



Giving Thanks

How precious are the days when we, with immense thoughtfulness, remember and give thanks for the people who truly make a difference in our lives and in the lives of those for whom we care so deeply!

We are so thankful for YOU--all the friends of Shepherd's Table. You are making a difference! It gives me great joy to share a short encounter with one of our meal guests and clients. His name is Tom, and we have been blessed to know Tom for many years.

Just a few weeks ago, another staff member and I were speaking with Tom about a problem he was experiencing. He explained the problem and said, "The papers are on my table at home." This simple statement, that I was not expecting, really touched my heart. This image of his table, in his home, gave me such joy!

I thought of all the years that he had been homeless. I thought of the struggles he faced, and the battles he won. Tom once believed there was no hope for his life, no way that good things would happen for him. He often said that it was impossible for him to move from the streets to a home.

Now, I smiled the biggest smile.

Now, after over 12 years on the streets, Tom has a home of his own!

His life has changed thanks to the work of Shepherd's Table, many other providers, donors and volunteers, working together to make the impossible possible for Tom, for all the folks in need in our community. **Thank you for the life-saving part you play, every day!**

We still see Tom everyday, as he comes for meals and other help at Shepherd's Table. We are grateful that we are here for Tom and others, providing meals, encouragement and support, transportation assistance, eye care, prescription assistance and more.

Today, we ask you to remember, and to give thanks for the blessings in your life. We ask you to give a financial gift from a place of gratitude! You see, Tom still needs YOU. Many who are hungry, need YOU. Many who need eye care, clothing and prescription assistance, need YOU. I believe that together, we can make the impossible possible.

I remember you each day, and I GIVE THANKS!



Jacki Coyle
Executive Director



Double Your Impact on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday, a national day of online giving, is on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Our generous partners, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, have offered a match for each donation received on that day, upto \$10,000!

We appreciate every gift we receive to support our mission, and encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to double the impact of your gift!

To participate in the Giving Tuesday Match, you can give a donation of any size ONLINE, at shepherdstable.networkforgood.com, or click on the DONATE button on our website!

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WHEN IT MATTERS, ALIXGIVES



AlixPartners has served multiple Bright Meals this year

"The whole AlixPartners team is grateful to have the opportunity to support Shepherd's Table and the Bright Meal Program. We very much look forward to our regular participation, and find it incredibly rewarding to be able to give back to those that may be less fortunate."

It is a special program in that it allows us to roll up our sleeves, and interact with program participants, while serving them and doing our small part to make their lives better for that moment."

-Tom Antisdell, AlixPartners

Interested in sponsoring a Bright Meal?

Email Carmen Garcia, cgarcia@shepherdstable.org

Community Investment Tax Credit

Community Investment Tax Credits support 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations by awarding allocations of State tax credits for use as incentives to attract contributions from individuals and businesses to benefit local projects and services. Businesses and individuals that donate to a qualified organization's approved project can earn tax credits equal to 50% of the value of the money, goods or real property contribution.

Shepherd's Table has 4,550 CITC credits available for 2018-19, which is \$9,100 in donations, to support its Food Service Program. These credits could be utilized quickly, and are valid for donations of \$500 or more. If you are interested in participating in this program, please reach out to Scott Davison, sdavison@shepherdstable.org to check on the availability of credits, and to obtain the necessary paperwork required by the State.

This is a first come, first serve opportunity, so act quickly!

Meet John and Judy Mathwin Former Teachers, Passionate Volunteers



John and Judy Mathwin are regulars in our dish room, volunteering at least once, if not multiple times a week. They are both retired teachers, with John teaching English and journalism, and Judy teaching various subjects and grades throughout her career.

They had devoted their

lives to the youth, both personally and professionally, as they served as mentors in addition to teaching during the day.

They heard about Shepherd's Table from their friends who were looking for more volunteers, and after the first time, they were hooked!

They are drawn to the organization's mission, the clients/guests, as well as the staff and other volunteers. They shared, "There is a warm feeling here, it is very special to us, and different from any other volunteering we have done. There is a camaraderie here, everyone is willing to help, and work as a team to get it done."

John added, "The staff models how to interact with each other, whether it's other staff, volunteers or clients, and that positive interaction spreads to the volunteers."

They love seeing that each meal is prepared beautifully, and there's so much thought given to it. There is a consideration for guest's needs, and they appreciate the fresh vegetables and salads that are served daily.

John and Judy volunteer every Friday, picking up additional shifts when they can. John shared, "We do the dishes, and guests often say thank you, God bless you, and show you their heartfelt appreciation. That is very rewarding."

Judy added, "There is a welcoming and beautiful atmosphere when we come in, and it is wonderful to get to know the stories of some of the guests, learn about their families, and build a friendship."

Besides volunteering during their free time in retirement, John and Judy enjoy spending time with their 9 grandchildren, taking walking vacations where they hike for 100-200 miles, going to the theater, and traveling together. John is also an avid adventurer, and enjoys canoeing and fishing.

"Even if you come alone, you become part of a family. You need to come in with an open heart and committed to helping."

Sometimes, sharing a smile or a short conversation can give someone the boost they need, and that makes it all worth it!"

Interested in volunteering?

Sign up at shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com

ST At A Glance: Jan-Oct 2018

Dinner Meals: 42,395

Brunch Meals: 9,633

Breakfast Meals: 20,863

Lunch Meals: 24,780

Resource Center Contacts: 13,888

Unduplicated Clients: 1,696

New Clients: 724

Eye Clinic exams/glasses: 183/179

Prescription filled/# of clients: 317/129

Clothes Closet: 2,236

Mail logged in: 24,486

Holiday Needs

Pies for dessert

Brisket and ham (Christmas)

Black tea bags

Apple cider

Olive oil

Salad dressing

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Blankets

Infused with Love

Shepherd's Table's Fall Event, *Infused with Love: An Evening at The Pearl*, on October 4, 2018 was a great success! **We give thanks to all who attended, sponsored, and donated their time and services leading up to the event!** We raised over **\$163,000** to support our mission, an increase of \$45,000 from last year's inaugural fall event.

The energy, passion and love were palpable, and we give special thanks to:

- Min Shin, Iris Shin, and staff from The Pearl and The Tower Companies for donating the space and their time!
- Martha Corcoran and Corcoran Caterers for donating ALL the delicious food served at the event!
- Eric Cathcart of Potomac Talent, who volunteered his time and efforts to manage and coordinate the event!
- Leon Harris, Susan Holt and Jonathan Bardzik for all volunteering their time to emcee, judge and cook in our very first cooking competition! (Congrats to resident Chef Christina Moore for winning the competition!)
- Our event committee: Anna Baumgartner, Jennifer King, Bill Rowan, and Tracy Mabbitt-Boone for their tireless efforts, brilliant ideas and seamless execution!
- Our dedicated volunteers from GEICO and Shepherd's Table!
- Our event honorees: Councilmember George Leventhal and GEICO and Bud Miller Associates for their beautiful awards
- Our host committee, led by Charlie Nulsen, Washington Property Company, and major sponsors:

