



Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen
2019 Annual Report

22 West High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

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About Us

The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen has been a cornerstone for those in need of a nutritious meal for over 25 Years. The kitchen is open seven days a week for a midday meal regardless of bad weather or observance of holidays. Guests are welcome with no questions asked. Anyone who comes in is welcome to sit down and share the meal. The soup kitchen serves an average of 45 guests each day; including both adults and children. With its roots in the church community, the soup kitchen family of meal sponsors and volunteers has grown to include many businesses, organizations, civic groups and social clubs. Members of our community have served with pride for more than 25 years. We appreciate all of these individuals and groups who play a significant role in our continued success and we are blessed to be the beneficiary of their gifts.

Mission Statement

To provide consistently nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community.

Vision Statement

To live out the words of Christ by collaborating with churches and community groups to feed the hungry.

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Daily Meal Program

Doors at the Peace House dining room open at 11:15 AM with service beginning between 11:20 AM and 11:30 AM and ending at 12:30 PM. An average of 45-60 guests are served each day and guests are able to receive a first and second serving. Our meal is important to our guests not only for its nutritional value, but also as a means to establish social connections in a warm and welcoming environment. Since 1991, our total meals served exceeds 300,000 with 14,253 in 2019.

Voucher Program

This program helps those who regularly join us for meals and who need additional help when their food is running low. Guests who dine with us 8 times a month or more receive a \$15.00 grocery store gift voucher once a month. The voucher entitles each guest a credit towards meat, fish and dairy products at Kennie's Food Market.

****This program is provided through grants from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust.***

New House Groceries Program

This program is designed to benefit guests who have recently received new permanent housing. GCSK provides a kit with a basic set of items to welcome them to their new home. The kit includes essential food staples, basic cookware, and fundamental cleaning supplies. This program facilitates the recipient's independence in multiple ways.

A note from our Board Chair

It is hard to believe another year has gone by and I have come to the end of my terms both as the Board chair and as member of the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen. We continue to move forward, making changes and improvements that benefit the whole community. This year we were especially blessed by the generosity of the community during the Annual Giving Spree. The overwhelming donations were a wonderful testament to the work of the Soup Kitchen by the community.

I want to thank everyone who supports the Soup Kitchen with their donations of financial assistance, food and time. Without your help and presence, the Soup Kitchen could not continue to provide a midday meal to the hungry who come through our doors.

What a blessing it has been to serve on the Board with such a committed and dedicated group of people. I leave knowing that the operation of the Soup Kitchen is in talented and competent hands. Our staff is knowledgeable and caring, putting the needs of our guests as a priority. Our volunteers are the life blood of the Soup Kitchen, without people willing to cook, serve and donate food we would not be able to open our doors to the hungry.

Marie Chantelau
Board Chair

A note from Prince of Peace

Once again, it has been our great privilege and joy at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church to support the Soup Kitchen this year. Since the founding of this fine community ministry we have provided, rent-free, the facilities used daily to cook and serve the meals that make such a difference in the lives of our guests. This means that the donations raised by the Soup Kitchen are spent directly on the costs of operating core programs. Prince of Peace also provides monetary support, including proceeds from our annual Pancake Day event (join us at the Fire Hall this year on February 25th!) and many, many volunteer hours. We are deeply committed to this fine work and we congratulate all of our colleagues on a successful 28th year of service as we look forward to many more years in faithful partnership.

With gratitude to all,
Fr. Herb Sprouse

A note from our Kitchen Supervisor

Another year has come and gone, and we have so many things to be proud of and thankful for at the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen. We continue to serve an average of 45 guests each day; donations of food and supplies have been plentiful, and we are blessed with more volunteers than we can put to work at one time.

Churches, Civic Groups, Social Clubs and Individuals alike provide wonderful meals and team up daily with other staff and volunteers to provide hands on help serving and cleaning up each day. We consistently maintain a waiting list of people who graciously offer their help. We did not miss a day of serving in 2019 for weather or any other reason.

Feedback from guests has been very positive throughout the year. Many mention how good the food is and they often express their appreciation for how all guests are treated fairly and with respect and dignity. We can happily report that we have experienced no incidents throughout the year. At the Soup Kitchen, we believe good communication is the key.

Expectations are explained and when everyone is on the same page, its smooth sailing. The Soup Kitchen continues to offer everyone comradery and fellowship at a place where guests can receive a nutritious meal, as well as an opportunity for those who live alone to socialize with their peers. The Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen is a warm and inviting environment for all to share.

New practices and renovations over the past year have paid off and foster a safe and efficient work environment for our staff, volunteers and guests. From the new counter-top and cabinetry in the kitchen to the addition of multiple shelving units in our main storage area, everyone has easy access to the supplies they need. Everything is clean, organized and visible.

Additional renovations are in the works for the coming year. We look forward to the completion of the kitchen upgrades and storage area projects as well as new flooring throughout the building. In the past year multiple groups and individuals such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have taken an interest in the soup kitchen and have been donating time and materials to clean, paint, make curtains and raise funds for other projects and renovations. Many are working on special badges making these partnerships a win-win result for all of us.

If you have never been to the soup kitchen, we encourage you to stop by to see how things work and what a great service we provide to the community. We are proud of what we continue to accomplish each day.

Sandy Lutz
Kitchen Supervisor

Finance Committee Report

In 2019, the Soup Kitchen benefited from donations and contributions from the local community, from businesses, individuals, churches, foundations, grants, and memorials. In-kind donations also made it possible for the Soup Kitchen to provide nutritional meals for our guests. Cash contributions helped with our other major expenses, which included maintenance, improvements, grocery purchases, voucher-program, payroll for our employees, and the cost of daily operations for the kitchen itself.

Our 2019 total income surpassed that of the previous year. The funds we received from the Adams County Giving Spree was substantially higher than 2018. We assume this may be due to a healthy economy, but we are very cautious to keep costs as low as possible, so we are prepared for any future economic corrections. Our largest increase in cost last year was primarily due to increased wages. Moving our payroll to an outside firm increased costs slightly, but provided consistent, reliable payroll support. The Kitchen staff was reduced due to employees choosing to leave, however other employees were able to pick up the additional workload so there were no new employees added to our payroll in 2019.

The faithful work of our great volunteers makes the Soup Kitchen's presence in the Gettysburg area possible. The value of that work is beyond measure.

The Board has a few projects planned for 2020. Replacing the worn flooring, replacing some cabinets in our storage area, and replacing cabinets in the main kitchen area are our primary projects.

Our Board members are committed to making the operation of this great community service as efficient as possible.

Dan Orr
Treasurer

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints New Oxford	Trinity Christian Fellowship Biglerville
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