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Project: SOS Faces New Challenges



The Banquet's Project: SOS provided over 6,000 brand new back packs and school supplies to children living in poverty in our community last school year, and we could not do that without your help! Because of Covid-19, we now face a few new challenges. Many businesses, groups and churches are not able to help with donations of backpacks and supplies as they have in the past, and are unable to volunteer to help sort, pack or distribute either.

If you, your company, service club or church would like to "Adopt-A-Supply" please contact Mary at 605-335-7066 or email projects@thebanquetsf.org to find out about our needs and how you can help. Be sure to check out our website at www.thebanquetsf.org for updates to these details and to access the Project: SOS School Supply list for 2020-21. Also, look for Project: SOS collection boxes at Hy-Vee, Lewis Drug and Staples in Sioux Falls. All school supplies left in those boxes will be picked up and brought to The Banquet to give to children in need.

How to Volunteer

Packing and distribution will look much different that we are accustomed to this year, but we still need you! We will start volunteer sign ups to pack and distribute backpacks the week of July 20, 2020. Go to our website, www.thebanquetsf.org and look for the **Sign-Up Genius link**. You MUST sign up to volunteer! You may also contact Mary at 605-335-7066 or email projects@thebanquetsf.org. Volunteer opportunities will be August 17-22. We are limited to high school students and adult volunteers in groups of 10 or less and preferably people who work or live together. Interpreters are also needed.

Thank you for all you do for The Banquet!

Thank You
for the school supplies
it was really nice
of you.
I really needed it.
I like them a lot.
will if you ever
need help with anything
you're always welcome to
ask our school.
Bye your friend,
Emira



Individual Volunteers Key to Continuing Our Mission

When Covid-19 became a global pandemic, The Banquet acted swiftly to strengthen our cleaning and sanitizing procedures and began to serve meals to go on March 13. However, this change created many holes in our sponsoring schedule. Several groups were still able to help us, by sponsoring the meal or bringing a handful of volunteers; many more were unable to bring the people needed to successfully serve a meal. Our Banquet Angels have been an even bigger blessing to us than usual! Many of these fantastic individuals have been serving multiple times each week for the past four months! Wouldn't you like to join them? Groups of 6-8 volunteers are needed to serve carry-out meals to hundreds of hungry individuals and families. Consider bringing your family or some friends or co-workers to help us continue to nourish the bodies of our guests as we anxiously await the reopening of our dining room hopefully later this fall. Visit our website or Facebook page each week for a link to a signup genius for that week's individual needs. We look forward to many new volunteers coming to check us out!

Small Moments of Hope

During this pandemic, we had a family of four come through our doors to check and see if their mail had arrived. It did, and the mother was overcome with emotion to the point of where her young son asked what was wrong. The mom said, we got the money we were waiting for and we can go get lunch now. All of the family members reacted as if their favorite football team won the Super Bowl! The mother asked if we happened to have any dish soap. We have items like that from time to time to give to guests in need. When we handed her a big bottle of dish soap, the mother somehow got even more excited and told her kids that they could now move those dirty dishes out of the bucket and into the sink! As you ponder that story, think about how far dollars and goods can go when providing basic needs to our guests!

Community Support Leads to 35 Years of Serving

As The Banquet celebrates our 35th year of feeding bodies and souls, we need to take time to acknowledge each of the thousands of donors that have enabled our ministry to continue to meet the needs of our community. Since our first meal served June 17, 1985, much has changed – our numbers have grown from around 100 people each month to 700 each day; we've increased our meals from 1 each week to 16; we've moved from groups bringing all the food to preparing each meal in a state-of-the-art kitchen in our own buildings. Through it all, one thing has never changed: The Banquet is 100% privately funded - we do not receive any city, county, state, federal or United Way dollars. Every dollar spent on food, milk, electricity, staffing and everything else needed to run a business comes through the generosity of the individuals and businesses in our community. In a typical year, over 5,000 individual donations come through our doors to help us nourish the community! We are blessed to have many large donations given to us each year, but the majority of our gifts are \$100 or less! Every gift, no matter the size, is valued and appreciated! This year, we began receiving checks from an inmate at Mike Durfee State Prison. He earns money by washing dishes at the prison. He sent a note saying he feels he needs to do his part despite his current situation, and that he knows it's not much but hope it helps. Yes, it helps! Every dollar, no matter the source, makes a large impact here, and never goes unnoticed!

Local Businesses Make an Impact at The Banquet

Throughout the year, we work to identify and are invited to apply for various grants. Recently we had two of our great partners stop by in recognition of recent significant gifts.



Pictured above is Eric Pauli (right) from Xcel Energy who recently awarded The Banquet a gift of \$6,300!



Additionally, Great Western Bank invited us to apply for a \$10,000 grant after they served here earlier in the year.



In addition to grants, we are occasionally blessed with other unique gifts. The inmates at the South Dakota Penitentiary recently did a fundraiser, and they chose to give a portion of their earnings to The Banquet. We are so thankful for their support.

Gifts in Honor/Memory of

Thank you to the many people who give gifts to The Banquet in honor or in memory of a friend or relative.
These wonderful gifts help sustain The Banquet ministry. Memorials January 16, 2020 - June 30, 2020.

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The Banquet Needs Your Help!

As the effects of Covid-19 will continue to ripple through the rest of the summer, a time frame where we already struggle to find enough serving groups, the churches and businesses we've come to depend on are still unable to commit to serving. When you see this much red in our calendar it means we have MANY openings!

Can you help? Whether you've been here before or you'd be a brand new volunteer for us, we're asking you to consider getting together a small group of people to help serve our guests a hot, delicious meal. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up! Currently, we are serving all of our meals "carry-out," which helps us to follow CDC and local social distancing guidelines and keep both volunteers and guests safe. We have had several "angels" who have come in and selflessly served many times a week for the past several months. Come and meet these wonderful people, and work alongside them and be fulfilled!

You may sign up your group at <https://thebanquetsf.org/serve-a-meal>. Besides groups, we also are in need of individuals to come and help serve meals. With our meals being served "carry-out" style we only need 6-8 volunteers per meal.

Many types of groups have served at The Banquet – book clubs, wedding parties, family reunions, church groups, bible study teams, sport teams, school groups, etc. The cost to sponsor a meal runs from \$450 to \$1,000, depending upon the meal.

Questions? Let us know and we are glad to answer them for you.

