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Our Daily Bread is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of Cincinnati residents and those who frequent the area.

OUR VISION

Every person in the Greater Cincinnati community has sufficient access to food, essential social services and a safe place of belonging.

OUR MISSION

To provide stability and hope to guests in need by offering meals, hospitality and services in a safe, respectful environment in Over the Rhine.

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Dear Friend of Our Daily Bread,

As we reflect on 2020, we think of recipes. Recipes are like miniature how-to manuals, shared and passed down. Everyone has their favorites. We tuck them away for when we need to reconnect with our past, celebrate a special occasion, or simply create something tried-and-true. Recipes lay out the ingredients and instructions, sometimes with baffling notes in the margins like “stir until it’s the right texture.”

COVID-19 changed our world. *There was no recipe for 2020.*

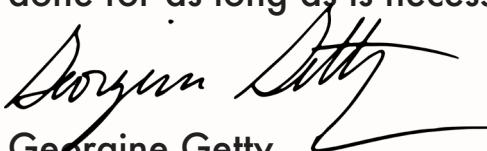
When Cookie Vogelpohl started Our Daily Bread 35 years ago, she didn’t have a recipe, either. There were no neat cards organized in a box to show her the way. But, there were miracles. As Cookie said of those early days, there was, “One miracle after another. One after another, everything we would need started to materialize - miracles happened so often we started to expect them!”

We took a step back to our basics. What is the most important thing that Our Daily Bread does?

We feed people.

So we tried things out. We adapted, pivoted, shifted and changed. People stepped forward – new volunteers and veteran volunteers - and together, we experimented. We threw in the basic ingredients like kindness, healthy food, clever chefs, and a few miracles. Sometimes things worked, and sometimes they did not, but all the while, we fed people – more people than we’ve ever fed before.

2020 now has a recipe card in the box. The card is dog-eared and stained, with many things crossed out and re-written. There are baffling notes in its margins. But it got the job done and, with your help, will continue to get the job done for as long as is necessary.



Georgine Getty
Executive Director

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1 cup sugar

1 tsp cocoa

1/4 cup milk

Stir gently 35 years

On January 27, 2020, we celebrated our 35th birthday with flair, thanks to dozens of volunteers who made the party possible! Our dining room was decorated with banners and balloons, and each table had a birthday bouquet. Chef Garland served 385 meals - biscuits & gravy for breakfast and meatloaf (provided by Sacred Heart Church) and mashed potatoes for lunch. We all sang Happy Birthday while our longest-serving volunteer, Barb Schneider, blew out the candles. Blues singer John Ford provided live music, and, of course, a dance party broke out. Hundreds of homemade cookies were served in honor of Cookie. As a gift, guests received military sweatshirts donated by Easterseals.

Thank you to our party planners:

Janet Weingartner & Family, Joann Foster, Betty Barhorst, Rita Kettler, Pam Shank, Sacred Heart Church, Marlene & Dave Lohbeck, Karen McKeehan, Jane Bieschel, Paul Korbee, Pam Lohbeck, Phil & Paula Massey, Molly Stewart, Jim Mueller, and Ray & Kay Mazza!





**Excerpt from the journal of Cookie Vogelpohl,
Founder of Our Daily Bread**

HAD I BUT KNOWN (circa 1990s)

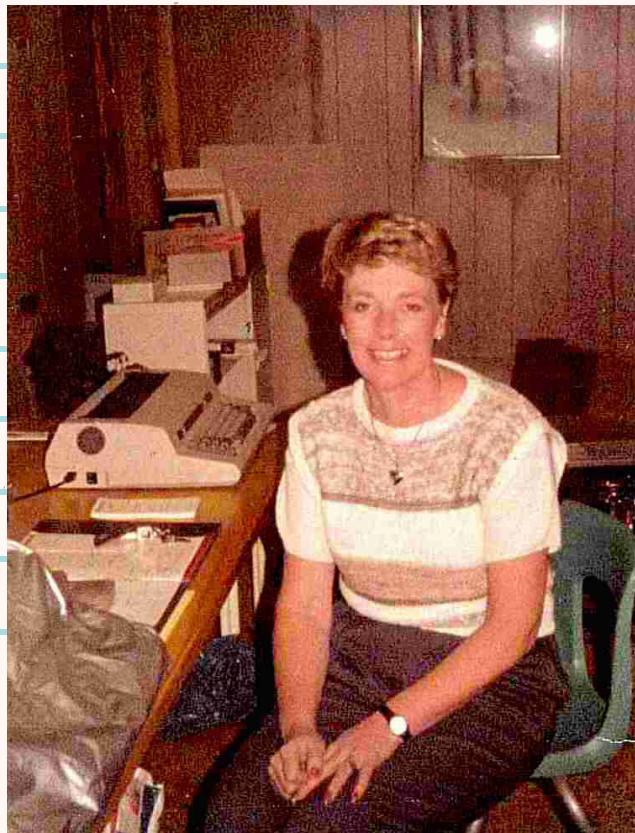
I wonder if I knew then what I know now if I would not have run – like Francis – screaming into the woods!

