arrested and convicted of 1st degree kidnapping and 2nd degree assault. He served a sentence in Walla Walla State Prison and while serving his sentence, he graduated college and received a degree in Sociology and Psychology.

AC was not a drug user when he entered the criminal justice system, but while incarcerated became a heroin user. When he was released from jail, AC stopped using heroin and became a counselor in the Central area with high risk juvenile offenders. While working at the Talbot House, AC developed, what would be diagnosed today as Post Traumatic Syndrome, and felt the walls closing in on him at the group home he worked in. Although he was not incarcerated, mentally he felt as if he were "locked up". Struggling with these feelings became overwhelming and one night one of the kids living in the shelter, jumped and assaulted him. AC left the position to find inner healing and peace.

After AC left his position as a counselor, he sought education in another one of his passions; the culinary arts. He graduated from the SOIC Culinary Arts program and worked in several Seattle area restaurants, including fine dining establishments.



Still struggling with an off and on heroin addiction AC ended up at Common Meals (now known as FareStart). AC trained with Executive Chef, Tom French, Operations Manager of Common Meals. OSL founder, Beverly Graham and Chef Tom were responsible for the creation of the Meals Partnership Coalition (MPC), which is where AC became aware of the work of OSL. During an MPC meeting, AC commented that he would like to, someday, cook for OSL. A few years later this became a reality when AC was hired to cook Sunday hot meals for OSL. Working also as a cook for the Millionaires Club, Monday through Friday, AC was laid off after 6 years and in 1998, we were lucky enough to have AC become a full time OSL employee.

As head Chef, AC is a valued and contributing leader of the OSL staff. Like a marriage, through good times and through bad, AC has persevered and grown with the organization. He is a role model to the young volunteers who flock round him in the kitchen, and an inspiration to everyone who works with him. He is kind and patient, and finds humor even while lifting an 80 pound pan of steaming food. He has said that even the challenging days are rewarding and through his employment with OSL, he has been allowed and encouraged to learn, grow, and find and contribute to his own personal excellence.

With Chef AC, it is all about the Love! 🌸

Living Life Larger

Concert To Benefit OSL, Sept 8th, 2012

Buy tickets online at www.livinglifelarger.org

For the third straight year *Living Life Larger for Others* is hosting a benefit concert/fundraiser called *Music, Life and Tails III*. The two beneficiaries will be OSL and PAWS. The event will take place on Saturday, 9/8/2012, at the Hunter Tree Farms property~ 7744 35th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115, in the heart of Wedgwood. There will be three great bands, a live and silent auction, a beer garden and OSL will supply all the scrumptious food for the day. Seattle Mini Cooper is the major sponsor and the theme for the event will take us all back to the 1960's.

So put a flower in your hair and enjoy a day of "letting the sunshine in" while supporting two outstanding organizations.



www.livinglifelarger.org



OSL Breakfast

Sponsored by *ATS Automation, Evergreen Orthopedic Surgeons and McKinstry*, the OSL Breakfast was a huge success!

The program was short, sweet and touching. More than 150 supporters attended including our friends from the Seattle Human Services Department, Director Dannette Smith and Fe Arreola, and from the media, Seattle Times Columnist, Nicole Brodeu. The entire twenty-one person OSL staff was present as well as the OSL board of directors.

The event began with a moving audio presentation created by Marty Reimer from interviews with OSL staff. The breakfast was expertly prepared by the OSL Chef staff and was served family style by student volunteers from O'Dea High School and the UW. A stroll through the past 23 years was shown in a slideshow and music presentation, created by Ken Wright, and the keynote speech began with a poignant song by OSL founder and Director, Beverly Graham. The talk was brief, compelling, passionate, and humorous. A moving video by Jesse Michener (www.jessemichener.com) that showcases our work and the people we serve was created for and debuted at the event (*view the video on our website www.opsacklunch.org*). OSL Chef AC was honored for 14 years of service to our organization and to Seattle's hungry and un-housed citizens. AC's warm and authentic speech expressed how much OSL has given him, and changed and guided his life. OSL Board Chair, Brian Allen, CEO of ATS Automation, delivered a persuasive "ask" which encouraged attendees to contribute more than \$30,000. These funds will be used to meet the increasing need for our services in an economy that continues to struggle. Linens, plates, and utensil were donated by the Washington State Convention Center, the coffee was donated by Herkimer Coffee, and printing was donated by Boomerang Korner.

