

# Episcopal Hunger Relief Network News

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## First Annual Disc Golf Tournament a Success



**The First Place Team**

On Saturday, September 16, 2009, the first Annual ECS Challenge Disc Golf Tournament occurred at the Thornfield Disc Golf Course.

So just how is the success of such an event measured? How about fun, community, great food, and much needed funding for ECS/EHRN Hunger Relief programs.

Thanks go out to our dual hosts for this tournament. **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Kansas City, MO** organized and hosted the event. Tremendous work went into it, and a special thank you goes out to Father Jason and Julie Sponagel, as well as all of the event volunteers. .

Thanks also to **Bill Steuck and the entire Suburban Lawn and Garden family**. This wonderful disc golf facility is theirs, and they were marvelous hosts and participants.

You can view more than 100 pictures of this event at the Facebook fan page for the Episcopal Hunger Relief Network.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ECS Celebration on October 16

Please join us on **Friday, October 16**, for a special celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Episcopal Community Services. This event combines two wonderful experiences.

First, you will have an opportunity to sample from an **appetizer buffet prepared and presented by our own Culinary Cornerstones**. Culinary Cornerstones is an ECS program that provides culinary skills and life skills training to individuals who have experienced especially challenging barriers to employment. The **Culinary Cornerstones community catering program** serves a number of purposes including providing Episcopal Community Services and the Hunger Relief Network with a source of earned income to support all of our Hunger Relief programs. Most of all, they serve up some amazing food, which you will be able to sample yourself this evening.

Second, you will have the opportunity to taste a variety of wines from Italy, Spain and Southern France. This **Fall Harvest Wine Tasting** will take you on a tour of the Riviera with a variety of imported wines that are amazingly affordable. The reds range from a Les Mas de Flauzieres Le Pilon (a blend of Syrah and Grenache) to a Faustino Rioja from 20 year old Tempranillo Vines. There is also a variety of white wines such as a French Ninet de Pina Viognier and a Recanati Sauvignon Blanc from Israel. Plus aperitifs and dessert wines such as a Zardetto Prosecco from Italy, a Tio Pepe Fino Sherry from Spain, and a Domaine Lafond Tavel Rose from France. Plus, we will of course have non-alcoholic beverages as well.

The event will take place between 6:00 and 9:00 PM at Founders Hall at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral at 13<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

Tickets are only \$25 per person in advance and there is still time to order them from the Episcopal Community Services office. Or \$30 at the door on the evening of the event (and the \$5 extra simply buys a few additional meals). Please join us in celebrating these 20 years of service, and supporting future Hunger Relief ministries.



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## BackSnack Ministry Begins for 2009-2010



The BackSnack program for the current school year is underway. As this ministry grows, the following parishes in the Hunger Relief Network are now providing needed weekend food for **children in 17 area elementary schools and one middle school**. Our thanks goes out to all for their ministry. For more information on this ministry, go to [www.EpiscopalCommunity.org](http://www.EpiscopalCommunity.org).



## Episcopal Community Website Changing

This is a particularly good time for you to visit our website at [www.EpiscopalCommunity.org](http://www.EpiscopalCommunity.org). Thanks to the work of our new webmaster, Chris Morrison, we are gradually going through a process of transforming this site.

One of the most immediate changes that you will notice is the appearance and navigation of the ECS/EHRN site. A strong Internet presence is increasingly an important asset for non-profits in reaching out to potential volunteers, donors, and the community at large. By providing more meaningful information about our ministries and yours, we reach out to a wider community more effectively.

An excellent example of our enhancement in content is the information on the BackSnack program under the Episcopal Hunger Relief Network section. You will find a more comprehensive explanation of the program and how Episcopal Community Services, Harvesters, and our network partners work together to make this ministry possible. There is also an up-to-date listing of the participating Parishes.

Another enhancement in the site is an "ECS in the News" page under "About Us". With recent coverage in August and September from NBC Action News, Fox 4, and the Kansas City Star, our visibility is improving. This impacts donations of food, funding, volunteers, and general interest in the ministry and outreach of the Episcopal Church.

The Home Page features a special bulletin regarding upcoming events (in this case, our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 16) with a link to more information. The lower left corner of the page includes a link to our Episcopal Hunger Relief Network fan page on Facebook.

All of this is intended to strengthen our community, and build our capacity to provide ever increasing ministry toward relief of hunger in eastern Kansas and Western Missouri. Watch for more website enhancements as we continue to strengthen our support for you.

- Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd** (Kansas City, MO)
- Episcopal Church of the Resurrection** (Kansas City, MO)
- St. Aidan's Episcopal Church** (Olathe, KS)
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** (Kansas City, MO)
- St. Anne's Episcopal Church** (Lee's Summit, MO)
- St. Clare's Episcopal Church** (Overland Park, KS)
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church** (Shawnee, KS)
- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** (Kansas City, MO)
- St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church** (Mission, KS)
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church** (Kansas City, MO)
- St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church** (Overland Park, KS)

## Join Facebook Fan Page

Please become a fan of Episcopal Hunger Relief Network on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Episcopal-Hunger-Relief-Network/117550222898?ref=mf>. This new Network resource is designed to help you and us communicate volunteer needs and event/program information throughout the Network.

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## OCTOBER GALLERY

In future months, we hope to feature the best of photos submitted by you



**Children of St. Mary Magdalene help the Culinary Cornerstones staff serve a BBQ Buffet at Disc Golf Tournament**



**The Food Pantry at St Paul's, KCK**



**St. Andrews stuffs 200 backpacks to open this year's BackSnack program for children in need of weekend food.**

## **St Paul's Pantry Serves "Neighbors"**

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31)

This, the second of the two great commandments from Jesus, is perhaps the best expression of the spirit of so many volunteers in Episcopal Hunger Relief programs. In a wonderful expression of this, the clients at St. Paul's Food Pantry in Kansas City, Kansas are now referred to – not as clients, or guests, or visitors but – as "neighbors".

Echoing the experience of several EHRN pantries across the Greater Kansas City area, St. Paul's is seeing a steady flow of new neighbors visiting their facilities in need of food. It is not at all unusual on any given day for the volunteers there to see 5 to 10 individuals who have never been to the pantry before. Sadly, it is a sign of our current times.

It is also one of the reasons that the need for additional supplies and volunteers continues to grow. Bulk quantities of cooking oil, sugar, flour and coffee are especially helpful. Other supplies such as pancake mix and syrup are also always welcome. So are paper and plastic grocery bags.

In addition, if you have available time to volunteer, even just once or twice a month, please remember all of our Parish Network Partners in both Kansas and West Missouri. Almost all of them can use additional help at one time or another. If you already volunteer, encourage your own friends and neighbors to join you.

Remember the other New Testament reference to being a neighbor. A lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" And after hearing the story of the Good Samaritan he came to his own conclusion – "The one who showed mercy". At which point Jesus instructs him to "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:25-37)

Check out the Episcopal Hunger Relief Network Fan Page on Facebook, and become a fan, in order to keep informed about specific volunteer needs throughout the month. Or contact the ECS Volunteer Coordinator, Peggy Salts, at [psalts@episcopalcommunity.org](mailto:psalts@episcopalcommunity.org).

## **Quotation of the Month**

***"Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry."***

Psalm 146: 5-7