There was so little thought to saying – I think I want to open a soup kitchen – just a warm meal – some company for those who have no family, no friends, no place to be. Now it is many years

later – and there are people who are still so hungry – for food, for friendship, for someone to listen – for justice, for peace and for love – our love and the love of Jesus.

There are so many, Lord. There are more than I ever dreamed. So many faces crowd my mind – so many little ones who are now grown and suffering the same poverty as their parents suffered.

I only ask, Lord, that I remember – these are your little ones, you asked me to love them, find them, feed them and show them you love them through me and those who work with me.



Quality Food

2 tsp. honey

1/2 cup milk

1 cup flour

a pinch of kind words

In response to COVID-19, Our Daily Bread switched to to-go meals on March 16th, 2020. At first, we were handing out around 200 meals per day.

When the shelters were forced to limit their capacity, our numbers continued to rise, hitting our all-time high on August 14th with 783 points of service.

In recognition that we are now the only source of food for many of our guests, we have also doubled the size of our hot meals and have started providing "snack bags" and "weekend bags" filled



Pre-COVID meal

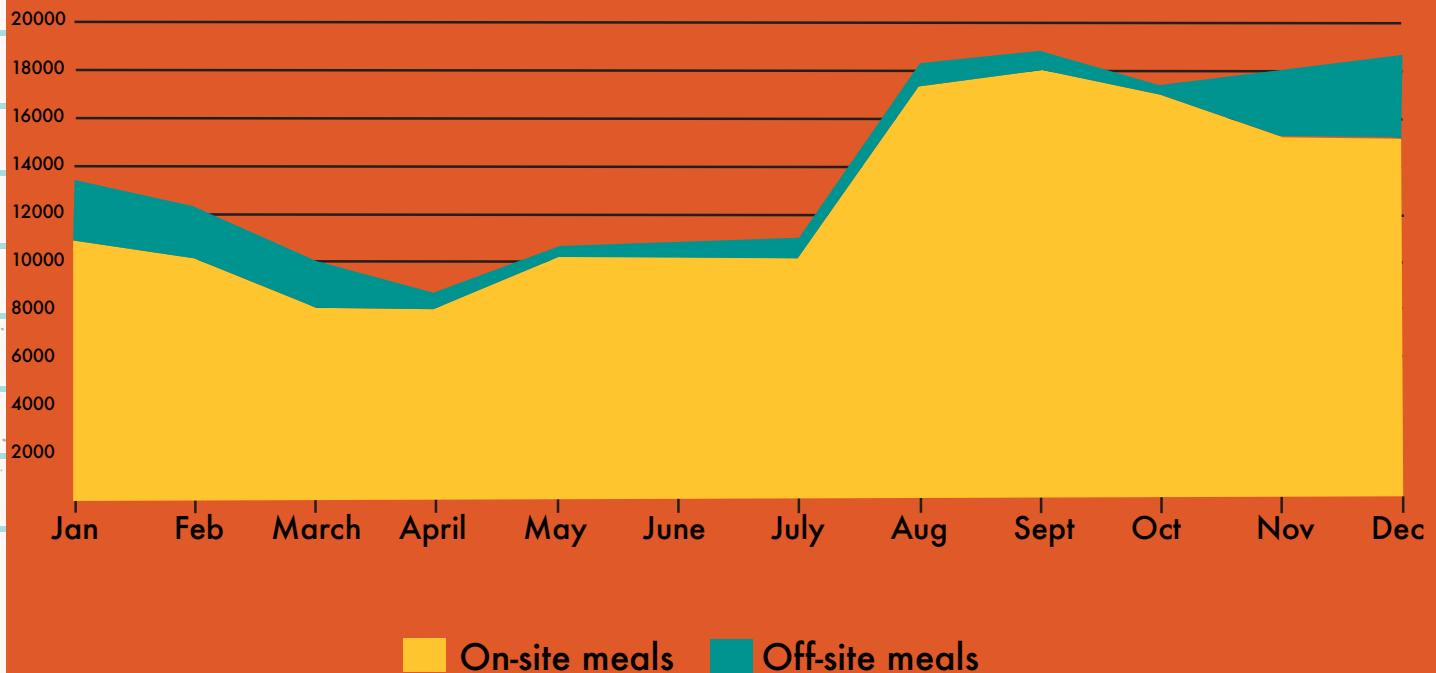


Post-COVID meal

with pop-top entrees (no can opener required), sandwiches, granola bars, fruit cups, treats, etc. to help our guests make it through the times we are not open.

And, of course, we would not be Our Daily Bread if we did not make sure our guests all got their morning cup of coffee. Our team at the front door makes sure to remember how each guest takes their coffee - we may not be able to share meals together, but we can still make our guests feel as unique, special, and cared for as they are.

2020 Meals Served



Loving Hands

2 cups dry penne

1/2 cup tomatoes, crushed

1/2 tsp friends who care

Hundreds of volunteers who could not serve on-site found creative ways to serve from afar! Families, faith groups, schools, workplaces and friends gathered together (virtually) to bake, make sandwiches, cook trays of food, sew masks, chop vegetables, cook turkeys, collect donations, and pray for the health and safety of our guests. COVID may keep us physically apart, but it can't stop ingenuity or the deep-rooted human desire to lend a hand.

2019 vs 2020 Volunteer Hours



Wise Temple

