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Hunger and Unemployment Continue to Grow

Just before Thanksgiving, the Department of Agriculture announced that the economic crisis and high unemployment had pushed the number of hungry people in the United States close to 50 million in 2008. Sadly, our experience at SOME over the past three years only affirms this alarming nationwide trend. Between 2006 and 2009, the number of meals served in our Dining Room for the Homeless has increased by 18%, reflecting an increase of more than 43,000 meals over the three year period.

Thank You for Your Support

With the outstanding support of caring individuals, schools,



faith communities and companies, SOME distributed shoebox gifts, holiday meals and warm winter clothing to homeless men, women and children this past holiday season. Thank you for your greatly appreciated and thoughtful gifts!

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An Invitation to SOME's 40th Anniversary Evening of Appreciation with Mark Russell

April 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm
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A senior at SOME's Dwelling Place shelter is flanked by two young residents of Thea Bowman House at a joint holiday party. With your support, SOME was able to provide hot meals and holiday cheer to homeless and hungry men, women and children in our community.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

In the past three months, with the help of SOME's Provide-a-Meal volunteers, we served a total of **75,473 meals** in our Dining Room.

Interested in feeding the hungry? **Learn how you can form a Provide-a-Meal group on page 7.**

With your support, we also provided more than **1,460 holiday dinner baskets** with all of the trimmings to homeless and poor families and single adults, including the vulnerable elderly.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

SOME now provides safe, affordable, apartments for 57 families and 150 children. Demand for housing for homeless and extremely low-income families has increased. SOME had to cap its waiting list at a realistic 123 families, and recently received more than 100 additional inquiries about family housing in a single week.

In Their Own Words

Here are two of the many letters we receive every day at SOME. These letters are from actual participants in our addiction treatment, job training and housing programs. They tell, in their own words, stories of courage, compassion, and hope.

Dear Fr. John,

SOME's program that helped me with depression and addiction has allowed me to accept the fact that despite all the harm I caused, I was not a bad person. The people in this program loved me until I could love myself.

I woke up one night feeling God's presence. I could not understand why I was feeling so good, almost carefree and at peace when long prior to that night my feelings were of hurt, guilt and shame. Eventually I came to believe my God was simply showing me how my life could be if I chose to do his will.

Besides my emotional and spiritual growth, SOME took care of my physical needs, such as new dentures from the Dental Clinic, glasses from the Eye Clinic, extensive medical care and psychiatry. I possess an [unfathomable] depth of gratitude to the SOME program.

I'd like to make a special acknowledgment to all the staff at SOME's Exodus House, all of whom were supportive, encouraging and sensitive but firm.

Sincerely,
Michael M.

Dear Fr. John,

There are truly no words in the vocabulary to express what I feel for your vision that saved my life. By loving me and supporting me through (SOME's Center for Employment Training), you and the SOME staff helped me to become the person God meant for me to be and today I can look in the mirror at ME. I will never forget what you have given me.

Gratefully,
Deborah D.



Donor Letters

SOME is fortunate to have many dedicated and caring supporters. Here are real letters from the individuals and groups that are moved to contribute to SOME to help our city's most vulnerable residents.

Dear Neighbors,

During this giving season, we wish to show our support for the direct community benefit of SOME. Your efforts are the right kind and focus on helping others and improving the community and make the entire DC area a good place to be.

Sincerely,
Douglas and Kay S.

Dear SOME,

I am glad I have been able to fulfill my dream. As a 10-year-old, when my father would take us to the O Street Market, I would see lots of men standing in line waiting for food. I said: "When I grow up and get a job, I want to donate money to feed the people."

Thank God,
Carrie J.

Dear Fr. John,

This is given in memory of Senator Ted Kennedy. He wanted me to help those less fortunate and I think he would approve of your organization since you do just that.

Sincerely,
June S.

Dear SOME,

The Protestant Congregation at the Armed Forces Retirement Home - Washington (AFRH-W) would like to express our enthusiastic support of the work that SOME provides. The seemingly tireless and unselfish efforts of your interfaith community-based organization are an inspiration to many.

Sincerely,
Jon P. Goodloe, Sr., Protestant Chaplain

In Memory

We would like to acknowledge friends who have passed away and are remembered by their loved ones through memorial contributions to SOME.



Edward Duffy
Gayla Featherstone
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Rose McGarrity
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Joseph Moraglio
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Richard Sella
Ken Spaulding



Gifts in their memory will help SOME to continue to reach out to those in need.



