



The Kitchen Newsletter

Our Mission:
"To create a place
where people, especially
the poor, are welcomed
and cared for with
dignity and
compassion."

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A Note from the CEO

Each morning as I arrive to work, I am greeted by children standing with their parents waiting for the school bus. I think back to the days when I waited for the bus with my children...the scene is not much different. Just as I did with my children, I see goodbye hugs and kisses and wishes for a good day. I see adjustments of pony tails, jackets and last minute spelling word reviews. I see beyond the brick building where they stand, I see beyond the sign that reads The Kitchen, Inc.

The children we serve have experienced things you and I can only begin to try and understand. Being sheltered only by their parents love and protection, children face realities we cannot comprehend. Sadly, many children in our community go hungry, they go without shelter and they go without a worry free life all children should have a right to. They are born into circumstances out of their control. Many children escape the struggles of homelessness and poverty. Parents come to The Kitchen with hope for a better day and dreams for their children. We watch as they transform their lives, many meeting goals they never thought possible. Our core values; respect, dignity, quality, service and compassion restore their lost hope. They begin to believe in themselves again. How powerful it is to believe in yourself!

Children make up a large part of the homeless population and they are the largest growing population of homeless.

As of August, our Community Outreach office helped 1,900 new families with food. 1,900 families, whom we have never helped before are seeking assistance to feed their children. Startling numbers as our busiest months are still ahead of us. We have placed food in the homes of more than 12,500 children. There is no age restriction on poverty, it affects all walks of life and no one is immune.

Often times, I detect a struggle from the community to care for the population we strive to save and help. I perceive a subconscious resistance to identify with them. Stripping away things that can only be seen with our eyes, the similarities are limitless. Homeless, or not, we as human beings have basic, fundamental wants and needs; the need for family and to be good parents, the ever growing want for our children to succeed and to have more than we had. We all have a need to be cared for and loved, regardless of our economic circumstance, these moralistic values remain.

The essence of what we do and why we do it lies in the innocence of their faces. Hope remains! With your help, they have a chance. Please send your donation today and brighten the futures of our youth. Give them the opportunity to know a life free from hunger, a life free of worry and heartache. We thank you for supporting us, for supporting those we serve.

God Bless, *Rorie Orgron*



Program Spotlight

Family Nurturing Center/Children's Services

Free child-care for parents of the Missouri Hotel. Our families simply cannot afford childcare. Providing them with a safe, fun environment to bring their children, they are able to confidently begin the work they need to do to better their lives



and get back on their feet. The Family Nurturing Center also hosts after school activities and evening activities for our youth, providing them with consistency and stability. The Kitchen's Children's Services offers not only free child care, but also family and child counseling, parenting classes, youth activities, field trips, holiday events and much more.

Rare Breed Youth Services

Youth Outreach Center (RBYOC)

A safe haven for at-risk and homeless youth Monday-Friday from 3 pm to 11 pm. Youth ages 13 to 20 utilize the outreach center for a wide array of services; GED classes with free child care available, counseling, food, clothing, shower and laundry facility, bus passes, computer lab, first aid, job seeking assistance, referrals for emergency and transitional housing and much more. Designed by and for the youth the outreach center is a comfortable environment where they feel safe and welcome. The RBYOC is a "specialized youth center" that has television, stereo, computer lab, games, arts and crafts, billiards, foosball, youth message board, and professional staff. In addition to providing a safe place for youth to spend time off the street, the RBYOC helps youth by providing access to emergency shelter and transitional living programs, survival aid, individual assessments, goal planning, treatment and counseling, prevention and education activities, information and service referrals, case management, advocacy, crisis intervention and follow up support. With the support of Youth Workers our youth begin to transform themselves and their future, feeling confident they are not alone. For more information about these services and ways to help please call 417-865-6400.



