



Preble Street

Turning Hunger and Homelessness into Opportunity and Hope

Adult Services

June 30, 2011

Advocacy

Florence House

John LoBosco

Food Services

Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth

Lighthouse Shelter

116 Oakhurst Road

Logan Place

Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

Maine Hunger Initiative

Dear Mr. LoBosco:

Teen Center

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

—Mother Teresa

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When people think about Preble Street, they often think of a soup kitchen—of a line of people winding around the corner at the Resource Center, patiently waiting to be served a hot and nutritious meal.

Each and every day more than 900 meals are served to homeless and low-income adults, children, and families at Preble Street's soup kitchens, which operate at the Resource Center, the Teen Center and Florence House.

Another 140 families attend the weekly food pantry to access emergency groceries. Elders who can't get to the soup kitchen for meals, families who can't make ends meet, hard-working people who are going hungry—not because they are spendthrifts or making bad choices, but because they have no good choices.

Unfortunately, it is a number that has increased drastically in recent years. Given the challenges of unemployment and higher food, fuel and housing costs, it is a number that isn't likely to go down soon.

There is no easy way to eliminate hunger in the world or in our neighborhood. None of us can do it alone: all of us are part of the solution. The safety net we provide would be at risk if it were not for supporters like you. We are grateful to you for your commitment to this community and for ensuring that we can feed Maine's most vulnerable citizens in the months ahead.

On behalf of the thousands of people who depend on all Preble Street's services, I want to thank the Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth for your gift of \$500.00 (check # 1375) to purchase an electric can opener.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Swann, MSPA
Executive Director

Thanks so much!

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