OSL believes in promoting the non-competitive team concept. This event was a success because we had such a dedicated team; the fabulous attendees, the devoted OSL staff, volunteers, and board. You can see more pictures of the event on the OSL Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OSLfeeds). We look forward to seeing you in 2013 and hope you will become a part of the OSL team!!! 🐾

Expanding Needs, Expanding Services

During our 23 years of service, OSL has created strong relationships with human service providers throughout Washington, both for-profit and non-profit organizations; food vendors with surplus, city officials and corporate donors.

When Catholic Housing Services approached OSL and asked if we could meet the nutritional needs for the residents living in three of their facilities; The Westlake, The Wintonia and the Frederick Ozanam House, our answer was yes! On March 1st, OSL began serving 3 meals each day to the residents living at these permanent shelter residences. This is an additional 12,000 meals each month. We now serve approximately 30,000 meals monthly with all of our programs. Adjusting to the additional work load, hiring and training employees, and completely overhauling the three kitchens was an enormous task. We have now settled into the new flow. Drivers for our *Food in Motion* program, Ed and Elmer, pick up more than 12,000 lbs of rescued and donated food each month, delivering it to our four kitchens and the waiting OSL chefs. We are

thankful to CHS for this opportunity and the partnership it has created.

Although it is said that the economy is turning around, the truth is that there is an increased need for the services we provide. Hunger in America is a growing reality and one out of every six Americans goes to bed hungry. The average American still struggles to make ends meet, and OSL individual donations are lower than ever before. Many nonprofits serving basic needs have closed their doors due to lack of funding, yet those who depend on human services do not simply disappear, and the burden on remaining organizations has amplified.

Organizationally, OSL is intricately woven into the fiber of the emergency food safety net of Washington. We are committed to our own longevity and to continue to seek avenues that will allow us to remain solvent and sustainable. Thank you for your support. 🐾

OSL Wish List

- Milk
- 100% juice (individual & large bottles)
- Napkins
- Paper Cups
- Forks/ Knives/ Spoons
- Foil wrap
- Film wrap
- Hair Nets
- #8 lunch bags
- Paper Plates (heavy duty)

We'd love to hear from you!

Contact OSL:

206.922.2015

info@opsacklunch.org
opsacklunch.org

PO Box 4128
Seattle, WA
98194

Interested in helping us serve & prepare?

All locations are in Downtown Seattle

Compass Center

210 Alaskan Way S
All ages, great for groups or individuals!

SHIFT 1: Up to 30
9am - 3pm

SHIFT 2: Up to 15
2-6:30 pm
M, Ths Shifts 1 & 2
T, W, F Shift 1 only
Weekends Shift 2

St. Martin's

2008 Westlake Ave.
18+ only, up to 5

Mon-Sat

Breakfast ~ 6-10am
Lunch ~ 10am-2pm
Dinner ~ 2-6pm

Sunday

Brunch 9:30am-2pm
Dinner ~ 2-6pm

Frederick

Ozanam House

801 9th Ave
18+ only, up to 5

Mon-Sat

Breakfast ~ 6-10am
Lunch ~ 10am-2pm
Dinner ~ 2-6pm

Sunday

Brunch 9:30am-2pm
Dinner ~ 2-6pm

The Wintonia

1431 Minor Ave
21+ only, 1-2 people

Mon-Sat

Brunch 10am-2pm
Dinner 2-6pm

Sunday

Dinner ~ 2-6pm

Contact volunteer@opsacklunch.org
for specific dates

Board involvement~
beverly@opsacklunch.org

Other talents, gifts
kim@opsacklunch.org

or call
206.922.2015

Kudos to the volunteers . . .



