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NUMBERS

- + **THIS YEAR SO FAR:**
POUNDS RESCUED: 897,440
- + **LAST YEAR TOTAL:**
POUNDS RESCUED: 750,722
- + **THIS MONTH:**
VOLUNTEER HOURS: >1,400

RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT:

Special Events

Most of the groups that receive food from *Waste Not Want Not* do so weekly to fill an ongoing need in our community. But we also provide food to organizations for special events. In the past few months, several recipient groups have addressed a particular community need by hosting an annual or bi-annual event, and several more events are already on the calendar.

Evangel Temple S.W. held a back-to-school backpack handout, providing school supplies to 525 students so they could get the best start possible to the school year. That afternoon, over 600 hotdogs were served in buns rescued by *Waste Not*. A few days later, at the back-to-school immunization and school physical fair hosted by **The Way Free Medical Clinic**, 1,200 hamburgers and hotdogs (cooked in Clay County's new mobile canteen) were enjoyed by the children and their families. *Waste Not* provided all the buns and thousands of cookies as well. During the three days of the Special Olympics Fall Bowling Competition, the **Clay County Women for Education** served sandwiches made on rescued bread and cookies from *Waste Not* to the participants. Members of the **Mercy Network** host a homeless Outreach several times a year at which free medical, dental, and counseling services are available. During the October Outreach, meals were served throughout the day, and clothing, haircuts, and food rescued by *Waste Not* were available free to all.

This week, *Waste Not* is proud to be a contributor once again to the **Empty Bowls** luncheon. This annual event, at which guest receive a modest meal of soup, bread and a cookie, raises money for the **Salvation Army of Clay County's** rent and utilities assistance programs. *Continued on the inside*



IN THE PHOTO:

When Deena Ernst lost 190 pounds, *Waste Not* gained them. *Weight Watchers* donated that much food in her honor, as part of its *Lose For Good* campaign.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols to benefit Waste Not Want Not.

Orange Park Presbyterian Church, December 5, 2010, 6:00 pm

The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies (IWS) and the Orange Park Presbyterian Church will co-sponsor a community-wide **Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 5, 2010. This gala event, which begins at 6:00 p.m. at the church (1905 Park Ave.), is a traditional choral worship service composed of a stirring collection of Advent hymns and carols interspersed with Scripture readings. The IWS Community Festival Choir and numerous local instrumental musicians will be directed by IWS President Dr. James Hart with assistance from Mark Scott, Director of the Florida Vocal Association, and Peter Deane, organist at the Amelia Plantation Chapel.

The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies offers the Doctor of Worship Studies and the Masters of Worship Studies degree programs, using a unique mix of distance learning and in-class instruction on its Orange Park campus.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Waste Not Want Not, a volunteer-based group, exists to prevent the discarding of items that can be used to fight hunger and poverty in our community. We do this by rescuing food daily from numerous sources for distribution to local charitable organizations, and through other cost-effective, volunteer-driven initiatives.

FINANCIAL DONORS JULY-OCTOBER: Anonymous (2) + Kathye Broome + Diane Beauchamp + BizNetJax + George & Eleanor Center + Donna Cerwonka + Jimmie Fait + Joan Fraley + Al & Siggy Giroux + Mary Holtcamp + Bill Henry + Jacksonville Jaguars: Give and Go + Mike and Jackie Johnson + Jim & Susan Kaelin + Lori Kallaher & Brock Shealy + Russ Kamradt + Bill & Annie Kirill + John Kuiken + Magnolia Point Women's Club + Ellen Manus + Janice & Tim Martin + Michael J. McKenny + Mr. & Mrs. J. Redlitz + Barbara & Dionisio Rodriguez + Starfish Motivations, LLC + St. James AME (Circle of Hope) + Thrivent Financial for Lutherans: Jacksonville First Coast Chapter + Larry & Nancy Zimmer

WHAT'S NEW

NEW WASTE NOT VIDEO: OK, the video is not exactly new. It was completed several months ago, but it was uploaded to YouTube just recently. The video is accessible through our website or by searching for "food rescue Florida" on YouTube. Now you can show your friends why you are willing to donate your time and/or money to *Waste Not*. Check it out; you'll probably learn something new about food rescue and *Waste Not*.