Leaving a Legacy

SOME would also like to honor the memory of

John Corby
Robert D. Evans
Jay Michaud

whose generous bequests are so important to SOME's future. These gifts will help us to continue to serve the homeless and poor children, women and men whom they supported during their lifetimes. **Their names and meaningful gifts will live on through our work.**

Leaving A Legacy

A planned gift to SOME may be part of a comprehensive estate plan that will enable you to provide for family, loved ones and SOME, in ways that maximize personal objectives and minimize taxes. It may also complete a lifetime of giving or allow one to make a gift that might not have been possible during one's lifetime.

To receive our complimentary booklet, "How to Make a Will that Works," please contact SOME Director of Development Linda Parisi at (202) 292-4413, or email lparisi@some.org.

Please join us for our 40th Anniversary Evening of Appreciation with Mark Russell

Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm
First Baptist Church
1328 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20026

What: An event to honor and to thank our wonderful Volunteers and Donors as part of SOME's 40th Anniversary Year of serving the poor and homeless.

The festivities will include a performance by Mark Russell, renowned political satirist, comedian and friend of SOME. We will also recognize many of SOME's long-term volunteers and donors, such as SOME's Provide-a-Meal churches, synagogues and organizations.

When: The celebration will begin at 5:30 and will be followed by light refreshments.

Where: The beautiful First Baptist Church is easy to reach on 16th Street, NW. It is a 12 minute walk from the Dupont Circle Metro, or on the bus S line; behind the Church at 17th and O is a parking lot for persons needing accessibility. There will be free parking at the garage located on the North side of P Street, NW between 16th and 17th.

For up-to-date information please visit our website, www.some.org/40_events.html, or contact us at (202) 797-8806 x 1024.

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With your help, more than 5,000 shoebox gifts, 650 holiday meals and hundreds of coats and sets of thermals were provided to homeless men, women and children in November and December.

It is also your financial support that enables SOME to offer daily meals, medical care, clothing, job training, affordable housing and other services throughout the year. Thank you for your generous contributions of time, talent and monetary

Thank You for Trotting for the Hungry

A record number of individuals, businesses and organizations supported the homeless and hungry by participating in, sponsoring and donating to the 8th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger.

Thanks to everyone who took part and helped to raise more than \$200,000 to provide meals, clothing, health care and comprehensive services to the District's homeless.



The Trot for Hunger featured a Little Turkey Fun Run for children at 8:00 am.



Runners of all ages take off on the 5K race. The top overall male finisher was Brandon Cherry and the top overall female finisher was Alisa Harvey.

Please help us to thank our generous sponsors!

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Alan Feinstein Foundation to Match Your Donations in March and April

Each year, the Alan Feinstein Foundation in Rhode Island provides \$1 million in matching grants to anti-hunger organizations across the United States. SOME and other participating charities receive a share of the \$1 million equal to its portion of the total amount the organization raises from its supporters in March and April. Please consider taking advantage of this generous offer to help the hungry. We thank you and the Alan Feinstein Foundation for helping the hungry and homeless in our community.

Pennies Add Up at Clinton Christian School

When the students at the Clinton Christian School in Upper Marlboro began collecting pennies to help the hungry on Thanksgiving, they did not realize how quickly their coins would add up. When it came time to use their money to purchase turkeys for people in need, they had raised \$1,300. Thirty of the turkeys purchased were donated to SOME and used to feed the homeless on Thanksgiving Day. SOME is grateful to Clinton Christian School and all of the caring individuals and organizations that helped to provide wonderful holiday meals for our guests.

Opening a Door to a New Way of Life



The proud graduating class of Fall 2009.

In a ceremony that featured spirituals such as *Shall We Gather at the River* as well as a solo performance by Georgetown Chorale President Bruce Lauffer, 21 men and women were honored for completing a more than one-year journey from addiction to sobriety.

During their year in treatment, men and women move through several stages, beginning with the Kirwan Safe House where they stay while receiving assistance with clothing, medical and dental care and counseling before going to the mountains of West Virginia for three months of in-patient treatment. When they return to the District, they access SOME's re-entry transitional housing, job training program and ultimately secure long-term housing.

In the words of one graduate: "I have a purpose for living. I have confidence, hope and goals. I have learned more about myself in 13 months than I had learned in 38 years. I love myself today. The program has taught me how to live again."

SOME's Center for Employment Training Moves to New Home

The scene, proud graduates of SOME's Center for Employment Training being cheered by family and friends, was familiar and joyful. Having worked hard for six months to become proficient in their chosen field, these low income men and women are looking to a hopeful new future.

They are also members of the last class to graduate from the Center while it is at its current location in Ward 7 in SE, DC. On March 1, the federally accredited Center will re-open at the new Solomon G. Brown Corps Community Center on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue in Ward 8 in SE, DC.