Transitional Living Program (TLP)

Housing for homeless youth ages 16 to 21 for up to 18 months. The housing and services provided through the TLP help youth make successful transitions to independent and self-sufficient living. The TLP also serves pregnant and parenting youth! Living accommodations consist of seven supervised apartments. Prolonged success at supervised apartment site will make a youth eligible for their own subsidized single occupancy apartment in the community. Youth are required to engage in program activities, education, employment, or community service for 40 hours each week and save money to support their independent living goals. The TLP provides the following services to youth

directly or through referrals; safe, stable housing, basic life-skill building, including consumer education, budgeting, etc. With this program, they can begin to heal and put their past behind them, looking forward to a brighter future.



Special Thank You

The Kitchen would like to thank the **Junior League of Springfield** for providing a grant in the amount of \$ 5,042.00 for the Safe Place project of the Rare Breed. The Safe Place Project has sites at more than 70 local businesses, CU buses, libraries, schools and other non-profits. Since February of 2010, Safe Place has responded to 59 calls from youth and has provided education about the Safe Place project to nearly 10,000 local youth and over 2,500 adults.

Springfield Sleepout

“We sleep out so kids don’t have to.”

Friday November 18th, 2011
Plaster Stadium Field
Missouri State University

Registration 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Sleepout 4 p.m. - 7 a.m.
Registration Information Online

www.SpringfieldSleepout.org

Prizes
Music
Contests


 **Rare Breed**
youth services





Participants 16 years old and under
must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmast 2011 Wishlist


2011 Christmas Wish/Needs List • The Kitchen, Inc • 1630 N. Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65803 • Phone: 837-1500


 **Newborns – 24 Mo**
 Warm one piece outfits w/hanger
 Hat & mitten sets
 Sleepers
 Toys for babies

 **Middle School - High School (Grades 6-12)**
 Young adult underwear boys & girls
 Hat & glove sets
 Hoodies or fleece jackets w/hanger
 Young adult cologne or body spray gift sets
 Young adult watches
 Sleeping bags
 Toys & Games for young adults
 Sonic gift cards
 (For older youth)
 Canvas, pastels, oil pant, & paint brushes

 **Women**
 Dress clothes or business casual
 Perfume
 Lotion, Bubble bath, nail polish sets
 Jewelry
 Watches
 Purses
 Day planners

 **Men**
 Dress clothes or business casual
 Cologne
 Watches
 Billfolds
 Day Planners

 **Preschool (2T, 3T, 4T)**
 Underwear little boys & girls
 Hat & mitten sets
 Hoodies or fleece jackets w/hanger
 Toys for preschoolers

 **Elementary Age Children (K-5)**
 Boys & girls underwear
 Hat & glove sets
 Hoodies or fleece jackets w/hanger
 Kid watches
 Toys for girls and boys
 DVD movies (G-PG)

Alternatives to Shopping
\$10, \$15 & \$20 Gift Certificates
 (Wal-Mart, K-Mart, & Payless Shoes, etc.)

All cash, checks and gifts should be mailed or delivered to:
The Kitchen Administration Building
1630 N. Jefferson, Springfield, Missouri 65803

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am -4:30 pm
 Please call 837-1500 if you need to make special arrangements for delivery of Christmas gifts or donations.

Deliver all items no later than Friday, December 9th.
Please do not gift wrap, tag, or personalize any items.
A Christmas Room will be set up to allow our families to choose gifts for their loved ones with dignity.



Upcoming Events

November 18th **Springfield Sleepout**
Rain or shine at MSU Plaster Stadium
 Registration 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
 Registration fee is \$10.00
 Registration form on Page 4



January 15th "Knights Strike out for The Kitchen"
Bowl-A-Thon
 Check in at Noon
 Bowling starts at 1:00
 Additional information & entry forms available at
www.thekitcheninc.org



February 18th *The Kitchen Foundation's*
Eyes in Disguise
 Sponsorship information available,
 call 225-7416.