NEW FOOD DONORS: *Waste Not* is grateful to several businesses that have agreed to donate food to those in need rather than dispose of it. New donors since July 1 include a 14th **Publix**, **Fresh Fruit 2 Go**, a company that stocks fruit in gas station convenience stores, and **Chipotle Mexican Grill** (Mandarin). We were also delighted to receive 30 cases of Manna Packs from **America's Heart**. Each case contained 36 packs of rice and protein meals for six, a total of 6,480 meals. **Snyders**, a long-time contributor whose distribution network was re-organized this year, made their first donation of the year, providing close to 1,000 pounds of pretzels, chips, tortilla chips, and other snacks.

NEW LAWN CARE: Many people have commented on how lovely our lawn looks now that we again have a wonderful volunteer taking care of it for us on a regular basis. Thank you to Russ of **Lawns by Russ Jodoin**. If you are in need of a lawn care expert, please consider giving him your business and tell him you learned of him through *Waste Not*. 904.449.4063.

NEW \$: Theater Night: Through the generosity of the **Orange Park Community Theatre**, theater patrons, friends of *Waste Not*, and **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**, almost \$4,000 dollars was raised to support *Waste Not's* mission of rescuing food for those in need. Thrivent Financial issued a challenge for the evening: If *Waste Not* raised \$1,500 in donations, Thrivent would donate an additional \$750 in matching funds. Our generous donors enabled us to meet the challenge and receive the supplemental funds. (Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a Fortune 500 financial services membership organization that offers a broad range of financial products to its nearly 3 million members. As a not-for-profit, Thrivent Financial brings its members together for social and educational events, as well as volunteer activities that support the community. For more information, visit: www.thrivent.com).

Give & Save Charity Days: To support local charities and help them raise money, **SteinMart** gave charities, including *Waste Not*, tickets to their Give & Save Charity Days. By selling these tickets, which entitled the purchasers to \$5 off and 15% off their entire purchase, *Waste Not* raised \$240.

Christmas Greenery: Many of *Waste Not's* volunteers and friends purchased Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and tabletop trees for themselves, their family and friends. These beautiful items will be created by **Mickman Brothers** and shipped all over the country to the lucky recipients in early December. Thanks to all who participated! This fundraiser netted \$2,000.

+ FINANCIAL DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Jerry Mandel: Irene Mandel

+ FINANCIAL DONATIONS IN HONOR OF:

Joan Fraley: Prudential Foundation
Sandra L. Staudt-Killea

DONORS OF FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION - BUSINESSES: *America's Heart* + *Mike Belden (Voortman)* + *BJ's Wholesale Club* + *Bobarb Distributor* + *Chipotle Mexican Grill (San Jose Blvd.)* + *Fresh Fruit 2 Go* + *Fresh Market* + *Grassroots Natural Market II* + *Gustafson Dairy* + *Jax FoodRescue* + *Kellar Distributor* + *John King (Voortman)* + *Lewis Lifestyles Catering* + *Little Debbie* + *Lunsford Inc. dba Mission Foods and Pepperidge Farm* + *Nancee McCarthy (Voortman)* + *The Olde Farm* + *Panera (Mandarin, Orange Park)* + *Pizza Hut (Roosevelt Ave, Blanding Blvd, San Jose Blvd.)* + *Publix Super Markets (14 locations)* + *Sara Lee Corp.* + *Snyders* +

OUR KUDOS CORNER *Special thanks and our appreciation to:*

+ **America's Heart** for donating a whole pallet of bottled water to *Waste Not Want Not* for our use. Our volunteers would never have made it through this long, hot summer (and fall) without it!