New opportunities increase our volunteer turnout ~ we could not do it without you.

OSL volunteers mean more to us than just smiling faces that help with our duties for the day; they are dedicated team members that share their time and talent making much of our work more manageable. In 2011, volunteers contributed more than 40% of the hours required for OSL to prepare and serve 200,000 meals to hungry community members. While we continue to prepare the majority of all OSL daily meals at the Compass Housing Alliance kitchen, the CCH kitchens (*see Expanding Need article*) offer a more intimate opportunity to assist in the preparation of a meal. The kitchens are smaller with fewer paid staff. The shifts include top-to-bottom meal preparation and serving, and a face to face experience with program residents who frequent the kitchens each day to obtain good tasting and healthful meals. What a great date

night, or excuse to gather with friends, while positively impacting the community in which we all live!

If preparation and serving does not speak to you, we have other ways to put your time and talents to great use. We need representatives, board members, and help procuring donations. We put on fundraising and educational events, and are always in need of in-kind donations, event volunteers, and sometimes specialized talent. What is it that *you* do best? What professional skill do you have that you would be willing to share, knowing that your talents will be directly contributing to feeding those in need?

We are grateful to ALL OSL volunteers; those who assist us once, individually or in groups, those who show up week after week, and those who offer support at events and board related tasks. We hope you will choose to experience all the wonderful community service opportunities OSL has to offer! ☘

Food In Motion ~ Partners who make it possible

A BIG THANK YOU to our 2012 food donor partners. Your generosity has made it possible for us to serve thousands of people and share thousands of pounds of food!

Chipotle ~ Northgate
Franz bakery
Daniels Broiler
Odwalla
Elliotts Oyster House
Molly's Salads

Chipotle ~ Southcenter
St Produce/Real foods
Emerald Heights
Pizza Hut
Garage Billiards
Century Link Field's Levy Restaurant

Capital Grill
Micro-Chem
Hyatt Bellevue
Olive Garden
City Catering

Our generous 2012 supporters . . .

Ackley, Alisha & Evan
Akizuki, David
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Pamela Bowles-Allen
Allen, Dean
Allen, Matthew
Anderson, Mari
Anderson, Teresa G
Angus-Snapka, Erin
Anonymous
Arreola, Fe
Aster
ATS Automation
Attonito, Natalie
Awad, Ashraf
Axley, Vincent
Bachmeier, Chalanne
Baker, Kim
Balter, Charles
Banker, Joan F.
Barr, Patricia
BEUC
Bevan, Scott

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Outreach Ministries
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Blake, Colleen
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Boal, John & Michelle
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Boeing Employees GNF
Borden, Darin
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Brazeau, Sarah
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Caskey, Kevin
Cassidy, Lois

Castleberry, Stacey &
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City of Seattle Combined
Charity Campaign
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Clarke, Sara & Matthew
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Cole, Brenda
Compass Center
Coombs, Ben
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Day, Evan & Janet
Day, Gerald & Molly
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Di Re, Cheryl
Dickinson, Elizabeth
Dillman, Julie
Doherty, John

Drinkwine, Jerrie & Al
Driven, Mercy
Dubois, Brigitte
Dunham, Sam
Easton, Karla
Ellis, Catherine/William
Engle, Timothy & Nicole
Erickson, Cristi
Evans, Mark/Susan
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Eymann, Brendan
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Ferrari, Mary & Raymond
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Gardner, Bethany
Gardner, David & Laurie
Garland, LL
Gazman, Olga
Gebert, Ned & Kristin
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Gilman, Rain

Gjording, Paul
Glerum, Jay & Sara
Goodwin, Mary & Ken
Graham, Beverly
Grimm, Debbie
Grimm, Jason & Lisa
Grimm, Krista
Growdon, Stephen
Guerrero, Patrick
Guilford, Rhonda
Guinn, L. Brent & Genevieve
Haefling, Carl &
Pamela Johnson
Hamilton, Casey
Harbaugh, Charles
Hay, Arthur
Hebert, Elizabeth
Heisey, Randal
Hendriksen, Lewis
Henigson, Laura
Henshaw, Rick
Holbrook, Nancy
Holland, George & Janelle
Honea, Eric

