

Bishop Sullivan Center

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ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO, THREE POTATO.... ROYALS' BILLY BUTLER SCORES 20 TON DONATION OF POTATOES TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

This year's Hit It A Ton campaign is off to a great start. Royals' first baseman, Billy Butler and his wife Katie, are once again committing themselves to help provide food for needy families throughout Kansas City. Last year's Hit It A Ton Campaign raised enough money for us to buy 281 tons of food. Billy and sponsors, Straub Construction and Sioux Chief, each donated a ton of food for every home run that Billy hit last year. He hit 21.

The Butlers live in Idaho in the off-season. Kent Sutton, an Idaho potato farmer, heard of what the Butlers were doing and wanted to help. He offered to donate 20 tons of



Go to our website and mouse over items in Billy's Locker to see what autographed items you can have for your donation.

potatoes and have them trucked to Kansas City. They are being distributed freely to pantries around the city.

The cost for us to purchase and distribute a ton of food from Harvesters is \$250; for a half a ton it is \$125. To show you their appreciation for your donation, Billy and Katie have come up with some unique gifts. Throughout the season Billy

and Katie plan to collect autographed balls, bats, and game used items to give to people who donate a ton or half a ton of food. All the items will be listed on our website on a page called, "Billy's Locker." When you scroll over the various items in "Billy's Locker" you'll see what is available.

Billy and Katie also want to invite all Hit It A Ton donors to a picnic to be

held in late summer. Billy and Katie will host the picnic and have some games set up for kids. Billy will be available to meet all the kids and sign autographs for them.

The Royals will donate a limited number of tickets to all Hit It A Ton donors for a game on August 18th.

Firehouse Subs has joined Straub Construction and Sioux Chief as a corporate sponsor this year. If you would like to be a corporate sponsor, contact Jane McQueen at 816-231-0984. Corporate sponsors donate a ton of food, \$250, for every home run that Billy hits this year.

To join the Hit It A Ton campaign go to our website, www.bishopsullivan.org.



Billy's hands are full with baseballs and donating food to the needy.



GIVING FISH...

YOUNG FAMILY SUDDENLY EVICTED NEEDS A HOT MEAL

Jim, his wife and their two children, ages 4 and 2 were suddenly evicted from their home as it was foreclosed. It wasn't their fault. They had been paying the rent, but the landlord couldn't keep up with the mortgage payments. Until they found another place to live, they slept in their car. They came to our soup kitchen one evening for a hot meal. We told them they could come back in the morning and get groceries from our pantry. We referred them to an organization that helps with housing.

Every evening, Monday through Friday, we serve a hot meal to, on average, 250 people. Each has their own story as to why they need such a meal. To sponsor a night at the soup kitchen, go to our website, www.bishopsullivan.org and click on "Feed the Hungry."



Bishop Boland joins other volunteers to serve a special meal at our soup kitchen a couple of days before Christmas.



...AND TEACHING HOW TO FISH

COURSE TEACHES PEOPLE HOW TO START THEIR OWN SMALL BUSINESS



Cristina Ruiz is learning how to start her own cake business.

"You can't have your cake and eat it, too." Cristina Ruiz says you can. She dreams of starting her own cake making and decorating business. She knows though that she needs help and direction to start her own business.

Bishop Sullivan Center is sponsoring a course, "First Steps/Fast Track," developed by the Kauffman Foundation to teach low-income people how to start a small business. The course consists of 12 three-hour long classes. It covers marketing, financing, separating yourself from your competition, and how to develop a realistic business plan. There are 20 students in the current class.

In an economy where lay-offs are the norm, many people are looking at how to be their own boss. Admittedly, starting a small business is quite the challenge, but this course will be a great help to those who have the "right stuff." Cristina says that just after three classes she has learned a lot and is more realistic about her business.

Bishop Sullivan Center is committed to helping people become more self-sufficient by helping them find jobs and how to start their own business.

By the way, if you need a cake, you can contact Cristina at 816-590-4348 or www.kreacioneskity.com.

To donate make check payable to Bishop Sullivan Center and mail to the address below or you can donate online.

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