



THE Father Fred Foundation

Summer 2010 Issue

Donors



Al and Lenise Howard

Local donors giving from the heart.



"Giving Gets Personal"

By **Martie Manty, Executive Director**

Our theme this edition is "Donors." We salute their support and thank them. They make what we do possible. We continue to be amazed and surprised every year with their generosity and creativity in designing fund raisers and food drives to keep the pantry full and the daily operations of Father Fred on track. From capital campaign support, to donated Easter baskets, to black tie fund raisers - donors are the daily vote of confidence and fuel that make the Legacy of Father Edwin Frederick continue to thrive.

Al & Lenise Howard's "First Encounter"

Al and Lenise Howard first visited the Father Fred Foundation in Nov. 2006, when offices, client reception and volunteer intake were all squeezed into a 700 sq. ft area.

"We had been praying that God would show us where He wanted to help with a monetary gift. Al was intrigued with what he read and heard about The Father Fred Foundation, and he wanted to stop by and see what it was like. We saw firsthand, not only the need, but also the worthiness of supporting the work you do."

"The waiting room was busy and everyone was either talking on the phone or meeting with someone," said Lenise. An individual waiting for help noticed the Howards and politely suggested they take a number in order to talk to a volunteer.

So, the Howards took a number and sat in the waiting room. They remember being impressed with how little privacy there was. "The need for renovations to treat everyone with more dignity and respect was easy to see," said Al.

After a few minutes, their number was called. A volunteer intake worker politely introduced himself and asked how might the Foundation help them.

"Well actually," said Al, "we came here today to make a gift!"

After their visit, Al and Lenise made a generous gift of stock to The Father Fred Foundation.

In a typical day, Father Fred shares **\$6,000** in food and financial assistance.

Most Creative Fund Raiser of the Year Award!

Last summer, 12-year-old Anna Thorson and her neighborhood friends wrote and performed a play in their backyard. It was a benefit performance generating \$27 to help the work of Father Fred. What a creative gift of vacation time and energy! Stay tuned...My Fair Lady is planned for summer 2010!



Thespians

Claire Simon, Marie Freundl, Caeli Gibbons, and Anna Thorson



Chef Dan Marsh donates his talents every year to make the dinner a big success.

Holy Smokes!!!

Mike Nolan and Tim Smith, along with a BIG supporting cast of members from the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, have generated \$800,000 over the last 15 years to help the critical work at Father Fred. They do it by organizing an annual Cigar Dinner featuring the world's best cigars, the finest local chefs, and specially-blended bourbons, wines and beers. "It's our way of supporting the work of Father Edwin Frederick," said Mike Nolan. "He was a great man with a big heart. It's a legacy and mission all Hibernians want to keep alive and thriving."



An Anonymous Gift In-Kind

Record for most gifts by one couple to Father Fred: **300!**

In addition to financial donations, Father Fred depends on many in-kind gifts of food, clothing and furniture donated every day by people in our community. At our last food drive, a young man came by with a trunk load of food. He said he wanted to give back to Father Fred because he received help here when he was out of work. Thank you to all of our anonymous donors whose in-kind gifts keep our pantry full and enable us to provide clothing and furniture at no charge to our clients.

Three Generations of Smiths

at the Annual Hibernian Cigar Dinner, an event that has raised over \$100,000 annually for The Foundation.



Hundreds of students from Traverse Heights Elementary walk to the Foundation to deliver their donations of food.



Cherry Blossom Ramblers donate their musical talents to make the Spring Garage Sale Fundraiser festive.

This Weekend Ride For Father Fred

The annual H.O.G. (Harely Owners Group) ride generates over \$15,000 for Father Fred and includes 600+ riders. **2010 HOG Ride, July 17 & 18**



Donors With Passion

Russ Springsteen, owner of Right Brain Brewery, wins the award for this year's most "passionate" gift! He organized four local breweries - Right Brain, Jolly Pumpkin, North Peak and Shorts Brewery - to create a special "Passion Brew" beer to sell around Valentine's Day. 100% of the proceeds were donated to Father Fred!

Coat Lady Strikes With A Big Delivery

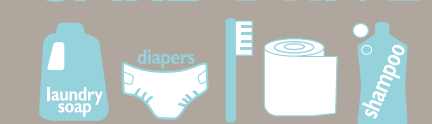
Sally, was visiting Macy's and saw racks of kids winter coats marked down dramatically for Spring Clearance, some as low as \$7 each. It took only an instant. She was inspired to move quickly and purchased over **50 coats** which she delivered to the Foundation.



Father Fred friend receives a new fashionable jacket!



THE TJ-maxx Maximum CARE DRIVE



Their goal: to generate all of the personal care and paper products the Father Fred pantry gives out each year.

Kathy Keller and Laurie Haught, of the TJ Maxx store in Traverse City, recently organized a "care drive." Their goal: to generate all of the personal care and paper products the Father Fred pantry gives out each year. They did a wonderful job decorating their store front, circulated posters, and talked it up all throughout the Grand Traverse Mall. All of the staff at the TJ Maxx store were very excited about this drive because they were collecting items which cannot be purchased with food stamps. In addition, personal care items are not donated as often as food because we don't usually think of these types of things when we hear the term "food pantry." While they did not reach their lofty goal of collecting enough personal care items to supply the pantry for an entire year, they were able to collect a large amount of these very needed items. They plan to run the care drive again next year.

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Miranda McClintock unloads a truckload of food donated to Father Fred by area schools.

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Upcoming Events

- Blood Drive, June 21
- Closed Cherry Festival Week, July 5-9
- HOG Ride, July 17 & 18
- Book Sale, July 30 & 31
- Fall Garage Sale, Sept 18
- More Info? www.FatherFred.org



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to Help Others in Need.**

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Thank you for your
loving kindness and assistance.
From a local woman needing help.



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