Honeywell International
Charity Matching
Hradec, Mary and Norm
Huestis, Shelley & Stephen
Hulteen, Jan
Huppin, Beth
Hurley, John & Donna
Hurn, Cindy
Inghram, Margaret
James, Thomas
Jensen, Don & Hilary
Goodall
Johnson, Denise
Johnson, Eva
Johnson, Mark & Sue
Jones, Deborah
Jones, Kimi
Jones, Mable M.
JP Works
Julien, Linda
Keegan, Julie
Kelly-Peterson, Emily
Kelly, Kari
Kelly, Mary

Legacy Giving ~ Planned Bequests

When I was in my 30's and 40's, Legacy Giving was the farthest thing from my mind. With three children and a plethora of animals, disposable income was not a reality for me. But now my children are grown, and my giving priorities have become more solidified. As I navigate life through these later 50's, I now understand the importance of continuing to support the things I have been passionate about in my life; music as communication, animal rights, sustainable farming, organic land stewardship, and of course ending hunger, homelessness, and hatred. I now have a developed understanding that I can assure, in some small way, the continuation of those things that have driven my life.

Wills, trusts, insurance and retirement beneficiary designations, are all examples of ways that you can leave a planned gift, bequest, or legacy gift, and help ensure the continuation of the work that OSL does for those who are hungry and live, often, without hope.

There are many benefits to Legacy Giving, but the main benefit of a legacy gift is knowing that your gift allows you to continue to touch the lives of those in need, whether it is done during your lifetime or as part of your estate. Gifts of cash, property, or stock may reduce estate, gift and/or current income taxes and reduce capital gains tax. Legacy Giving is easy to arrange and will not alter your current life style in any way and can be easily modified to address your changing life needs.

Although you may want to keep estate plans private, we would appreciate having the opportunity to acknowledge any gift that you share with us through bequests or Legacy Giving. However, mostly what we wish for you can be found in the words of that great philosopher Mr. Spock, we hope you "Live Long and Prosper"! 🖖

Residual Gift Language

A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid: *I give and devise to OPERATION: Sack Lunch of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).*

Specific Gift Language

Naming OSL as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy: *I give and devise to OPERATION: Sack Lunch the sum of \$____ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).*

Contingent Gift Language

OSL can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled: *If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to OPERATION: Sack Lunch the sum of \$_____ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).*

Retirement Plan Beneficiary

You may name OSL as a beneficiary of your IRA or other qualified retirement benefits. Donors should consult with their tax advisor regarding the tax benefits of such gifts.

Naming OSL as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan asset such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, Keogh or profit-sharing pension plan will accomplish a charitable goal while realizing significant tax savings. It can be costly to pass such assets on to heirs because of heavy tax consequences. By naming OPERATION: Sack Lunch as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, the donor maintains complete control over the asset while living, but at the donor's death the plan passes to support OSL free of both estate and income taxes. Making a charitable gift from your retirement plan is easy and should not cost you any attorney fees. Simply request a change-of-beneficiary form from your plan administrator.

Thanks for keeping the ovens turned on, wheels on the road, & food on the table.

Kennedy, Kathleen
Kern, Michael
Keyes, Matthew & Gregory
Kim, Mari
Kim, Sam & Jinkyong
King County
Employee Giving
Kirk, Kelli
Kiyonaga, Glen & Colleen
Kovack, Shannon
LaFond, Daniel
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Larson, Stephanie & Chris
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Levy, Sarah
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Martin, Molly
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McPartland, Peggy
McPherson, Janell
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Nedved, Jonathan
Nicolosi, Paul
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Okeefe, Vicki
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Pulsifer, Jane
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Robles, Julian or Isabel
Roche, Stephan

