

Stewpot March 2024 Newsletter

Spring is on the Way



Stewpot Receives Designation as a 501(C)3 Nonprofit Organization

On December 8, 2023, the Stewpot
received notification from the IRS Department of the



Treasury Tax Exempt and **Government** Entities of approval as a 501(C)3 Nonprofit Organization. We have been working on getting this approval for the last year. The designation as a 501(C)3 organization provides us with many more grant opportunities. Thanks to **CEO James Hyden and Kayce M. Chaney, Hyden, Miron & Foster, PLLC**. The company did all the work pro bono.



James Hyden and Kayce Chaney

New Stewpot Board Members

David Gill

David Gill grew up in Cincinnati, graduated from Miami of Ohio and then attended seminary in Boston. He pastored Presbyterian churches in Indiana then moved to Arkansas to work with Heifer



Project International. In 1997

David became Executive Director of Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Ferncliff grew significantly over the next 20, years adding a national Disaster Assistance Center, a Nature Preschool, and a Sharing the Goods programs that shares donated products to help scores of local nonprofits. Since retiring from Ferncliff, David has helped at other camps. He recently completed ten months as Interim Director at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. David's wife Vicki founded the food pantry in Perry County and has directed the program as a volunteer for 35 years. David and Vicki live in Perryville. Their

three children and 8 grandchildren all live close.

Hope Hankins

Hope grew up in North Little Rock. She is a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Hope is a widow, mother of 2 girls and Yanny to 2 sweet grand babies. She has sold advertising for the last 25 years. She is passionate about helping people with addiction and in recovery and is honored to be on the board for Stewpot.



Bridgett Norwood

Bridgett is from North Little Rock and has lived in Little Rock for 30 years. She retired in 2019 from UA Little Rock where she was the Head Women's Golf Coach for 20



years. She volunteered at Stewpot one or two times in late 2019, and when the pandemic caused us to go into lockdown, she volunteered every day for a few months. She settled into a routine of two days a week and every other Monday. She is so proud to be a volunteer for such a great organization and looks forward to coming on the Stewpot Board

Lorie Kimes Scott

Lori was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas. and graduated from Little Rock Central High School. She is a former Arkansas state champion in Gymnastics and held the title of Miss Fitness Arkansas in 2000. She went on to compete in fitness professionally.

She was a Personal Fitness Trainer for many years, and also coached competitive gymnastics, and cheer. Lorie is



the Creator & founder of the Gym For Him ministry (a gymnastic ministry).

She is the owner of Lorie Leaps & Bounds (Private gymnastics studio). She has been a member at Immanuel Baptist Church since she was three years old. Lorie is married to Brian Scott, has three grown children and two grandbabies 1yr & 2yrs old.

Brownies for the Stewpot

A member of St. Mark's Episcopal team had his granddaughter come help prepare meals several times during school holidays. But she couldn't skip school to come to Stewpot.

So, she baked at home and brought the finished product to store in our freezer.

What a wonderful surprise to find she made enough

brownies for our whole group of diners. They were beautiful frosted brownies with chocolate drizzle and mini marshmallows.

A big thank you to all our “secret bakers”. During each month, at least 3-4 groups and individuals drop off homemade delicious treats for our diners. Yes, the diners know and appreciate these special treats. It’s just one more way to show our love to those **in need**.



Little Rock Chinese Community Donates

Hams to the Stewpot

A generous lady from the Little Rock Chinese Community called Jason and said her group would like to donate some food to the Stewpot . They donated twelve large Petit Jean Hams. These hams will be used for sandwiches, soups and stews.

Thank you Little Rock Chinese Community.







Stewpot Receives 3,000 Pairs of Socks from Bombas

In January of 2023, the Stewpot received 3,000 pairs of socks from Bombas. A total of 12 boxes each containing 250 pairs of socks. The boxes weighed approximately 30 pounds each. The following number and sizes were received in a mixture of over the calf and ankle socks

Total Pairs: 3,000 (12 Boxes)

500 XL Calf

250 XL Ankle

1500 Large Calf

500 Large Ankle

250 Medium Calf

Even though our clothing room is now closed, Stewpot remains a distribution point for Bombas. Stewpot is at liberty to donate the socks to other nonprofit organizations.

It is a Bombas policy that the socks cannot be sold. The Stewpot will retain some of the socks which will be given to the Stewpot diners during the normal lunch hours once a month. So far, the following number has been donated to the these organizations.

1 Box to Vera Lloyd Presbytery Services

1 Box to El Zocalo

1 Box to Elaine Community

1 Box to St. Francis House

1 Box to Jericho Way

2 boxes to Compassion Center

2 Boxes to The Van

1 Box to the Canvas Community Methodist Church



Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers are always needed at the Stewpot. Volunteers typically help prepare sack lunches one day a month, i.e., a certain day of the month and usually work only once a month. There is nothing to preclude working more than once a month. Normal working times each day are from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Volunteers help make sandwiches and whatever else is being served that day. Something hot, such as soup, stew, or wraps are served once or twice a week. Also, the

items must be placed in paper bags which Jason and Yolanda carry down to the serving area. For special occasions, a hot meal is prepared and served downstairs rather than sack lunches. For these occasions, the regular team prepares the food and a special team serves the food to the diners. The teams have fun and interact with each other as they volunteer at the Stewpot.

Rather than volunteering for a single day or two, consider volunteering a specific day of each month (I,e,. the first Monday of each month, the second Tuesday of each month or the 4th Wednesday of each month, etc.

Please consider volunteering

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Stewpot at:

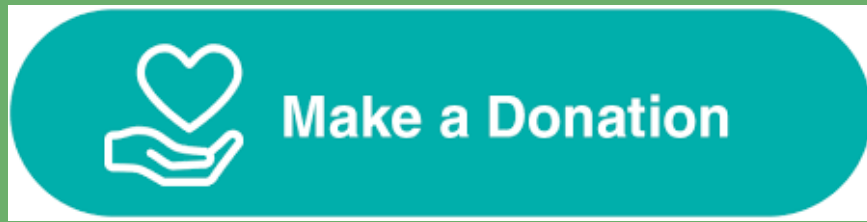
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Stewpot Holidays



New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day (4th of July)
Labor Day
Thanksgiving

Friday after Thanksgiving Christmas Eve Christmas Day



Make a Donation to Stewpot

Stewpot's financial support comes from donations from churches and individuals. With food costs rising and our numbers increasing each month, we really need your financial support. Please help support the Stewpot. Make an online donation by clicking on Make a Donation below. When you click on Make a Donation, you will have the option of making an online donation with either PayPal or a credit card.

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