In Judaism, *tikkun olam* refers to acts of kindness performed to repair the world. When ODB board member Linda Berger told Wise Temple about our need for weekend bags, they embraced it as a perfect opportunity for *tikkun olam*! Working every Thursday for 9 weeks, Wise Temple volunteers gathered items, made sandwiches, compiled, and delivered 200-300 weekend bags. They then provided 24 trays of cooked meals (“Mitzvah Meals”) and 1000 sandwiches for New Years. Wise Temple member Julie Kantor said, “People were so glad and grateful to have something good to do while all the normal volunteering was on pause. It was a lot of very meaningful work week after week.”

Our guests were so grateful for you!

Presbytery of Cincinnati

When the pandemic hit, the Presbytery of Cincinnati asked how they could help, and the answer was simple: sandwiches! For a five-week period, the Presbytery galvanized 48 of their churches – many of whom have continued as sandwich donors. We estimate that Presbyterians have delivered over 65,000 sandwiches, plus many other supplies. Lisa Allgood of the Presbytery said, “honestly the blessing was ours – with so much of our ‘normal’ ministry and mission work suspended, this was a perfect way for individuals to feel they were giving back. Our Daily Bread is a critical part of our community, and the Presbytery of Cincinnati is thrilled to stay in partnership!” We couldn’t have made it without you!



Saint Ursula Academy packing
600 snack bags for our guests

Good Friends

3 cups flour

1/3 cup vegetable oil

1/2 cup walnuts, halved

1 heaping tsp kind partner organizations

How do you shelter large numbers of people without spreading COVID? This was the challenge facing homeless shelters. Early on, Cincinnati's shelter system responded by placing their guests in hotels. When this funding ran out in the summer, many people were forced to live on the streets. The Over the Rhine Recreation Center located near our building turned into a quarantine center for homeless people with COVID, and Our Daily Bread provided meals to these patients. This summer was uncertain



and bleak as we all scrambled to adjust to each new hurdle. Thankfully, in December 2020, the City and County provided CARES Act funding to allow agencies to once again place clients in hotels during the dangerous winter months. A coalition of over a dozen providers have placed hundreds of people in hotel rooms. Our Daily Bread on-site meals numbers over the winter dipped to around 300 per day, allowing us the capacity to provide 1000 meals each week to our agency partners who distribute them to their guests in hotels.