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Rogers, Jeff
Rogers, Robert & Patricia
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Rostock, Gary & Joyce
Rotolo, Leonard & Victoria
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Ryan, Timothy/Diane
Sadowski, Mary
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Schram, Ken & Sandi
Schroder, Shelley & Gregory
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Seattle Foundation
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Segall, Pete
Seyler, Jennifer
Shugrue, Marian

Silver, Tom
Simonson, James
Siriani, Katherine
Skubitz, Troy
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Smith, Susan T
Smullin, Shirley
Song, William & Patricia
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Whooley, P. David
Wintonia Housing
Wood, Mary & Randall
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Yazzolino, Judi
Yi, Steve
Zajchowski, Nicholas
Zillig, Emily
Zimmerman, Dolores/Tony
Zylstra, Kirk & Mariann

Thank you!!

Come behind the scenes

Friend us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or circle us on G+ to get up close and personal with our work



OMS Facts

2011 Meals served at the OMS: 156,129

Value of these meals: \$647,935.35 per year

City of Seattle intends to close this site

Social Media – “The Cloud” is a game changer for NPOs

Social media has made the world a smaller place; for good or bad, email, Facebook, Twitter and Google+ have changed the way that the nonprofit world reaches its constituents. Social media is a very low cost way for nonprofits to share information on volunteer opportunities, immediate funding needs, or other social issues. Within hours of our meeting with the City of Seattle, our very public moment with the Outdoor Meal Site (*below*) was publicized all over the internet, picked up by websites based from San Fran to Massachusetts, as well as viewed nationwide on MSNBC. Though OSL had no control over what was being said on other sites, our Facebook and website was kept up to date with accurate information. The response of the public was immediately heard at City Hall through emails, letters, blog postings and other internet based media.

OSL has exercised the use of social network in many positive ways this year. With the service increase of three new kitchens (*see Expanding Need article, page 3*) and the concern over the Outdoor Meals Site controversy, 2012 started out a bit rocky for OSL. Staff time usually devoted to grant writing and other fundraising activities, was spent in City Hall, and our funds

from the generous Holiday giving season were used to purchase new equipment to outfit the new kitchens. Our general operation income was dwindling, and so in March of 2012, OSL initiated “Calling All Angels”, our first social-media-only campaign. The need was immediate and real, and the response from you, our amazing supporters, was heartwarming. Through sharing and reposting, the word spread and exposed many new people to the work that OSL does in and for the greater community. In the 31 days of March, over \$30,000 was raised through this low overhead campaign.

We invite you to find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OSLfeeds. You will get an inside glimpse of the work that the OSL team does every day. Call it “behind the scenes” in a public forum; we post pictures of the wholesome and healthful food we prepare every day and serve to the hungry, feature volunteer and staff stories, and put out calls for last minute opportunities. We hope you will find some time to have your own OSL community service experience, attend an event, or simply visit our kitchens. If we are not able to connect in person, we hope to see you in the Cloud! ☁

Outdoor Meals Site

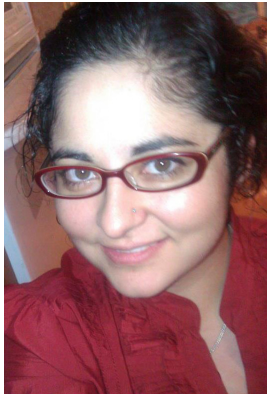
In January of 2012, the City of Seattle made a unilateral and ill-advised decision to close down the Outdoor Meals Site (OMS) managed by OSL, with no transitional plan for the outdoor meal service. 40% of the meals that OSL served in 2011 were served to our guests at the OMS. A total of 156,129 meals were served at the OMS last year. People who are unable to access nutritional meals in any other way count on the OMS to obtain a hot meal, a warm smile, a hug, and a bit of dignity. At first, we were told that the site was going to be closed because it was undignified and disrespectful to serve hungry people in an outdoor setting. After a great deal of public outcry and support, the City agreed to postpone the closure decision and to participate in a 6 month task force made up of a diverse group of community members. The task force has now met for the past four months and has, in many ways, recommended that the OMS remain open. These conversations fall on ears that have a predetermined outcome and political agenda. Although there have been several ideas

