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The **Bread From Heaven Café** (BFHC) charity management was restructured in January 2024 with updated bylaws and the new Board of Directors (BOD) management:

Kevin Mueller	President
Louis McGraw	Vice-President
Milan Berek Ph.D.	CEO & Chief Financial Officer
James Conroy	BOD Member Special Advisor
Robert Fertal	BOD Member Special Advisor

The new board members will each serve a two-year term with the option to be reappointed and serve another two-year term, if approved.

1. We resumed our regular daily activities to operate our food pantry and continue food deliveries to the needy families registered with our outreach programs. Our food pantry is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., subject to the availability of volunteers.
2. Collection and distribution of clothing donations has expanded to reach the limit of our manpower, handling, storage and distribution. We are at the point that we cannot accept any additional items unless it is something specific that is listed on our published list of "Needed Items."
3. We offer our thanks for the donations from our friends of the Westlake and South Knolls retirement communities which make it possible to keep our food pantry sufficiently stocked with the most desirable and frequently used items.
4. At the beginning of this year, some of our recipients were relocated or registered with other outreach programs and therefore, they were dropped from our distribution list. The number of our recipients slightly decreased this year compared to what we have served the last year. Even though the number of recipients decreased, we still were able to deliver a respectable amount of food supplies.
5. With help from our partners and donors of Open Door, Wawa, Wegman's, Trader Joe's, Battleview Orchards and others, we were able to deliver in the first three (3) months of this year: 1,352 lunch sandwiches, 733 food pantry items and 4,632 fresh food items, including breads, cakes, pies, pastries, fruits and veggies, etc.
6. Through our partnership with the [Sarva Dharma Service Center \(SDSC\)](#) in Farmingdale, every week we deliver 10-15 custom-made food shopping bags with (10) fresh food items each from the SDSC menu list. The menu has about 100 valuable items to choose from, ranging from milk, butter, eggs, bacon, fruits, veggies, cereal, etc., at an average cost of around \$35-\$55 each. These packages are strictly limited to our disabled and very elderly people who are without transportation or have no other financial means of getting their food shopping done. Most of these recipients are our "old friends" who had been coming to our soup kitchen since 2016. Unfortunately, we have limitations to as how many people we can include in this program even though we know a number of other well-deserving people who would benefit by being enrolled in it. We thank SDSC for their generous food donations to make us "look good".

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7. We have renewed our 2024 Liability Insurance Policy to cover our Food Pantry and the Storage Shed located at the *HOPE Presbyterian Church* in Lakewood. We extend our most thankful appreciation to the church administrators for extending their offer and letting us to use their property and the facilities free of charge to us. Mr. Chris Earle came to our help in time of our need when we were forced to shut down our Soup Kitchen operation due to Covid pandemic, and we had no place to relocate our Food Pantry donation center. He graciously invited us, and helped us to move our pantry to their building where we are now operating from since 2020.
8. This year, as in the past, we also delivered custom-made food baskets for Thanksgiving, Christmas/Hanukkah and Easter/Passover holidays. The *Knights of Columbus (K of C) #6210* in Jackson donated and prepared (80) eighty **Easter Food Baskets** for us, which our volunteers delivered to our needy families. The food baskets contained all the items and ingredients necessary to make a complete family dinner for Easter. Our sincere "THANKS" goes to our friends at the *K of C* for their steady commitment and support of our outreach programs for the needy families.
9. Time and weather permitting, we go to Lakewood Square to support Minister Steve Brigham (*Destiny's Bridge Charity*) and other NGO nonprofit organizations and share our surplus items with the homeless and needy families in the Lakewood-Howell-Jackson-Manchester area.
10. The *Knights of Columbus* hosted their annual "Fish Fry" fundraiser on March 29, 2024, which had a "full-house" capacity, making it a very successful event to support their charitable programs. We are very happy to report that many of our *Bread From Heaven Café* volunteers were able to join the event and reserved three tables, seating all 30 of us together. It was a very nicely organized event, and we had the opportunity to introduce the all-new Board of Directors team, except Mr. James Conroy who could not attend due to his prior commitment.
11. Our next major FUNDRAISER is scheduled for May 28-June 15, to collect money for sponsorships to send single-parent children to a summer camp. The original summer camp program was established in 1998 by the late pastor *Jim Benedict* who passed in 2022.
12. Our Public Relations representative has sent thank you cards to all of our donors and supporters.
13. We appreciate your continued support, without which we would not be able to sustain the *Bread from Heaven Café* outreach mission.
14. Please see our updated photo library on our website, www.BreadFromHeavenCafe.org.

~~~ Thank you all for your support ~~~

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