A special acknowledgment to all those who helped keep us safe- Crafters shared their talent and stitched beautiful, hand-sewn masks and mask holders, while Hanes donated 5,000 comfortable cloth masks for distribution.

Homeland Security stepped up to donate thousands of rubber gloves and bottles of disinfectant, and local breweries donated hand sanitizer by the gallon.

Thank you all for turning fears of scarcity into abundance!



Partner Spotlight: Tamar's Center

Tamar's Center, a program of Franciscan Ministries, is a day center that provides shelter and care for women just two blocks away from Our Daily Bread. We reached out to Tamar's Center and asked them to assist us with a back-up plan should we be forced to close. They did not hesitate to help in June when we closed for five days due to COVID exposure. Their small staff (of two!) distributed lunches provided by Our Daily Bread volunteers- standing outside in the heat and humidity until every one of our guests was fed. We will be forever grateful to the team at Tamar's Center!

Please go to Franciscanministriesinc.org to learn more about this amazing agency.

Power in Community

3 cups sugar
1/2 cup milk

One dash of dedication
Whisk until smooth

2020 was not without some highlights. When we were forced to close our building to guests, Rumpke and the City of Cincinnati rallied fast to get us emergency port-o-lets and a handwashing sink. When one of the units was damaged, a homeless camp at Findlay Market "adopted" our port-o-lets and slept in shifts to keep them safe. One of our guests even wrote a poem of appreciation for the potty.

When the weather turned hot and all of the public drinking fountains remained closed, we began to worry about safe drinking water. Our



friends at Cincinnati Water Works installed a water tap, and Hamilton County gave us 1,000 reusable water bottles to distribute. Not only was this literally a life-saver, we also found little bits of colorful rubber around the tap every Monday—evidence that kids will always find a way to be kids, and it's just not summer without water balloons.

In April, we arrived to find a storm had taken out part of our electricity

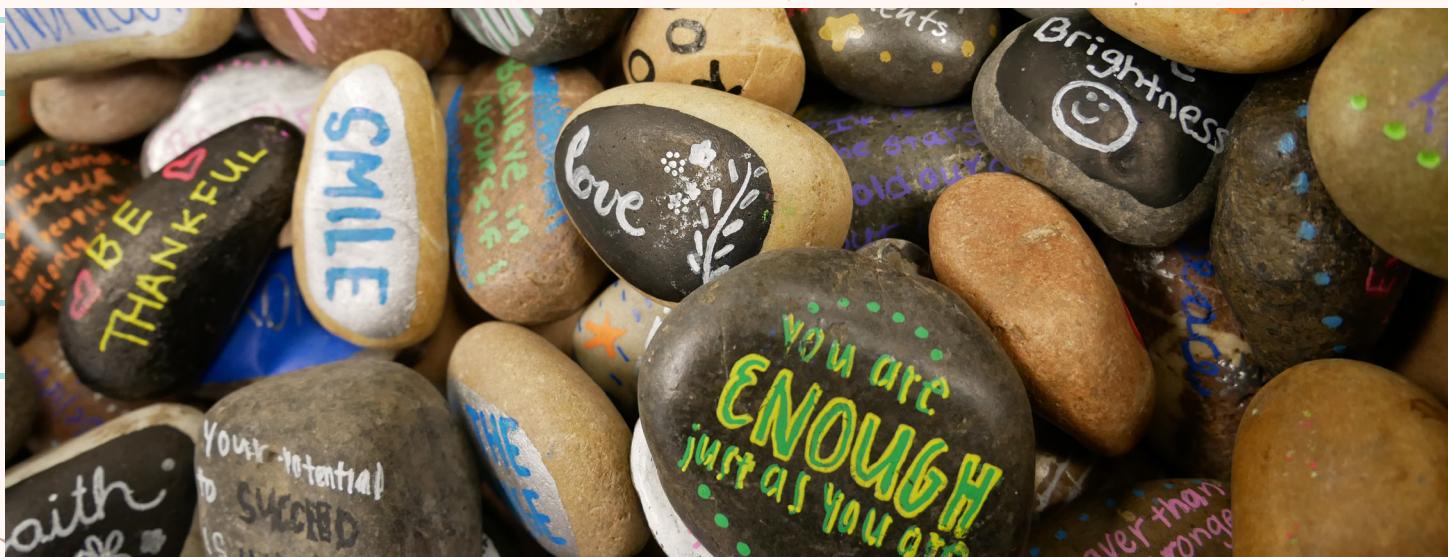
- all of our lights were out, but the oven and coffee maker were going strong. We laughed to think of Cookie standing between the storm and our electricity and bartering for the two pieces of equipment our guests needed the most!

