



FOOD *for* OTHERS

FEEDING FAMILIES, NOURISHING LIVES.

FFO CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

On September 30, 2005, Ed Demoney, founding President of Food for Others, delivered the following remarks at the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Food for Others:

Northern Virginians watched in horror as a great charity, Lazarus at the Gate, closed its operations on Friday, June 30, 1995.

Many Lazarus volunteers were perplexed and asked Fairfax County for help. Fairfax County designated a temporary administrator, Sue Everett, from the Department of Family Services to coordinate ongoing operations and provide time for the community to come together to discuss the role it would like to play in a food distribution program in the future. Services, greatly reduced, continued on Monday, July 3.

Public meetings were held July 8 and August 3 that developed a clear and convincing consensus that the feeding program should continue. The August meeting resulted in appointment of an Advisory Committee of six persons, headed by Faith McCormick, charged with reporting back to the community on Sep-

tember 14 with a new organizational structure to operate the program.

The Advisory Committee met weekly and recommended creation of a new organization called Brother's Keeper. The public endorsed the concept of a new nonprofit but not the name and named the nonprofit Food for Others.

Food for Others was incorporated October 20, 1995, commenced official operations December 11, 1995, and obtained its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status March 7, 1996.

The last six months of 1995 were definitely challenging. When Lazarus quit operating there was no food in the warehouse. When Food for Others took over operations we had food but nothing else – not even shelves for the food.

But by the end of our first fiscal year we had learned how to operate and manage Food for Others and had basically rebuilt our volunteer base, not bad for former vol-

unteers who had relied on Lazarus. The organizational abilities of Warren Hottle; legal skills of Walter Hall; site management of Kenny Klutz; office administration of Carol LeClaire; and volunteer coordination by Sue Federico and Anne Zimmer, were the keys to our early success.

We accomplished a great deal at first year but it was just the tip of the iceberg compared with today. Perhaps our greatest challenge was dealing with the community's need for food after September 11, 2001. But thanks to the thousands of volunteers who have demonstrated their concern for the needs of the less fortunate members of our community, and a staff dedicated to effective operations, Food for Others has been a roaring success.

Changes have steadily occurred these past ten years.



Founding Board of Directors members Warren Hottle (left) and Anne Suter Zimmer (3rd from left) reminisce with Lucy Hottle (2nd from left) and Ed Federico at the 10th anniversary celebration.

Funding assistance from Arlington County, membership in the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way, grants from many foundations and always the donations of churches and individuals have led to automation, new scales and a fleet of two vans and one truck. Our USDA Commodity Program is by far the largest in Northern Virginia. The past year was definitely frustrating due to funding and technology problems, but thanks to the leadership of
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS AT FOOD FOR OTHERS

In preparation for the holiday season, **Food for Others will be open on Saturday, November 5, and Saturday, November 19, from 10 am until 4 pm to accept donations.**

In order to provide Thanksgiving for our families this year

we need donations of turkeys and chickens (many families really do prefer chicken), stuffing, potatoes, items to make desserts, and other food to complete a holiday meal.

If you are interested in preparing a complete holiday basket,

please call us or visit our website at www.foodforothers.org.

We will also welcome much-needed financial contributions that will enable us at Food for Others to continue to fulfill our mission of feeding those in need in Northern Virginia all year.

SOWING SEEDS OF SERVICE



Junior Girl Scouts Niki and Meghan of Troop 3064 of Annandale gather corn at the All Stars Harvest for the Hungry.

On Saturday, October 1st, 610 Girl Scout volunteers held their second All Stars Harvest for the Hungry service event at the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland. These volunteers represented 54 Girl Scout Troops and 17 Service Units council-wide. The Scouts did a fantastic job harvesting 14,315 pounds of potatoes and tomatoes, and bringing 755 pounds of canned food to donate to feed the hungry of our area.