We have leased an entire floor of a new building owned by the Salvation Army. Located near public transportation hubs, the facility will provide Ward 8 residents with what they have identified as their biggest needs, among them a job training program that will equip them for careers that enable them to sustain themselves and their families.

Ward 8's unemployment rate is the highest in a city whose overall rate is well above the already high national average. A recent interview with recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, the federal public assistance program for low-income families) by SOME and the DC Fiscal Policy Institute revealed that parents receiving benefits deemed job training programs critical to enabling their families to escape poverty. You can learn more about the Center for Employment Training and about SOME's TANF report on our website at www.some.org.

The 7th Annual SOME Junior Gala

Open your hearts to those in need and join us on Friday, February 12th for the Seventh Annual SOME Jr. Gala at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Join other young professionals (30 and under) for a fun evening of cocktails and dancing.

The event will benefit Anna Cooper House, one of SOME's four supportive-service affordable housing programs for formerly homeless adults.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.some.org/inv_eve_jrgala.html.

Uncorked, a Growing Thanksgiving Tradition

In November, 100 guests joined Washington Post wine columnist Dave McIntyre at Clyde's of Gallery Place for a Thanksgiving dinner and wine tasting that raised \$8,500 for SOME. Many thanks to Uncorked, Inc. founders Kristopher and Tracey Schroeder, Dave McIntyre, Clyde's of Gallery Place, EvoBistro, Booz Allen Hamilton and New Media Strategies.

2010 Empty Bowls Preparations Underway

In November, students, faculty, and alumni from the Corcoran College of Art and Design hosted a two-day "Bowl-a-Thon" to create hand-made bowls for SOME's annual Empty Bowls fundraising events.



Corcoran alumni, students and teachers prepare pottery for Empty Bowls.

Nearly 30 of the Corcoran's artists worked tirelessly to create 500 of the 1,000 beautiful and unique bowls which will be sold at SOME's Empty Bowls events. Thank you to all of the Corcoran artists who donated their time and talent to help ensure that this year's event will be a success, as well as to the Montgomery Potters, Glen Echo Pottery, and the Torpedo Factory, whose artists generously donated bowls. Also, special thanks to SOME Jr. Gala Board member Shahdeh Ammadi for organizing the Corcoran bowl-a-thon, and to the entire Jr. Gala Board for their wonderful support of Empty Bowls.

Please note: SOME needs 500 additional bowls for its two Empty Bowls events. Are you a potter or do you know of a potter who would be willing to donate soup-size bowls to SOME? Please contact Megan Gannon at (202) 797-8806 ext. 1010 or mgannon@some.org.

Please join us this year at our Empty Bowls events on **Tuesday, March 9th at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament** in Washington, DC and **Thursday, March 11th at St. Charles Church** in Arlington, VA.

Guests will be served a simple soup supper and may select and take home one of the gorgeous hand-crafted bowls that will serve as a reminder of those whose bowls are empty. All proceeds from the event will help SOME continue to provide more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry and homeless District residents.

If you would like more information about the events, please contact Megan Gannon at (202) 797-8806 ext. 1010 or mgannon@some.org.

SOME Sails into its 40th Year at 2009 Dinner Gala and Auction

SOME Corporate Advisory Board member Gordon Peterson welcomed nearly 600 guests to the 23rd Annual SOME Dinner Gala on December 2 at the Mayflower Hotel and encouraged them to remember both their blessings and those who go without. Msgr. Ralph Kuehner, one of SOME's founders, offered a blessing of the evening that benefits the maintenance and development of hundreds of safe, affordable apartments and private rooms for homeless families and single adults, including the elderly. The evening also featured a successful Silent Auction chaired by Joe and Suzanne Clark that raised nearly \$50,000 for SOME programs, as well as a Live Auction, staffed by Marines who regularly volunteer in the SOME Dining Room, that raised \$80,000 for SOME's Elderly Services.

William E. Conway, Jr. Receives the McKenna Humanitarian of the Year Award



Fr. John presents Bill Conway with a commemorative plate at SOME's Gala.

In his remarks at SOME's Dinner Gala on December 2, Mr. Conway recalled his first conversations with homeless men on the streets of downtown Washington. What began as informal exchanges and gifts of muffins and coffee has grown into a wholehearted commitment by Mr. Conway to improve the plight of his homeless brothers and sisters. As part of what his wife Joanne terms his "conversion," Mr. Conway reached out to SOME in 2005 with a generous gift that helped the organization to weather a particularly difficult year.