Later that day, we received all of the refrigerated items from a Target in Colerain. The same storm had taken out their refrigeration, and they moved fast to make sure nothing went to waste. It just happened to be all of the things we had just run out of - butter, milk and coffee creamer.

It was a year of challenges, to be sure. It was also a year of good friends and moments of joy found in unexpected places.



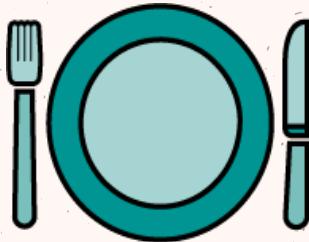
Staff using "party lights" during partial blackout



Inspirational rocks from Mt. Notre Dame students

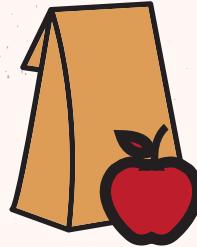
BY THE NUMBERS

OUR DAILY BREAD'S IMPACT 2020



164,177
MEALS SERVED*

*Up 20,000 from 2019



113,995
HOT MEALS ON SITE
14,013
OUR DAILY SHARE
MEALS TO OTHER
AGENCIES



72.5K
SANDWICHES



12,326 WEEKEND BAGS
23,843 SNACK BAGS

1,487 ON-SITE
VOLUNTEER SHIFTS
8,790 ON-SITE
VOLUNTEER HOURS
2,488 OFF-SITE
VOLUNTEER SHIFTS
3,121 OFF-SITE
VOLUNTEER HOURS



\$511,124
VALUE OF DONATED &
RESCUED FOOD



621
INDIVIDUALS
PROVIDED WITH
SOCIAL SERVICES



146
GROCERY BAGS
PROVIDED TO KIDS
CLUB FAMILIES

100%
OF FOOD SERVED
WAS RESCUED OR
DONATED



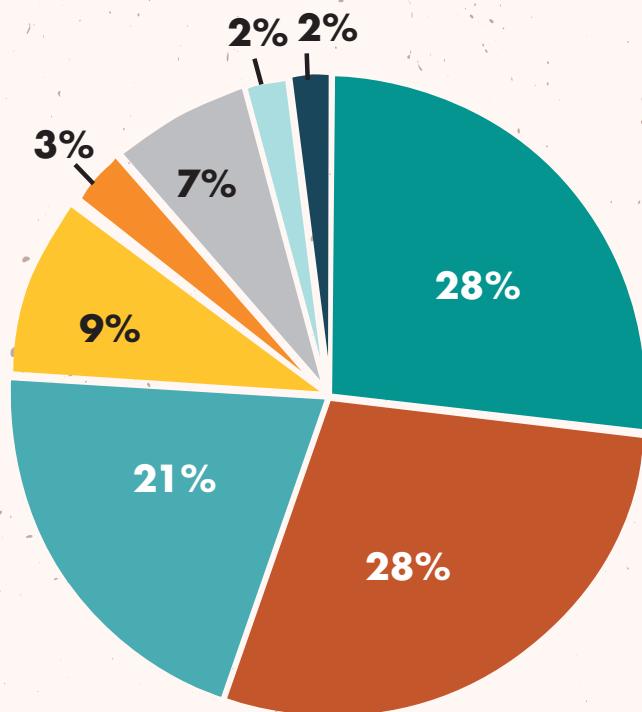
211,708
POUNDS OF DONATED
& RESCUED FOOD

2020 in Review:

