



Sharing & Caring Hands
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Sharing & Caring Hands was founded in 1985 by Mary Jo Copeland of Minneapolis. The “mission statement” states:

Sharing & Caring Hands is a compassionate response to the needs of the poor. We are set up to be a safety net organization to help with whatever needs are not being met. This includes but is not limited to providing meals, clothing, showers, shelter, transportation help, rent deposits, rent help, medical assistance, dental care, furniture, school expenses, funeral assistance, and other miscellaneous needs.

Sharing & Caring Hands is located in Minneapolis (behind the new Target Field/Twins Stadium) and provides numerous day-to-day services for the poor and the homeless.

St. Michael's, St. Joe's (Rosemount), and St. Thomas Becket (Eagan) are working together to prepare and serve a noon meal at Sharing & Caring Hands the last Tuesday of each month.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, several parishioners from St. Michael's went to Sharing & Caring Hands to get a feel as to just what is expected of the volunteers for these meals. The "host" church that day was St. Thomas Becket. The March 27th meal was provided by St. Joe's. Again, a few volunteers from St. Michael's went to the site but found there were too many volunteers on hand so some of us took a tour of Mary's Place and then returned to Farmington. The April 24th meal was provided by a church not connected with our three churches.

St. Michael's was scheduled to "host" the May 29th meal! Planning for the meal began many weeks prior to that date. Carole Hansen, Janet Thomas, and Sandy Glau met to discuss possible options for the meal. A menu was decided upon and a plan was put in place to figure out just which items would be purchased and which items would be donated. This is what the plan looked like:

- Sloppy Joe Mix (60 pounds from Greg's Meats/Hampton) -- purchased
- Buns 25 dozen (Masters from Sam's) 300 buns -- purchased
- Cole Slaw Dressing (Jimmy's) 6 1/2 quarts -- purchased
- Shredded Cole Slaw 28 pounds – donated
- Bake Beans 13 ½ cans (117 oz. commercial size and several small cans) -- donated
- Potato Chips 11 boxes and 2 bags -- donated
- Apples 5 (3 lb bags) -- donated washed and quartered
- Oranges 6 (3 lb bags) -- donated washed and quartered
- Cookies (chocolate chip and M & M) from Kwik Trip / Farmington 25 dozen
(300 cookies) -- donated
- Extra: Granola Bars and small bags of fruit snacks -- donated by Farmington Food Shelf

Big signs were put on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for the donations (as well as a place to put money donations)!

People were VERY generous and we received all we had asked for – in terms of the donations!

The day of the meal, Carole and Clyde Hansen, Janet and Keith Thomas, Mary and Terry Varner, Sandy Glau, Eileen Devney, Marge Schneider, Leah Earp, Dottie Knutson, Mike Hessian, and Dave Watters went to Sharing & Caring Hands and prepared and served the meal to approximately 300 people!

The next meal that St. Michael's will be "hosting" is Tuesday, September 25! We typically have been car pooling from St. Michael's and leave here about 9:30 a.m. We are usually back in Farmington between 2 – 2:30 p.m.!

If you'd like more information or would like to help with the Sept. 25th meal – you may contact Sandy Glau 651-463-5228 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