about meeting hunger needs for the population being served at the OMS, they are not immediate solutions. If the OMS were to close there would be several negative repercussions. The guests served at the site will lose a nutritional resource and many will go hungry. If the site closes, providers will once again serve in the parks or on the streets. There will be no quality control on the food, which makes the potential for food borne illness/food poisoning a very high reality. Poverty related crimes due to hunger will probably rise, garbage in the parks will definitely increase as will the rodent populations. As manager of the OMS, OSL assures safety for the population being served, the people serving, and the surrounding community members. We have provided (on page 7) a list of email and mailing addresses for City Hall. We encourage you to send your letters and emails to Mayor Mike McGinn and to the Seattle City Council Members and tell them not to close the Outdoor Meal Site. ☁

Changing Faces

*New employee, Kimi Jones
Development Director*

Kimi has a history with OSL: part time staff in '02-04, serving on the governing & advisory boards, performing with Beverly at fundraisers, and as a business partner throughout the years. A certified tax preparer, graphic designer, and small business proprietor for the last ten years,



Kimi brings a pragmatic and business oriented slant to the OSL administration. Kimi rejoined the OSL staff in January. Welcome back, Kimi!

Giving

Please consider helping us continue the work that we do by mailing your tax deductible gift in the enclosed envelope. You can also give online at www.opsacklunch.org

Thank you!!

Contact City Hall

Tell them thousands of people rely on the Outdoor Meals site for nutritional support!

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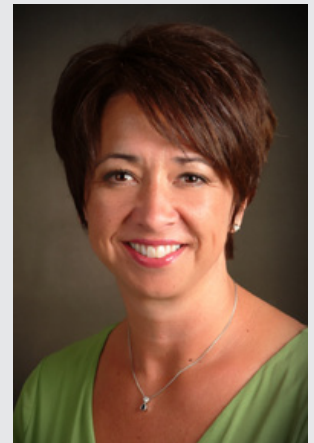
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Welcome our newest Board Member

Deborah Jones- SVP Member Gateways, LLC

I first heard about OSL in the summer of 2011 when a longtime friend and fellow board member was hosting an event and part of the proceeds was going to assist OSL. I could not attend the event, but was curious to find out more about the organization. We had lunch and he told me all about his involvement and ways with which I could volunteer. My first opportunity to volunteer was in



October, and I was fortunate to be able to work in the kitchen with Chef Paul. I was so in awe of how much they had to accomplish in a short amount of time. With very few people on hand, they fed not only the residents at the Compass Center, but many others in need throughout the city. I love to cook so I was very happy that Chef Paul gave me a recipe and let me loose. Little did I know how much work goes into preparing rice pilaf for hundreds of people! That afternoon we went up to the Outdoor Meal Site to serve lunch; it was a life changing experience. I know, as we all do, that there are un-housed and food insecure individuals throughout the Puget Sound area but this truly brought to the forefront the fact that you never know what curveball life is going to throw at you, and the stereotype I had in my mind was far from the truth. There was a long line of individuals waiting for us to setup and the appreciation and gratitude that these individuals had for the meal we were serving them was palpable. I knew I would be back; I had found an organization that I truly believed in, and I wanted to continue to be a part of.

When a board position came available, I was approached by my friend to see if I was interested, and I jumped at the chance. I was looking for a volunteer opportunity that I could contribute my time and energy to and this was it. Fortunately I came on board as they were planning the OSL Breakfast and so I was able to play a small part in helping make it the huge success it was. I am looking forward to working with the OSL staff and board to continue to get the word out in our community about this great organization.

