

From the Kitchen

Schools have been closed since mid-March, but there's still plenty of work to be done. Nicollet Public Schools, in collaboration with several Nicollet area organizations, has been preparing meals for anyone in the community in need. Weekday meals for children up through age 18 are paid through a federal school lunch program and meals for adults and all weekend meals are paid for by the community.

Meals are prepared in the school kitchen Monday through Friday. All weekend meals are distributed on Fridays. Many meal recipients pick up their meals at the Legion, while others who are elderly, sick, or homebound are able to receive delivery. The kitchen prepares approximately 400 meals per day (and 1200 meals on Friday)! These meals have helped provide some relief to individuals who cannot (or should not) get to a store, adults who are no longer working, people who are working from home, and parents who are now juggling the demands of distance learning.



We want to give a BIG shout out to those who have planned, prepared and packaged meals in the kitchen. If you see them, please thank: Barb Rosin, Rebecca Gieseke, Rachel Johnson, Becky McKinley, Carrie Hoffman, Naomi Volby, Crystal Bock, Ashley Wills, Michelle Metzger, Lisa Fischer, and Kerrie Riley.

Thank you to the bus drivers who helped deliver the meals: Amy Otto, Becky McKinley, Chalsey Rengstorf, Mary & Harold Fischer and Scott & Julie Rudenick.

A program like this would not be possible without the tremendous financial support of our community. Thank you to the community who came together to help fund some of the meals; Nicollet Area Community Foundation, Nicollet Lions Club, Nicollet Legion, The Conservation Club, Progrowth Bank, and the public matching fund. Also, thank you to the Comparts for donating pork to the program. A HUGE thank you goes to Adam Erickson for the time and effort he has spent coordinating community efforts and for the countless hours he has volunteered for the program.

There are far more supporters of the program than are listed here. Know that we thank each of you for making a difference in our community!

We look forward to and hope to see you all this fall! **To the Seniors**, good luck in the future! You will be missed! Come back and see us when you can!!