Since then, Mr. Conway has become Chair of SOME's Capital Campaign, joined our Corporate Advisory Board and is a contributor to SOME's mission to provide 1,000 new units of safe, affordable housing to nearly 2,000 homeless and poor men, women and children in the District.

Thank you to SOME's Wonderful Gala Sponsors, Committees and Guests

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Provide-a-Meal Groups Needed

Provide-a-Meal (PAM) groups are critical to SOME's ability to serve more than 800 meals daily to poor and homeless men, women and children who come to our Dining Room. Each PAM group is scheduled to provide breakfast or lunch on a regular (usually monthly) basis. PAM groups can donate pre-made casseroles, bring ingredients and cook a meal from scratch, or purchase food for SOME to prepare. We are currently seeking groups to fill the following openings:

Breakfast:

- 5th Monday of the month
- 3rd Wednesday of the month
- 5th Thursday of the month
- 5th Saturday of the month

Lunch:

- 1st Monday of the month
- 2nd Monday of the month
- 3rd Monday of the month
- 1st Wednesday of the month (January, March, May, July, September, November)
- 4th Wednesday of the month
- 5th Thursday of the month
- 2nd Friday of the month

Please contact Don Dixon, Director of Dining Room Services, at (202) 797-8806, ext. 2113 or at meals@some.org for additional information.



Homeless Men, Women and Pets Find Healing



Brian gets to know Ginger at SOME's Addiction Treatment program in West Virginia.

Noreen Dunlap, long-time staff member at SOME's Exodus and Maya Angelou Houses in West Virginia and avid dog trainer, combined her passions and pioneered a dog training program for the men and women in treatment in WV. Noreen partnered with Hampshire County Pet Adoption, Inc., a local rescue organization, to begin the program in 2009.

For four weeks, men and women in SOME's addiction treatment program train homeless dogs for Canine Good Citizen certification. This certification makes these homeless dogs better candidates for adoption and helps SOME clients to develop patience and tolerance while giving them a way to contribute to the community. There is strong evidence for the efficacy of this type of rehabilitation: In the program that Noreen is emulating, 100% of participants who worked with pets found employment, and their recidivism rate has been zero.

Liz McMahon Reflects on her Service with Clark Construction's Provide-a-Meal Group

I first served in SOME's Dining Room in 2005 with fellow employees at Clark Construction when they sponsored a lunch at SOME. Several years later I began to think about expanding my volunteer service and what kept coming back to me was the enjoyment that I had experienced at SOME when I served with Clark. I have been serving in SOME's Dining Room on a regular basis ever since.

The Dining Room and Kitchen Staff at SOME are fabulous. They welcome every volunteer with a personal greeting and thank them for helping. The poor and homeless men, women and children who come to SOME are treated with the same respect and greeting of, "Thank you and welcome to SOME."

Cheryl Lewis, my co-worker at Clark Construction, and I organize the Clark Construction Provide-a-Meal Group

that serves the quarterly lunches sponsored by Clark. One thing I'm never short of is volunteers! Almost everyone who comes to help on "Clark" days wants to come back again. We like to provide meals that are not only filling, but something people might not get on a regular basis. We've served BBQ chicken, roast beef, ribs and pork loin. The fresh pies are definitely a hit! When asked why I drive 35 miles each way on Sunday mornings to serve or cook for the needy, my quick response is, "What else is there to do from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays?" The real reason is that I truly enjoy it.

Watch for our spring newsletter when we will highlight a Provide-a-Meal group that has been serving and providing meals at SOME for over 30 years!



So Others Might Eat

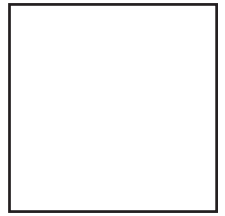
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SOME exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. We meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing, and health care. We help break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness.

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SOME Newsletter Editors: Fr. John Adams, Tracy Monson and Jean Rae Bleck. All comments are welcomed.

Volunteer Requests:

The Caregivers Program for homebound elderly is seeking volunteers to do light home maintenance. Sample tasks include washing floors and rugs, tightening railings and fixing steps.

Donation Requests:

Maya Angelou House and Exodus House are seeking a pool table.

Dwelling Place Senior Center is seeking a lift chair for an infirm senior. They are also seeking Safeway and Giant food cards, Ensure and Glucerne, CVS gift cards for prescription assistance and incontinence supplies and Target gift cards for winter clothing.

Jordan House is seeking craft kits for adults recovering from mental health crises.

SOME's Clothing Room is in need of new underwear for women and men, as well as thermals, coats, socks and all types of men's clothing.

Isaiah House, a day program for homeless adults with chronic mental illness, is seeking a new or gently used vacuum cleaner.