

## **Our Daily Bread At a Glance 2018/ 2019**

- Our Daily Bread has been feeding and serving those in need, while making significant contributions to the Denton community for more than 19 years.
- Hunger, poverty, and homelessness in Denton County is real. Our Daily Bread is working daily to combat these very significant issues.
- Beginning as a collaboration of approximately 20 churches in the community, Our Daily Bread (ODB) opened its doors in Fellowship Hall of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church on June 5, 2000.
- On its first day of operation, ODB served 12 meals. By the end of its first full year of operation, the organization was serving about 73 meals a day. This year, in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, ODB serves **on average over 400 meals a day**.
- **In July of this year, 2019, ODB served its One Millionth Meal.** In 2019 we will serve more than 130,000 meals, provide over 40,000 social services, and facilitate over 15,000 client referrals to external agencies. Since inception, ODB has served 4000 clients.
- To meet this need, ODB requires volunteer support of **more than 35 volunteers per day**, with volunteers selflessly giving over 28,000 volunteer hours annually.
- In addition to the meals ODB serves at St. Andrew, we recognize the need for collaboration across agencies, providing meal service to other agencies, providing supportive services to guests, and hosting other community organizations to provide referrals and meet the needs of clients.
  - **ODB provides meal service to other agencies**, including MKOC, Denton County Friends of the Family, Grace Like Rain at Wheeler House, Denton County Veteran's Center Veterans by request, Food 4 Kids, and the MHMR's Summer Youth Program.
  - **ODB provides supportive services to guests**, including:
    - voucher programs for transportation, laundry, showers, prescriptions
    - a mail service for clients who do not have a permanent address making it possible to receive social security information

- SNAP cards
    - Phone and internet access helping clients to stay connected with friends and family and assist in job searches
    - assistance in obtaining TX issued identification
    - a hygiene closet for much needed personal items
    - a free Farmer's Market- providing food, clothing, and other non-food items
    - monthly haircuts.
  - **ODB hosts representatives from organizations and community partners to continue to meet the growing needs of clients,** including the Denton Community Health Clinic, Tarrant Area Food Bank SNAP Assistance Program, Veteran's Services of Catholic Charities, Cigna Health, Goodwill Employment Services, and a registered nurse.
  - **In 2018, ODB expanded services to clients by 100%,** including adding mobile Streetside Showers, the Fatherhood Effect for counseling and support for fathers, Giving Hope on-site to coordinate appointments, two new benefit providers (Tracy Briley and Amerigroup), Bi-Partisan Voter Education and Registration, MHMR mental health services, Hi Noon Lions Club to provide eye screenings, exams and glasses, and BBVA Compass Bank to provide financial education and assistance.
- **A few examples of the positive impact ODB clients realized in 2018 as a result of our efforts are:**
    - 6 moved clients from homelessness to housed
    - medical care and short-term motel stays facilitated for families in crisis
    - a newly housed couple who had to give their pets up when they became homeless were reunited with their furry family members
    - transportation (bus ticket) for son to get home for his father's funeral
    - transportation (gasoline and food) provided to a family of 10 helping to get them to Amarillo where they had housing and employment waiting for them
    - providing a warm smile, a listening non-judgmental ear, and safe shelter for the neediest among us
  - In 2019, answering the call of our community to assist our most vulnerable citizens, we expanded our capacity to serve by:

- Increasing staff capacity by adding 3 new staff positions and moving from 1 full time staff member to 7. Our Daily Bread's current staffing plan call for 7 full time staff members and 1 part time staff members.
  - Added Case Management to supportive Services
  - Agreed to pick up all meal service for Monsignor King Outreach Center including inclement weather days.
  - Increased our hours of operation from 9am – 1:30pm, opening one hour earlier.
- Building on the enhancements of 2018, organizational changes made in 2019 resulted in increased impact among our guests who struggle with hunger, homelessness, and poverty:
    - Through the first three quarters of this year, we have helped to move **29 people out of homelessness. An increase of 480%** over the prior year. We helped to prevent homelessness for just as many individuals assisting with rent, utilities, transportation and medical care.
    - **Meal service to Monsignor King increased by over 80%**, providing an average of **4000 meals per month** to the shelter.
    - **Identification documentation assistance increased 100%. Identifying documents are the first step out of homelessness and are required to obtain housing, employment and services from other non-profits and social service agencies.**
    - **Meals and services provided to our guests supported wellness and independence and the delivery of these services increased by more than 25% over 2018.**
  - In 2020, we hope to continue to expand services thus broadening our impact.

**We are so grateful to the Robson Ranch Women's Club for supporting our activities over years. Your contribution has made a tremendous impact in the lives of so many of our most vulnerable neighbors; seniors, children, families and individuals. Specifically, funds donated to ODB have supported the delivery of hundreds of thousand of meals and supportive services that truly change and save lives. We could not do this good work with out you.**

**Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!!**