



Welcome, March and welcome the (hopeful) start of warmer weather. Keep reading to find out the happenings of this month! Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms - you can find the links at the bottom of this newsletter!



Why Volunteer?

We try to express regularly how much we love and appreciate our volunteers, but it still does not do justice. On our shopping floor, we have the words "Fighting hunger, Feeding hope" for all to see. To us, that isn't simply a decoration that fills an empty space on the wall; it means something extremely important. Our Daily Bread can provide tangible resources, like groceries, diapers, and skill development, but we need our volunteers - and our collective community - to "feed hope." We need you to love, encourage, welcome, and *know* our neighbors, who need our assistance. You and every volunteer that walks through our doors are vital to our mission. You are the catalysts of change right here in our community. You help make ODB a place for all and a place for community.

Thank you one-million-one times over for choosing us and for choosing our community. It does not go unnoticed!



Helped Wanted!

Every day we get new volunteers or groups that want to make a difference in some form or fashion. Every week we get a few calls from people asking if we still need volunteers. The answer is always yes.

Our organization is growing, so we always need consistent volunteers for each session. If you're interested or available, we need several shopping assistants that can come (most) Thursday mornings. Our session is 9:00 am - 11:30 am, and we ask that volunteers arrive fifteen minutes before the session for our team meeting.

We also need volunteers to help in The Gardens at Our Daily Bread, especially as the weather warms up and we begin planting. Several of our volunteers and groups have expressed interest in garden work and activities. We want to hear from you, so we can pull a group together to kick off our first full crop of the season!

Furthermore, we would eventually like to offer SNAP application assistance during each weekday session, but we need willing applicants to learn the application

process to effectively aid our guests. If you have any questions of what that entails or would like to learn, please let us know!

If Thursday mornings work for you, or you just want to get plugged in with our organization, contact Mallie Reuter, our Volunteer Coordinator.

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March Means Spring Cleaning

As you're cleaning out your space this spring, be thinking of us. We always want your plastic grocery bags and egg cartons, so don't toss those! If you've been a shopping assistant with us, you know how fast we move through both. We seem to be in short supply!

We also need garden tools that you're okay parting with, such as rakes, pitchforks for our upcoming compost system, garden gloves, spades, hoes, or the like. The more tools we have, the more opportunity we have to create a viable garden that has room for all.

Pay It Forward

Our very own Linda Martin was nominated for the Pay It 4Ward award from Oklahoma's News 4. She's extremely dedicated to her work here at ODB and loves

her community a lot, so she's deserving of this special recognition!

You can watch her segment on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00 pm on channel four.



Facility Changes

I know the title of this section seems serious. I just wanted to keep your attention for a little longer. Next time you're here, you might notice that we rearranged our exit area. We now have a sustainable water fountain that limits the need for plastic bottles and encourages waste elimination. OSU is such an incredible partner, and we're proud to stand with the institution.

Last week, two of the employees from the OSU Facilities Management Department, Brian Sanders and Greg Leeming, installed the fountain for us. Thank you, thank you for our newest facility addition!



Volunteer Spotlight

For the month of March, we'd like to recognize **St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church** for their steady, reliable, and hard-working crew that comes once a month. We're so grateful for our church partners who orchestrate group volunteer days and value active community engagement! Thank you for your service and dedication; we're so glad to work with you all!

We couldn't do what we do without the help of our warehouse team. to name a

few, **Jim Vandegrift and Kyle Lewis** have been here from the birth of our organization and are here several times a week. They help receive shipments, operate the forklift, and organize the warehouse every morning. If you listen closely, you can hear them laughing and joking. We love having you both; you make our organization better!