Since September 2003, Deborah has provided services to Member Gateways, LLC, a company owned by 22 large credit unions. Member Gateways invests in and supports business initiatives that will provide new and innovative product solutions for its partner credit unions. Deborah provides research and development for new initiatives. She works with third party providers and the credit unions to tailor the products to the needs of the partner credit unions. Once an initiative is launched, Deborah helps introduce and implement the initiative in the partner credit unions. In some cases, Deborah fulfills a management role in an initiative to keep it economically viable during the formative period.

Prior to joining Member Gateways, Deborah was employed for 18 years by Boeing Employees' Credit Union and its wholly owned credit union service organization, BECU Financial Services, Inc. where she served as the Chief Operating Officer. During her tenure at BECU, Deborah had management responsibility over multiple areas including investment services, insurance services, financial counseling, financial education and third party collection services provided to other Washington State credit unions.



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At a glance

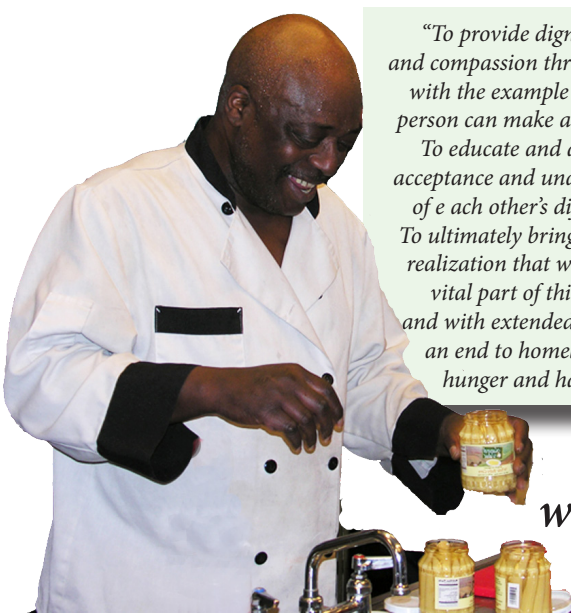
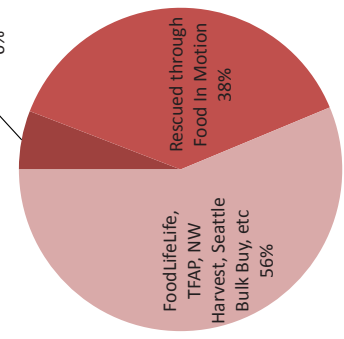
Meals Served: **199,217**
to **6603** individuals

79,578 meals at the Outdoor Meal Site
119,639 meals were served to ten other human service providers; including four shelters and transitional shelter programs, three youth programs, 1 community court program, and two day programs needing nutritional support.

The total 2011 OSL expenditures were
\$1,364,443.13
with an administrative overhead of **<8%**

AMOUNT OF FOOD:

379,153 lbs
served to the hungry and food insecure in Seattle, only 6% of which we purchased

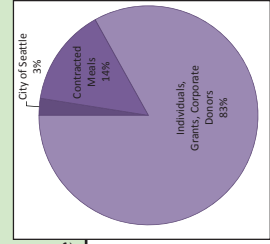


"To provide dignity, care and compassion through action with the example that each person can make a difference. To educate and advocate acceptance and understanding of each other's differences. To ultimately bring about the realization that we are all a vital part of this world and with extended effort put an end to homelessness, hunger and hatred."

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Our major funding partners included:

- The City of Seattle
- ATS Automation
- United Way, Out of the Rain
- The Johnson-Haefling Family Foundation
- The Norcliffe Foundation
- The Medina Foundation
- The Seattle Foundation
- The Marty Riemer Funny Festival
- Living Life Larger
- Bank of America
- NWCDS
- Blackrock
- Sales Force



The **Boeing Employees Community Fund** purchased OSL a new Ford Transit Connect Refrigerated Van to expand our Food In Motion program.

Our **3668** volunteers contributed **14,659** hours, almost matching our **16,028** staff hours



We could not have done it without them

The conservatively estimated value of **DONATED FOOD** from various sources is **\$690,000**

We are grateful to all our OSL donors, partners, and volunteers

You can help us shape what we do in 2012