The All Stars Harvest began in 2003 when Girl Scout Ser-

vice Unit 60-8 in Alexandria won second place in the Redskins All Stars Community Service Contest for their participation in Harvest for the Hungry and given \$10,000 to reinvest in the community. In October 2004, over 11,000 pounds of produce was harvested at the first All Stars Harvest for the Hungry. The Girl Scout Council promotes the harvesting program through their publications and the award has allowed the USDA and FFO to establish "Girl Scout Harvest Days" during summer and fall.

The Girl Scouts have pro-

vided a steady stream of volunteers keeping fresh, nutritious produce available for those in need in our community. We want to thank all the Scouts, Leaders, and the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital for their continuing support of the harvesting program.

To learn more about how you can participate in the harvesting to make a difference in feeding the hungry in our community, please visit the FFO website (www.foodforothers.org) or e-mail Pam Koch, Director of Programs, at: pamkoch@cox.net.

Food for Others would like to thank the sponsors of the 2nd Annual Food for Others Golf Tournament:
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ALOHA GOLFERS!

Our 3rd annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2006.

Last year's tournament was such a resounding success, we need to move to a larger course! We have selected—Bull Run Golf Club in Haymarket, Virginia; one of the area's most outstanding courses.

This year our event will be Aloha themed. So mark your calendars—early registration before April 30 will be only \$125 per golfer and \$500 for a foursome. This price included green fees, golf cart, a catered lunch, dinner and beverages.

To be added to our golfer contact list, please call Liz

Reinert at 703-207-9173 or e-mail her at:

reinert@foodforothers.org.

You may also visit our updated golf website at :

www.tournamentor.com/foodforothers for more information about the tournament schedule, sponsorship opportunities and in-kind donation requests.



WEGMANS "CARE ABOUT HUNGER?"

Shoppers at the Fairfax Wegmans will have the opportunity this fall to contribute to Food for Others through the "Care About Hunger" campaign at the cash register. Running from October 30 through December 24, shoppers will be offered the opportunity to add \$1, \$3, or \$5 to their total bill as a donation to help alleviate hunger in Northern Virginia by contributing to the work of Food for Others.

Wegmans continues to be an important partner in our community through their daily food contributions as well as this new campaign. We thank Wegmans for this opportunity to raise additional resources through their efforts.

FOOD FOR OTHERS ON THE WEB

Food for Others is proud to introduce our new website at www.foodforothers.org. The site contains useful information including how to sign up for the summer harvesting program, upcoming events, a food drive planning kit as well as information about making a contribution to support the work of Food for Others.

The site was developed by Brown University sophomore Dan Kuebrich as part of the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program. Each summer, Exxon Mobil Corporation provides 60 local nonprofit agencies with grants designated to hire college interns for eight weeks.

Food for Others extends our sincerest thank you to Dan Kuebrich, the Exxon Mobil Corporation and volunteer Christie Radomsky for her work on the website content development.

We invite you to take a look:

www.foodforothers.org

HELP THE HOMELESS

There are many ways you can work to help those in need in our community by participating with Food for Others in the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless program.

- **Become a Friend of Food for Others** – Join with others in the community and become a *Friend of Food for Others* by making a donation to our group. Fannie Mae will leverage donations made to our *Friend's* group by 20% of the total raised. For information on how to join us, please call the office 703-207-9173 and

ask for Liz or Roxanne.

- **Walk on the Mall to End Homelessness** – Walk for Food for Others at the Help the Homeless Walkathon on the Mall in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 19. All of your registration fee will go to benefit Food for Others if you register using our code, **FDFOR**. For more information and to register, go to www.helpthehomelessdc.org.

- **Sponsor Student Walkers** – Food for Others sponsors several MiniWalks at

local schools. We receive 100% of the registration fees and additional incentive money for numbers of walkers. Some students cannot afford the entry fee and are unable to receive a t-shirt without paying for registration. You can sponsor seven student walkers for \$100 or one for \$15. For information about sponsorship call Food for Others at 703-207-9173.

