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Virtual Walk-A-Thon

Register online at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Rochester/DimitriHouseWalkfortheHomeless>

or by using QR code below!



Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

See inside for details!

Spring is here!

Have you seen the crocuses blooming or heard the the 'peepers' peeping? These are a sure sign that Spring is here! Spring gives us all hope that the cycle of life continues, Winter giving way to the ever blooming Springtime and Summer to come.

At Dimitri House we are optimistic that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is in the rear view mirror. We are looking forward to a return to 'normal,' whatever shape that takes. The Drop-In Lunch program has been affected the most by the gyrations of the pandemic - we went from a "to-go" lunch, to in-person dining, back to to-go lunch when Omicron became prevalent. We hope to get back to the in-person lunch very soon. Our lunch drop-in 'regulars' tell us they miss the socialization, card playing, and laughter that takes place during lunch in our dining room. We continue to serve community food needs through the Emergency Food Cupboard program and supporting several clients with security deposits and case management through our Dimitri Affordable Safe Housing (DASH) program. You can find the annual report statistics in the body of this newsletter.

In May we celebrated the one year anniversary of welcoming our first Mamczur Place resident and as of November 2021, Mamczur Place is fully occupied! We have a nice community of residents who are utilizing our programs and being supported by a full time care coordinator. It is truly a joy to see a community forming right across the parking lot and as our mission statement says - to serve our neighbors in need with love and acceptance, joining them on their journey toward self-sufficiency.

Happy Spring!

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Honor and remember someone who has made a difference in your life with a memorial or tribute gift made to Dimitri House.

We acknowledge all memorial gifts and send out letters of recognition to those people you have chosen to honor.

HONORS

Beth Lewis

Betsy & Jim O'Sullivan

Dimitri

Donald Palmer

Dr. Tim Wagner

Gene Renner

Jerry Raniewicz

Kathy Pierce

Nancy Jarose

Paul & Dianne Kandt

Peg Rubley

The Difference You Make

REMEMBERING MARGARET WITTMAN

Margaret Wittman, a servant of the poor and supporter of Dimitri House, died in November 2021. Margaret was born to Mary and Fredrick Wittman on May 5th, 1928 and was their only child. She studied geology and worked at the Department of Labor for 30 years before she retired.

Margaret served the Corpus Christi Church community for over 40 years in a variety of roles as sacristan extraordinaire, archivist, sound engineer, rectory receptionist, and repairwoman. Corpus Christi Church is where Margaret found purpose and meaning in life. When the church was raising money to start its ministries, it was Margaret who donated money to buy the properties that became the Rogers House Restaurant and Corpus Christi Childcare.

When Sister Margie Henninger wanted to start a ministry dedicated to serving the homeless and feeding the poor, it was Margaret who donated the money to buy the Dimitri House property at 102 N. Union Street. Margaret was humble and didn't want anyone to know who donated the building. Dimitri House and Mamczur Place simply would not exist without Margaret's generosity. We love you Margaret! Dimitri House and Mamczur Place continue to serve the poor thanks to your generosity!



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

- Gandhi

What's Happening at Dimitri House?

DROP-IN LUNCH PROGRAM EXTENDS ITS REACH

Thanks to your donations and a collaboration with Foodlink, the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, and Alex's Kitchen, we distributed 1,469 meals in February 2022, more than three times the number distributed in January!

How did this happen? Board member, Joel Lesses, inquired if we could provide meals to the men, women, and children housed at Motel 6 on Chili Avenue. Since COVID, several homeless shelters in the city were forced to close because they could not meet COVID space requirements. To provide shelter, Monroe County began placing homeless families in local hotels.

At the same time, Alex's Kitchen offered to donate prepared food. NYS is supporting local restaurants and food services to keep them alive during the pandemic. So, in addition to Drop-In Lunches at Dimitri House, we are now sending dinners to Motel 6 four days a week.

If you or your organization would like to donate meals, please contact Motel 6 Food Coordinator, Linda Clark, at (585) 582-1091.

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

In 2021, Dimitri House provided these services to people in need:

1. Provided 3,426 individuals in the city of Rochester, NY with emergency food in the Emergency Food Cupboard;
2. Served 3,450 hot meals in the Drop-In Lunch program;
3. Provided 9 security deposits along with intensive case management to homeless individuals seeking permanent housing placements through the Dimitri Affordable Safe Housing (DASH) program; and
4. Provided Thanksgiving meal baskets to over 250 families.

CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER



Warmer weather is on the way and you are probably getting your grill ready for summer cookouts. Join Dimitri House for its first chicken BBQ fundraiser on Friday, June 17, 2022, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 43 Gebhardt Road in Penfield. Dinner pickup is from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at a cost of \$15.00. Sticky Lips BBQ will prepare the drive-through chicken BBQ dinner, which includes

½ chicken, BBQ

beans, macaroni salad, cornbread, and a Sticky Lips BBQ dessert coupon worth \$7.00. Tickets can be purchased online at www.dimitri-house.org/events or by calling Dimitri House at (585) 325-1796. Use the QR code above to navigate directly to the event on our website!



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MEMORIALS

Arthur Pires' Parents

Bill Combs

Bradley Hall's Mother

Carmen Rossi

Charles McElhinney

Diane Stigile

Earl Costich

Gabriel & Carmela Swanson

Joe Bassett

Kate, Marie, & Walter May

Mary Ellen Dugan

Michael Barton

Patricia Haber

Thomas Shamon

Tony Lipani

Memorial & Tribute gifts made after April 1, 2022 will be listed in the next issue.

*"We make a living
by what we get.
We make a life by
what we give."*

- Winston Churchill



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Kindness is like a Spring day!

Dimitri House's namesake, Dimitri Mamczur, was a homeless man with a kind and giving heart who helped his fellow homeless friends and everyone he met. Dimitri wanted to make the world a better place.

Yes, I want to help our neighbors
on their journey towards self-sufficiency.

- Donate:** By check in the **reply envelope** or **online at www.dimitri-house.org** (one time or monthly)
- Food drive:** Hold a neighborhood food drive with your family, place of worship or business,
- Volunteer:** Call **585-325-1796** or go to **www.dimitrihouse.org**, click the **Online Volunteer Application** link on the homepage.

Every act of kindness and giving breathes new life into Dimitri's legacy. *\$30 buys a family of four at least 3 days of emergency food.* Thank you for all you do for Dimitri House.

ABOUT DIMITRI HOUSE

Dimtri House works within the Rochester, NY community to provide essential services to those coping with poverty and homelessness. We offer a drop-in lunch program, an emergency food cupboard, security deposit program (DASH), and apartments. Additionally we provide various case management and referral services.

Learn more:
www.dimitri-house.org

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