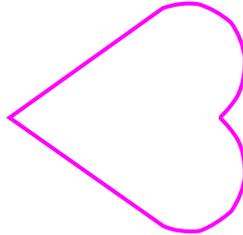
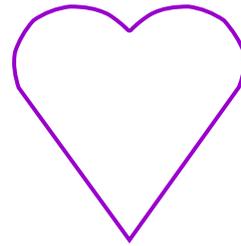




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# At the Table

February 2017



## Moving forward!!

2017 is a year to “expect the unexpected” and In My Father’s Kitchen (IMFK) has a unique opportunity to make a move that would enable us to strengthen our ability to meet the needs of those who feel invisible. We are inviting you, our Sous Chefs, to be a part of this wonderful vision.

Since 2012, In My Father’s Kitchen has had the privilege of helping 59 people come indoors. We believe we could increase the care and needed services to our homeless friends with a specialized Street Outreach Van. This van would allow In My Father’s Kitchen to connect homeless and street individuals with mental health and social service workers in a warm, safe and spacious environment. Bringing them the needed help where they are at. We can engage individuals on the street with food and love, but are unable to complete necessary administrative steps to get them the case management, social services or mental health treatment they need, including medications. We feel an outreach vehicle would provide the dignity and privacy needed to safely and lovingly engage in com-

pleting paperwork, making phone calls and connections in a confidential and timely way.

Through the generosity of a few local businesses and IMFK Sous Chefs with big hearts we have been able to raise \$29,000 of the needed \$45,000 to purchase this van. The van is being outfitted to IMFK’s specifications with table, seating and storage space. IMFK has made a connection with Dr. Sunny Asalm from Hutchings, who runs the Washington Street Clinic. Dr. Asalm has been going out with IMFK to assess the needs of those who are battling mental health issues on the streets. This has been a huge breakthrough for our friends to have someone come directly to them. After meeting Dr.

Asalm they feel more confident in going to the clinic for further help.

This outreach van will be a safe, private place for our friends to complete any paperwork needed before their first appointment with a community agency.

IMFK is also hoping to have those in the medical community ride with us at times to meet medical needs often left untreated.

The opportunities are immense. We are excited to have you join with us in this endeavor. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of building hope and changing lives with your financial gift for this Street Outreach Van.





## Winter Give Away

On Sat., Jan.21st, In My father's Kitchen (IMFK) held our annual Winter Give Away. This year was different for us in that we stepped outside of Syracuse and traveled to the Kallet Theater in Pulaski, NY. We had an excited and wonderful group of Sous Chefs from Orchard Church in Clay, NY to help make this event a great success.

The Kallet Theatre so graciously opened their doors, to allow us to use their facility to reach the community. Over 200 people at-

tended and received clothes, coats, housewares, bedding and so much more. It was so heart warming to see the kids at the toy table being helped by a group of teens to find a toy that was "just for them".



Thank you to the Sandy Creek School District for helping to get out the flyers to spread the word to those in need. **A BIG THANK**

**YOU** to our IMFK Sous Chef, Carolyn Blount a teacher in the Sandy Creek Schools who was pivotal in organizing and promoting this event. Thank you also to the gentleman (Farmer Samson) who donated 30 dozen fresh eggs to give to families.

Thank you to all our Sous Chefs who donated their materials and goods to give to those in need. **Together we are making a difference!**



## Under the Bridge Update

Closing out the month of January we were able to help two more friends find a home.

Kurt was given the opportunity of a place to stay and a job if he could find a way to FL. IMFK stepped in to help him by buying his bus ticket. Another friend going to make a better life for himself.

Our second friend, Ernie was housed with IMFK's collaboration with the staff at Liberty Resources. Thank you to our IMFK Sous Chefs whose generous giving makes these things possible.



### Me? A Sous Chef?

- Sous Chefs are vital to the success in the kitchen. We at IMFK call those who serve and support us Sous Chefs.
- Sous Chefs can give three ways:
- Donate goods; such as bedding, housewares, kids clothes, etc. Donations can be dropped off at IMFK EVERY FRIDAY 12-4pm.
- Prayer is our greatest support and help as we continue to expand our borders.
- Finally they can give financially. It is only through continued monthly support IMFK is able to continue helping those who feel invisible.
- Prayerfully consider becoming a monthly supporter (Sous Chef). Together we are making a difference!



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



True love stories never have endings  
-Richard Bach