



# Newsletter

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Illinois Phase 5 COVID-19 safety procedures are followed.

## PEOPLE OVER PROFIT

AS we continue to continue to work this mission, our purpose is prominent to us. This is our alternative answer; Everyone receives nutritious meals in a restaurant setting.

We are just a restaurant of a different sort. One that allows everyone to dine regardless of ability to pay!

## WE WON!



WE were again awarded Community Cafe of the Year by One World Everybody Eats!

And ONLY with Your Help!! THANK YOU all so much!

## JANUARY MEAL COUNT

WE served a total of 801 meals.

Of those, 59 were for volunteers, 146 to our local shelters which include Hope Domestic Violence Shelter, the men who lived at Pete Pascua's Shelter and the Rochelle Rescue Mission, 306 individually comp-ed and the remainder of the meals were paid for.

## GRANTS UPDATE



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

WE have Wonderful News!!

We were awarded a grant to purchase a new walk in freezer with and we are BEYOND EXCITED! If you've ever seen our freezer, there are times that we play Tetris in there, literally! So an enormous THANK YOU to Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for a grant in the amount of \$25000 to purchase a new walk in freezer!!



## **FRIDAY FOOD DAY - Continued**

WE will hold our Free Food Friday on the following Fridays of the month for the following months: February 19, March 19 and April 16. Our day will start at 12 and end at 3 unless we run out of food.

## **BOARD OPENINGS**

WE have a couple openings on our Board. If you are interested, please email us for an application at [KitchenTableRochelle@gmail.com](mailto:KitchenTableRochelle@gmail.com) or call us at, 815-561-9074

## **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER 2-11-21**



JOIN us for a special Valentine's Day Dinner on Thursday, February 11th, serving from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

## **SUMMER GARDEN UPDATE**

OUR local 4-H and the Illinois Extension office have chosen us to host a garden. We are still in the planning stages and this is a huge contribution for us. Stay tuned and THANK YOU to all those involved!

**START WHERE YOU ARE. USE WHAT YOU HAVE. DO WHAT YOU CAN.**  
- ARTHUR ASHE

## **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT**

OUR Kitchen Table Volunteer for this month is Mark Schwendau of Byron who manages our website and helped design our first edition newsletter. Mark became involved with the Kitchen Table at its inception back in 2013 when he first met Carolyn and Grant Brown and bought into their vision of a community cafe for Ogle County.

## **DONATE HERE**

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