+ **Daisy Troop 812** for collecting 50 Halloween costumes so that other children would be able to enjoy trick-or-treating too. Some costumes went to children residing at Quigley House (the local domestic violence shelter), and the Clay County Foster/Adoptive Parents Association was thrilled to receive the rest of them.

+ **Joan Fraley**, a member of our board of directors who has served *Waste Not* well as a both director and a volunteer driver for many years, and George Fraley, our corporate treasurer for the past year, who are moving away from the Sunshine State. We are sorry to see them go, and wish them well.

+ **Ryan Heneise** of Donor Tools for helping us spread the word about *Waste Not* by sharing his enthusiasm about us on his blog:
<http://blog.donortools.com/2010/08/31/connect-with-me-waste-not-want-not/>

+ **Magnolia Point Women's Club** for again selecting *Waste Not* to receive a charitable grant. This group raises money all year to provide scholarships and to support local non-profits. The generous donation will cover the cost of the lease and the fuel for our truck for the month of December. We use the truck to

rescue an average of 3,200 loaves of bread per trip to Sara Lee. We will make 13 trips to Sara Lee in December, so the gift will provide **41,600 loaves** to those in need over the holiday season.

+ **Joe & Betty McLaughlin** who have just retired from *Waste Not*. They have volunteered for more than 19 years, almost as long as *Waste Not* has existed! We will miss their down-to-earth attitude and their smiles.

+ **Sunset Rotary Club of Orange Park** and **Sacred Heart GCS** for inviting a *Waste Not* representative to speak about our mission.

+ **USACommunityDiscounts.com** for creating a win-win opportunity for *Waste Not*, the business community, and local consumers. USA Community Discounts is dedicated to helping the community in many ways. Customers save on many local deals; their annual membership fee gives them access to savings at local businesses. USACD gives up to 50% of each membership fee to a local non-profit selected by the member (that's us). Business owners get inexpensive advertising and grow their businesses. Everyone wins at www.USACommunityDiscounts.com.

+ The **Village Inn Restaurant** for selecting *Waste Not* as its Thanksgiving charity. They will be donating their famous pies for our recipients to enjoy over the holidays.

RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT *Continued*

Local celebrities serve the soup prepared by a restaurant and the bread and cookies provided by *Waste Not*. Guests also select a decorative ceramic bowl from the many beautiful items handmade by local students to take home.

From mid-October through the end of the year, *Waste Not* stocks the freezers of local churches, food pantries and even schools that will be delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to those in need. *Waste Not* provides these groups with a pie and a package of dinner rolls (& other items as requested if available) for each basket. In this way, we helped provide Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer to 605 local families last year. This year's basket requests are still coming in, but we are already close to that number with orders from **St. Paul's, Sacred Heart GCS, Clay High, St. Giles, Life Changing Ministries, Vision Christian, and Biltmore Elementary**. Several local organizations also serve Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to all-comers. This year, *Waste Not* will be providing food for holiday feasts to **Orange Park First Baptist Church, Wesconnett Methodist Church, the Soup Kitchens of Clay County, Prisoners of Christ, Evangel Temple S.W., St. Francis Soup Kitchen, and Search and Rescue**. It is a pleasure for *Waste Not* to be able to assist so many groups as they make life a little better for those in need in our community.

Starbucks CR 220 + *USPS Network Distribution Center*

DONORS OF FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION - CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS:

Anonymous (12) + *Daisy Troop 812* + *Deena Ernst* + *Egan/Reinhold/Meyers Family* + *Girl Scout Troop 118* + *Dr. and Mr. Glassman* + *Grace Episcopal Day School* + *Adrienne Hall* + *Institute for Worship Studies* + *Dr. Betty Klement* + *Mandarin Presbyterian Church* + *Master Gardeners of Clay County* + *Middleburg United Methodist Church* + *Dorothy Oermann* + *Society of Saint Andrew* + *St. Johns Country Day School* + *Weight Watchers*