

## **Supporting the Meal Program**

The Christ Church meal program has been managed by David Thompson and a team of volunteers since March. His report to the Kirk Session is posted here for you to read.

**At the end of this message is a list of contacts for the various ways you can support the program**

### **The need...**

It's hard for most of us to appreciate the need for these meals but I can speak for every single volunteer in the program that the people we see day after day after day are desperately in need of support. We are not the only organization providing food to those who need it – Eliza Doolittle, the Salvation Army and a network of churches are also doing what they can.

Our experience and that of others, suggests strongly that the need is not going to go away anytime soon. It might diminish as we get back to work but there are many, many in the community who will not be so lucky...and they will continue to suffer as the financial support and other avenues of support start to shrink.

**We want to continue the meal program as long as we can and at least until year-end.**

## **Program Details....**

\*The kitchen and volunteers are on site from about 10.30am until 2pm

\*There are usually 4-7 volunteers in the kitchen and there are 3 delivery routes with 2 people driving each route.

\*The program is running every day of the week.

\*Food donations should be coordinated with the people noted below and donations are usually brought to the kitchen before 11am.

\*Since June 1, we have been providing 75 meals, 3 days a week, to the Eliza Doolittle Foundation. We are providing up to an additional 160 meals to our Warwick community – and all of this is funded by your donations.

\*Its not easy to come up with an exact budget for the future but we expect that monthly expenses will be between \$23,000 and \$25,000 per month and we hope to keep the average cost of a meal below \$5.

## **Supporting the Program....**

**Food** – we encourage the donation of prepared side dishes, vegetables and desserts. Donations of bulk foods such as vegetables, cabbage, rice, and even frozen meals purchased and donated are welcome.

**Money** – The primary method of donating is to a Christ Church account at the Bank of Butterfield, account #20006060342537100. That's a special account for the food program and accepts both US\$ and BD\$ at par. If you would like to explore other ways of donating – for instance, using the church trust that is a charity, for tax efficient or matching donations– please contact John Faiella.

### **Graham Foster Paintings....**

Well-known local artist Graham Foster has donated a number of his paintings to be made available to members and friends of Christ Church. These images which Graham has produced over the years, are available using the *giclee* format – which produces a canvas that looks as much like the original as possible (as I understand it!)

Details of the program are on a separate message on this site.

### **Contact Information**

Donations of food – David Thompson  
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### **Volunteers**

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735 0071

## **Donations and Graham Foster paintings**

John Faiella

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## **Banking information - Donations**

Christ Church account at Bank of Butterfield

**20-006-060-342537-100**

Donations through the Friends of Christ Church Trust  
Please contact John Faiella for details