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ELDERLY GIVE THANKS FOR FREE AIR CONDITIONERS *COOL RELIEF COMES TO PERSPIRING RESIDENTS*

The first air conditioner we installed this summer was for a 67-year-old veteran of the armed services (see photo). He lives in a studio apartment on the fourth floor. You can just imagine how warm that apartment would get in the summer without an air conditioner.

Here are some brief descriptions of some others we recently installed an air conditioner for:

- An elderly man with only one lung.
- An 85-year-old woman with terminal cancer. She is under hospice care.
- An elderly woman who is wheelchair bound as her right foot was recently amputated due to diabetes.
- An elderly couple, wife is on dialysis.
- Woman with COPD and emphysema. Her condition is so bad that she rarely leaves the house.
- An elderly couple who both have multiple health issues including asthma and emphysema.



Nick Roberts, a seminarian for the KC–St. Joe diocese, installs the first air conditioner of the summer for Jim.

One recipient expressed her gratitude in the form of a poem.

Just Because

Just because of you I have been blessed
Just like so many others
I can stay cool on these
Hot summer days and nights
Just because of you I can breath better when I am
In my house.

Just because of you there is a smile
On my face everyday
Just because of you
I am happy the Lord
Sent you my way.



Ben Kneib, another seminarian working for us this summer, poses with Ruth before installing her unit in the window behind them.



NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING FOR A HOT MEAL GROWS

DONOR-SPONSORED NIGHTS FEED THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY

The numbers continue to increase at the St. James Place Kitchen. Over the past two months we have averaged serving 219 hot meals each weekday evening. During that time we served as many as 300 hungry folks on two occasions. Sadly, we are seeing more children as well.

The kitchen is primarily financed through a sponsorship program. For \$150.00 the meal can be sponsored in honor of a friend, in memory of a loved one, or as a gift. The easiest way to do this is at www.bishopsullivan.org. Click on the "Feed The Hungry" button, pick a date and make a donation. Otherwise, call Jane at 816-231-0984 to arrange a sponsorship.

After your meal is served, you will receive a thank you note that includes the menu, the number of people served and the sign displayed that night with the name of the person whom you designated.



Each night over 200 people come for a hot meal.



SUCCESSFUL "HIT IT A TON" FOOD CAMPAIGN WILL FEED MANY YOU CAN STILL JOIN



Thanks to you, tons of food are rolling in.

areas of the city where there are some of the highest concentrations of low-income families.

All donations to this drive go exclusively toward food. You still have time to donate to this cause and join us for our Hit It A Ton Night at the K on August 9th. We are confident Billy's stint in Omaha will be brief and he'll join us that night.

Last Spring we kicked off a food drive called "Hit It a Ton." Royals player Billy Butler and his wife, Katie, willingly wanted to help. Anyone who donates \$320 for a ton of food (our cost at Harvesters) will receive an autographed bat by Billy and two tickets to the Royals game on Saturday, August 9th. Prior to the game, there will be a bar-b-que in the parking lot.

A half-ton donation or \$160 gets you an autographed ball and one ticket to that game. A tenth of a ton donation gets you an autographed picture of Butler and a ticket to that game. We will have additional tickets you can buy for just \$10 each.

So far, we have had just over 200 tons of food donated. The campaign has been so successful that we are sharing a good portion of the food with St. Therese Little Flower's food pantry at 58th and Euclid. We are now distributing food in three

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

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