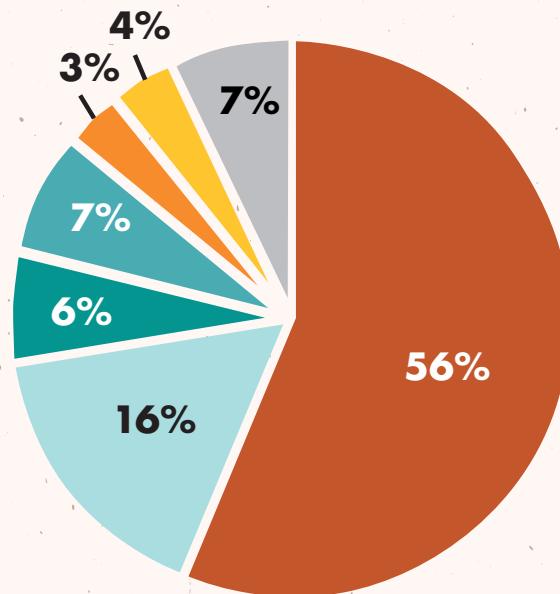
We feel sorrow for the people we miss – our guests and volunteers. We miss the dance parties, eating meals together, and hugs. We feel sorrow for everyone who has lost a loved one to this awful disease and for those who cannot quite recover. We miss birthday parties, movie days, and bingo. Yet, we feel pride that we were able to come together and keep performing our mission. We feed people. We did not miss a single day. We feel wonder at the grace of our guests – how they remained positive and kind despite the fear they must feel; their patience with us as we change each day; their dedication to keeping our building and our port-o-lets safe during a turbulent summer; their resilience as they could not access shelter and slept on the streets. We are here.



2020 OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT



● GRANTS & AWARDS	\$501,277
● COMPANIES & OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS	\$174,866
● IN-KIND DONATIONS (FOOD)	\$530,799
● APPEALS	\$133,723
● DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS	\$387,044
● ENDOWMENT SUPPORT	\$60,000*
● MEMORIALS	\$41,765
● EVENTS	\$36,530
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,866,004



● HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN	\$828,767
● ADMINISTRATION	\$236,476
● SOCIAL WORK	\$94,190
● FUNDRAISING	\$104,502
● EMERGENCY FUNDS	\$55,829
● COVID-19	\$102,965
● KIDS CLUB	\$47,724
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,470,453
NET INCOME	\$395,551**

* Represents board-approved draw from investment account of approximately 3% to support operations

** Prior to depreciation expenses of \$27,969

DONATIONS IN TRIBUTE

In Honor Of

Cookie Vogelpohl
Wise Temple
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Happy Birthday

Joan Friedmann (90th)
Martha Helmick
Theresa Kurzhals (80th)
Liz Loper
Leaf Pippine
Patrick & Karen
Prendergast
Karen Rowe
Tony Sanitalo
Nancy Savage
Joan Thompson (80th)
Elyse Vincent

Happy Anniversary

Ann & Dan Brooker

Mark & Casey DeNoma
Ralph & Vicki Seiler (56th)

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volunteers preparing weekend bags



to-go meal ready to be served



our morning crew pre-COVID



ready to hand out to-go meals at the beginning of COVID



a car load full of food donations



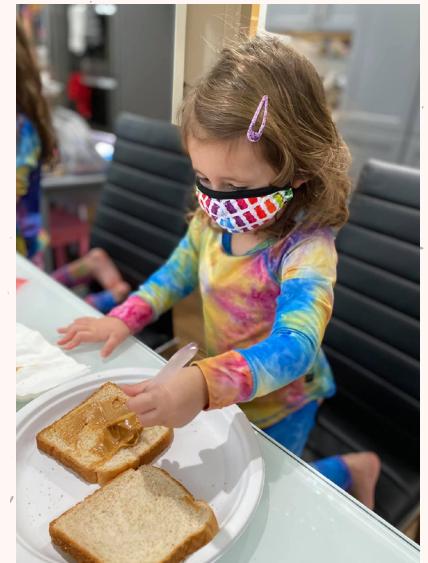
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Mike and Charles with our new dishwasher



Volunteers in the kitchen



PB&J prep at home!

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