- **Sponsor Walkers for the Walk on the Mall** – Provide the \$25 registration fee for someone unable to pay. Call Food for Others for more information at 703-207-9173.



Food for Others walkers on the Mall

JOIN FFO AT GLORY DAYS

During November and December, when you dine at, or take food out to go, Glory Days Grill will donate 10% of the price of food and non-alcoholic beverages purchased to Food for Others—excluding Fridays and Saturdays.

Glory Days Grill is an American Grill and bar with a sports theme that appeals to all age groups and interests. Their menu includes a variety of menu items including zesty BBQ ribs, juicy steaks, grilled chicken, delicious pasta, fresh grilled seafood and salads.

This offer is good at all eight Northern Virginia Glory Days

locations: Burke, Centreville, Fairfax, Gainesville, Manassas, Reston, Sterling and Woodbridge.

At the end of the meal, guests simply need to ask their server for a copy of their guest check and mail it to Food for Others. If you would like a chance to chat with Food for Others' Executive Director Roxanne Rice, or members of the Food for Others Board of Directors, please join us for a special Food for Others night on Thursday, December 1st, at the Fairfax location; 3059 Nutley St., Fairfax, in the Pan Am Shopping Center.

10TH ANNIVERSARY (CONTINUED)

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Executive Director Roxanne Rice and hard work by the Board of Directors, Food for Others solved its problems and has a bright future. It is good and proper to celebrate our accomplishments and take pride in the emergency food services we have provided residents of Northern Virginia these past ten years.

In looking back there are many volunteers who have made substantial contributions including Bob Warrick,

Larry Romero, Gene O'Neill, Ed Federico, Reverend Ron Winters, Dick Getman, John Baldus, Roosevelt Hardwick and Suzanne MacDougall. We owe our excellent financial and accounting records to the contributions of Bill Jones and Mary Hacker. Gleaning operations started out as a partnership with Gifts from the Garden and continue to move upward and onward thanks to the leadership of Pam Koch.

Many people and organizations have been responsible for

FOOD FOR OTHERS STORIES

Linda, Fairfax County employee and single mother of two school-age children, came to us with a referral from Fairfax Coordinated Services Planning. With rising gas prices, she was no longer able to make ends meet. She said that after eating nothing but rice and canned vegetables for two weeks, she had to seek help for her children. "Every penny I make goes into my gas tank," she told us. "I have just been trying to stand on my own two feet, but it's getting so that I can't afford the gas it takes me to get to work." She noted in fact, that it took her several days to have enough extra gas to get to Food for Others to fill the referral. "I have a good job; a county job," she told us. She said over and over again how concerned she is about others and wonders herself how long she can hold on.

Mary first came to Food for Others with Volunteer Fairfax's *Volunteers for Change* Program. On her first evening she packed USDA and emergency food boxes for clients. The volunteers quickly ran out of peanut butter and realized that they would have to leave it out of the remaining food boxes. The second time that Mary came to volunteer in the warehouse, she brought 24 pounds of peanut butter. After her first visit, she vowed to spend five dollars on peanut butter every time she went to the grocery store. She watches for sales and tries to get the most peanut butter for her money. Mary is just one of the many special volunteers that make up Food for Others.

our success. We could not operate without the churches, schools, grocery stores, scouts, letter carriers and others that participate on a large or modest basis. I could highlight the names of many other volunteers who took responsibility to assure Food for Others continued the work of Lazarus at the

Gate. Perhaps most important are those that serve in silence with no other participation in the organization. They regularly serve their neighbors and Food for Others could not accomplish its mission without them.

It has been a rewarding ten years.



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Mission Statement

Food for Other's mission is to obtain and distribute free food to the hungry of Northern Virginia and to support food programs of other community-based organizations. We provide a channel for people to help their neighbors by actively volunteering their service.

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