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Pictured above: Safe Space staff person Becky and MLTC volunteer Janet bring bulk meals into the Safe Space 2nd floor room inside the building.

SAFE SPACE (St Paul) is an overnight shelter for the homeless that opened in the Ramsey County Govt Building. Clients come in at 10pm to a warm bed and take a Mobile Loaves meal them when they leave before 9am.

Meals Delivered: MLTC provides 80 meals every other Tuesday and Thursday and every Saturday.



Pictured at left: Becky and Officer Joe sort meals, they are refrigerated overnight and distributed in the morning.

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Our Mission is...we provide food, clothing and dignity to our sisters and brothers in need

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. >> — Winston Churchill

Those who give to Mobile Loaves are making their lives better
as well as the lives of those we serve.

# We are providing more meals than ever, and with increasing costs we need your help!

By Patrick Geraghty, Treasurer and CFO

We have been working hard to provide nourishment to our neighbors in increasing need and are now providing meals at an annual rate of 43,000 – that's the highest in our 12 years history but the additional meals have increased our costs by \$12,400! Two other factors, rising food costs and our supplier of free food items has been out of stock for

Year	Meals Delivered	Cost Per Meal	Budget
2019 (pre Covid)	38,000	\$1.80	\$72,000
2022	39,000	\$3.10	\$126,000
2023 (estimated)	43,000	\$3.10	\$139,000

most of the last 2 years, have resulted in a budget deficit. Consequently, our donations this year are below what we need now and into 2023. As you can see in the chart, our costs have increased by 72% per meal since 2019.

You have been most generous in your contributions to help us provide quality meals to those in need. However, donations in 2022 are not covering our expenses and without your help right now we will need to dip into our reserves. We do not want to do that in 2023. Might you help a little more? Perhaps you might ask a friend or work colleagues if they would become a "Sustainer." We'd be delighted to come to your place of work (or via zoom) to explain what we do and ask your work colleagues for help. We are a 100% volunteer organization, and we thank you for your support!

## **Become a Mobile Loaves Twin Cities Sustainer**

One of our finance objectives is to build a group of 50 individuals, families or groups to donate \$50 a month or \$600 a year or more. In 2022, we had 55 Sustainers. Perhaps your family or group might make that kind of commitment to put us on solid financial footing in 2023 and beyond.

## Donate any amount....

Of course, any amount is so appreciated. Perhaps you can make a recurring donation of a specified amount each month. Any amount.

Go to our website: mobileloavestc.org/donations/ or send a check to us at: Mobile Loaves Twin Cities 4537-3rd Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55419

# Add Mobile Loaves Twin Cities as a beneficiary to your will....

A wonderful way to leave a legacy is to remember MLTC in your Last Will and Testament. It's simple to do. Our EIN is: 81-3996189. Our address is: 4537-3rd Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55419

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# Make a gift to Mobile Loaves to remember someone.....

A wonderful way to remember a friend or loved one who has passed away. Or a joyous occasion like a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. Maybe a

Christmas gift to someone who already has everything. Or just because!

As we are a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization your donations are tax deductible from state and federal taxes to the extent provided by law. Also, if you are over 70 ½ you are able to

transfer a portion of your "Required Minimum Withdrawal" from your IRA or 401-k to Mobil Loaves without paying taxes on that withdrawal amount. Call Patrick Geraghty at 612-823-6591. To donate, go to our website at www. mobileloavestc.org

## Head- to-Toe

By Sandy Gutzwiller, Head-to-toe Coordinator

I never thought I'd say this but we do not need socks right now! Bombas Socks is just amazing. They have donated 15,000 pairs of socks this fall. When you are out shopping for gifts or for yourself, we urge you to keep Bomba Socks in mind. Bombas is just one of our amazing givers and in Kathy Samsky's column below she lists more of our givers. Providing clothing such as hats and gloves are an essential part of our mission as the cost of everything is going up. Clothing adds to the dignity part of our mission as well. So a big thank you to all who provide assistance to make the Mobile Loaves Twin Cities mission live. At the right is a picture of what 6,000 pairs of socks looks like in the shipping boxes. Imagine what 15,000 pairs of socks looks like.

### A New and Easy Way to Help

We are fortunate to get donations of toiletries and some clothing from both businesses and individuals. We never seem to have enough. Perhaps your child's school would like to do a community service project ... or maybe an organization you belong to or your colleagues at work might want to contribute in some way.

#### Here are a few things we always need:

- T-shirts, underwear (both sexes)
- Family size toothpaste and soap
- Travel size toothpaste, lotion, shampoo and soap
- Razors
- Hand antiseptic
- Wash-cloths
- Feminine products

If you wish to become involved with a donation effort, please contact: sandy\_gutzwiller@comcast.net

Individuals can drop off donations at the St. Joan of Arc office 4537-3rd Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55419



# **Products Being Donated by You and Our Corporate Friends**

Kathy Samsky, Head-to-Toe Volunteer

In addition to the 15000 pairs Bomba's Socks we also received about 3500 pairs of socks from the following companies have: Thorn, Spiffy Socks, Custo Sock Shop, Happy Feet, Legacy Knitting, Funatic, Royce Too Socks, GoBo's, Grips6, and Extra Wide Sock Company have together donated about 3500 pairs of socks

#### **Oral Hygiene Products**

8000 toothbrushes or toothpaste from U of M Dentistry, Heatlh Partners, Delta Dental, Tess Oral Health, Quantum Labs, Dental Health Products, Oraline, Pearl

Oral, Pearl Oral Care, Venture Six, Personal Oral Hygiene, Sunstar Americas Inc, Team Technologies

### Hats

We received about 1000 hats from Minnesota Knitting Mills and Branded Bills-Sam Coil

#### **Body Moisturizer Products**

MLTC partners with Creative Laboratories in Eagan which produces high quality body moisturizing products. Thus far they have donated 700 bottles of their products



## Our Services are Increasing as the Needs are Growing!

We provide food, clothing and dignity to our sisters and brothers in need at the following locations:

- 1. Bii Di Gain Dash Anawebi (Elderly low-income apartments)
- 2. Hospitality House
- 3. Community Emergency Services Food Shelf
- 4. Creation Baptist Church Food Shelf

By Janet Thomas, Site Team Coordinator

- 5. Little Earth
- 6. Nicollet Square Apt (low income for young adults)
- 7. Listening House Day Shelter
- 8. Northside Daycare (low-income day care)
- 9. Richfield Towers Apartments
- 10. Safe Space Overnight Shelter

- 11. St. Anne's Elderly Apartments
- 12. Salvation Army Citadel Food Shelf
- 13. South Haven Elderly Apartments
- 14. Simpson Housing Shelter
- 15. Periodically we serve Casa Guadalupana in Saint Paul and a teen shelter in Saint Paul.



CREATION BAPTIST FOOD SHELF (Minneapolis) - serves families in need with food supplies on Saturday mornings New Creation Baptist Church - Food Shelf (creationbaptistchurchmn.org)

Meals delivered: MLTC provides 50 meals every Saturday.

Pictured at right: MLTC Volunteer Ron delivering bulk meals prior to the Food Shelf opening up.





Pictured at left: Ron and Janet handing off the meals to the Food Shelf Coordinator Phillip. The meals are distributed along with other food stuff.

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