Be a Sponsor

Springfield Sleepout

Supernova		2,500
Big Dipper		\$1,500
Comet		\$1,000
Star		\$500

Knights of Columbus Bowl-A-Thon

Hall of Fame		\$2,500
Perfect game		\$1,000
Strike Club		\$500
Lane Sponsor		\$100

Eyes in Disguise Mardi Gras

King		\$7,500
Queen		\$5,000
Carnival		\$2,500
Parade		\$1,500
Harlequin		\$750

2011 Springfield Sleepout Participant Registration and Release

Participant Name: _____ **Group /Leader (if applicable):** _____
Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____
Emergency Contact: _____ **Age:** _____ **Sex:** _____ **T-Shirt Size:** _____
Telephone Number: _____

List any medical or health conditions this participant has, including any allergies:

INITIAL	1. THE PARTICIPANT will inspect the sleep-out location upon entering and warrants that their entry therein constitutes an acknowledgment that he/she finds it safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of its use. The Participant agrees that if at any time he/she believes something is unsafe, will bring it to the attention of an official, and will remove him/herself from the location and withdraw from the Event.
INITIAL	2. THE PARTICIPANT hereby agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless, The Kitchen, Inc., the promoters, participants, associations, sanctioning organizations, (or any affiliates thereof), site operators, site owners, officials, sponsors and advertisers used to conduct the Event and their officers, agents, and employees (all for the purpose herein referred to as "Releases"), and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost that may occur due in any manner or degree to the presence of the Participant in the Event location, or in any way participating in the Event and whether caused by negligence of the Releases or otherwise.
INITIAL	3. THE PARTICIPANT hereby agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releases, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
INITIAL	4. THE PARTICIPANT has read and agrees to abide by the RULES AND REGULATIONS and CODE OF CONDUCT as established by the host organization. Participant understands that they may be asked to leave the event for failure to comply.
INITIAL	5. Any photographs, videotaping or other records of the Participant at the Event may be used to promote future events and promotions of The Kitchen, Inc. This includes, but is not limited to, use of a Participant's photograph and video on The Kitchen, Inc.'s web sites, television, printed billboards, brochures or other promotional materials.
INITIAL	6. The Participant agrees that all monies and other donations received in the name of Springfield Sleepout event are the sole property of The Kitchen, Inc. and will return all donations to The Kitchen, Inc. no later than December 1, 2011
INITIAL	7. The Participant agrees that they are expected to raise monetary donations and that there are corresponding contribution levels which serve as incentives for fundraising and in no way constitute compensation or employment.
INITIAL	8. The participant agrees that their registration fee does not entitle them to anything more than participating in The Kitchen, Inc.'s 2011 Springfield Sleepout event.

THE PARTICIPANT HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND DOES SO VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS ARE BEING GIVEN UP. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

Participant Signature and Date:	Parent or Guardian Signature and Date:
Please Print Name Clearly:	Please Print Name Clearly:

Submit Signed Form and \$10 Check payable to The Kitchen, Inc. no later than Friday, November 11th

Return to: Springfield Sleepout, 1630 N. Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65803

Phone 417-837-1500

Fax: 417-831-6709

www.thekitcheninc.org

Sister Lorraine Legacy

The *Sister Lorraine Legacy* has been established to recognize and thank donors who in their lifetimes have made planned giving commitments to The Kitchen in a will or living trust.



If you would like more information about joining the *Sister Lorraine Legacy*, as well as other planned giving opportunities available, please contact our Development Department at 417-837-1500.

Check us out on the web @

www.thekitcheninc.org

Help us grow our fan list to 2,000.
Become a fan on Facebook!

The Kitchen's Services

- **Community Outreach:** food, clothing, rent/utilities assistance, & household goods for those who qualify
- **Family Nurturing Center:** childcare at no cost for residents of The Kitchen, Inc. programs
- **Fresh Start:** receiving/distribution center for non-food items
- **KIND Place:** transitional housing with case management for The Kitchen, Inc. residents
- **Lorraine's & Maggie's:** resale shops open to community
- **Medical & Dental Clinic:** free community clinic for low-income, uninsured who qualify
- **Missouri Hotel:** housing & case management for women & families
- **Rare Breed:** outreach & housing for at-risk youth

Essential Information

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