



Providing a Hand Up, not a Hand Out.

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WARM

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

WARM Welcomes New Board Members!

Due to recent board rotation, WARM is welcoming four new members to the 2011 board team. They are: Don LaFollette, Chief Nursing Officer, VP of Patient Care Services, Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital; Jeff Cholley, VP US Bank Equipment Finance; Julie Colley, Assistant City Manager, City of Westerville; and Steve Brown, Owner, Payne and Brown Insurance Agency, Inc.

WARM would like to thank those who have served so faithfully during their board term. Bruce Bailey, Attorney at Law, Metz, Bailey and McLoughlin; John Buckles, Connections Pastor, Heritage Christian Church; Dave Lindimore, Retired City Manager, City of Westerville; and Kirk Hummer, Chief Executive Officer, Immediate Health Associates Inc. Their experience and expertise have been a tremendous benefit to WARM and the community as a whole. All continue to be valued supporters and partners with WARM.



The Heart of our Mission

Warm congratulates St. Paul Catholic Church in the fulfillment of a call to expand. From humble beginnings of a small congregation of 5-6 families meeting in a room above what is currently Graeter's on State Street, to the current expansion housing 4500 families, St. Paul's ministry of the gospel has reached beyond their early dreams. As founders of Paul's Pantry, St. Paul's recognized the benefit of collaboration and encouraged strategies that supported the growth of WARM today. Although the building has changed, the heartbeat of the mission remains the same. Rev Charles F. Klinger, Pastor states, "The Christian mission is to pray and serve. I believe in the leadership of compassion. All are welcome here with open arms and open hearts". St. Paul's Catholic Parrish is located at 313 N. State St. Westerville 43082. Contact: 614.882.2109 or stpaulchurch@stpacc.org



Why did you agree to serve on the board of WARM?

Don - *I have a great belief in the WARM philosophy. It matches my personal and work beliefs of serving others in the spirit of faith based values and addressing the well being of the community. It's an honor to be aligned with such an organization as WARM.*

Jeff - *I appreciate the mission we have of offering a hand up, not a hand out. I like the view of a holistic approach of helping others.*

Julie - *I wanted to make a difference. I'm impressed with what WARM has been doing. The value of a hand up, not a hand out resonates with me. It's a good lesson for us all.*

Steve - *I really love the community in which I live and want to do anything I can to serve. As a past Rotary president I'm called to serve. I volunteer at WARM and am thrilled to be a part in this way.*

As a board member, what do you hope to effect on behalf of WARM?

Don - *I hope to be able to strengthen WARM's presence in the community and encourage participation in the mission to help more people.*

Jeff - *As a banker, using my giftedness in the role of treasurer, I hope to honor God and WARM. We need to expand the mission.*

Julie - *Assist in any way I can by connecting the people I know and sharing any knowledge and experience I have .*

Steve - *Continue to serve the community and impact those who need help and caring – keep WARM going strong to meet the rising needs and respond effectively.*



Meijer Simply Give Program!

WARM will be the recipient of the Meijer Simply Give program during the fall campaign. Each Simply Give card purchased for \$10.00, converts to a gift card in the same amount which are used for WARM'S pantry needs. The campaign runs July 31 through September 24. Cards may be purchased at WARM, participating churches and kiosks in Meijer located at: 100 Polaris Parkway (N. State Street) Westerville 43082. Thank you Meijer for your continued partnership with WARM!



THE WARM spot Panda Express

When Sera Koulabdara, General Manager of Panda Express Westerville, read in the paper about WARM and the new Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club initiative, she jumped in with both feet. Sera phoned WARM to offer her and the Panda Cares team, assistance in any way they could.



"Panda Restaurant Group has a long standing tradition of helping those in need; in particularly under-privileged or under-served children. When I found WARM and visited the site and staff, I was motivated to reach out and join in on such a great cause". Immediately Sera instituted a reward back to WARM of 20% of all lunchtime sales purchased the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Then she offered to have Panda Express day not once, but twice during the summer. This meant donating lunch for all the children and families of Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club, recruiting volunteers and getting Panda Bear himself there! According to Chris Sturgill, Area Operations Manager, *"The staff and managers who come to these events, do so on their own time – any expenses incurred, such as gas is not reimbursed by the company. These folks do this because they care. We believe in giving back to our communities".* Managers from all over the state came to participate in Panda Cares Day! The first day they fed over 250 people. The second Panda Express Day they served nearly 350 meals. WARM would like to thank Sera, Chris and the whole Panda Cares team who so graciously served. Panda Express is located at 85 Maxtown Rd. Westerville, 43082. For more information, please contact Sera at 614.523.0342



WARM by the Numbers

January through June 2011:

- 2,250 Families helped
- 6,546 People served
- 117,828 Meals provided
- 25 Job placements achieved
- 5,112 Volunteer hours logged

WARM values the partnership embraced by the community, as together we address the growing needs around us.



They say a picture is worth a thousand words. As you look at pictures of Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club participants, volunteers, staff and supporters, WARM hopes you let the photos speak to you. WARM will serve its 2,000th meal by July 15 – it's not too late for you to make a difference and offer a hand up. For more info or donate contact cheryl@warmwesterville.org.