



Friends of Night People

Current Needs:

Deodorant, Soap, Men's Summer Clothing, Cereal, Cans of Soup, Cans of Tuna

Greetings!

Our primary mission to serve meals has led to two new exciting partnerships on Buffalo's West Side.

In March, Friends of Night People and The Salvation Army Temple Corps partnered to open a satellite community meal program at 187 Grant Street. Meals at The Salvation Army are served on Mondays and there have been up to 86 meals served.

In May, a partnership was created with PUSH Buffalo, who operates a youth drop-in center, at 271 Grant Street. Here a buffet style salad, or pasta bar with milk is available to youth on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Serving nutritious, filling meals to those experiencing homelessness, or poverty is important to our board, volunteers, donors, staff, and myself. These locations will help many people live a healthier life. Increasing the awareness of our other programs through these meals, and demonstrating our ability to work with other community agencies is what our supporters want us to accomplish. By helping these individuals, we end the vicious cycle of poverty.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Heary
Executive Director

Save the date for Party for the People

This year's Party for the People will take place Tuesday, Sept. 20 at [Buffalo Iron Works](#). More information to follow.

[See photos from last year here.](#)



BlueCross BlueShield donates to FONP



BCBS of WNY Blue Crew presents the charities with checks. Photo by: BCBS

[BlueCross BlueShield of WNY's](#)

Employees collected \$72,000 throughout 2015 in order to distribute to 20 charities that the employees then voted on. Friends of Night People was one of the lucky recipients to receive a \$3,600 check at their reception held in April. Thank you for your generosity!



GoBike Buffalo donates bike locks to FONP

Throughout April, [GoBike Buffalo](#) ran a special that if customers purchased a bike lock, they would donate one to Friends of Night People. The customers came through and because of those 11 people who purchased a lock, GoBike donated 11 locks to Friends of Night People. Because of

their generosity, guests at FONP, who ride bikes, will now be able to lock them securely on the bike racks located near our building.

Cereal drive a success

After we advertised our need for cereal to stock the food pantry, the community certainly delivered.

The following companies/groups/committees organized a drive for FONP and we can't thank them enough:

[V.E.T.T.E. Block Club](#)

[Southtowns Catholic School's National Junior Honor Society](#)



Photo by: V.E.T.T.E. Block Club

Emedco.com

[Springville Griffith Institute's 7th Graders](#)

Praxair's Corporate IT Dept.

Spirit Committee

[Buffalo Newman Center](#)

Anonymous Groups

(If we omitted anyone, we do apologize.)

Our next item that we need to stock the food pantry is soup. If you are interested in running a soup drive for Friends of Night People, please contact Nicole at NGawel@FriendsOfNightPeople.com. Thanks!



Michele's Musings

Michele Beal, program coordinator for the Friends of Night People Friends of Friends Program, reflects on the past couple months, and talks about education and prevention.

[Read her article here.](#)



Lorena, our new AmeriCorp member.

Meet Lorena

Please welcome Lorena, our new AmeriCorp employee at Friends of Night People.

[Read more about Lorena here.](#)

Bissonette Foundation gives grant for new tables and chairs at FONP

Thank you to the Joseph Bissonette Memorial Foundation for providing our dining room with a



much needed face lift. Because of their generosity, we have new tables and chairs in the dining room, including a high-top, giving folks the option to stand while eating. We want to give a special thank you to Mr. Ray Bissonette who made this possible.

Kids can make a difference



Left: Rachel Stressinger raised money and items for FONGP.
Right: Students held a cereal drive for FONGP.

Springville Middle School asks their seventh grade students to do partake in a year-long project choosing an organization, or person who has made a positive difference in the world. Thank you to Rachel Stressinger and students in Mrs. Krzemien's class.

[Learn more about the project by clicking here.](#)

Girl Scout Troops tour and donate to FONGP



Girl Scout Troop 30148 (left), and Girl Scout Troop 39103 (right) earned their Bronze Award by completing projects for FONGP.

Friends of Night People welcomed to Girl Scout Troops recently. Both troops toured the facility and asked wonderful questions. They also came with a surprise.

Troop 30148 (pictured above, left) held a pancake breakfast to raise funds for FONGP. They then used the funds to purchase toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, deodorant, and soap and made 75 personal care item bags. They also donated socks.

Troop 39103 (pictured above, right) from Alden collected over 150 cans of soup for FONP's food pantry.

Both troops earned their Bronze Award because of their efforts. Congratulations, ladies, and thank you for holding drives for our clients.



4th grade class raises over \$100 for FONP

Mrs. Schaner's class at Windom Elementary in Orchard Park raised \$108.05 for Friends of Night People.

Mason and Lucas initiated the collection when they chose FONP as their project for class.

The students were extremely excited and proud of their accomplishment. Thank you for making a difference.



Volunteer Information

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued support. We would just like to give a little friendly reminder for everyone to please arrive at our facility to volunteer at 4:30 p.m., if possible.

If something should come up that you, and/or your group cannot make it, please contact Nicole Gawel at NGawel@friendsofnightpeople.com Monday-Friday, or Marty

Bensch, Chef, at 716.884.5375 ext. 204 on Saturdays and Sundays, if you are volunteering that weekend. Thank you!

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Meal Count: as of May 31, 2016, FONP has served 51,310 meals.

Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 7 p.m. at 394 Hudson St., Buffalo, NY 14201

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