



### Gifts of the *MLF Magi*

We are all familiar with the Christmas story about the Magi and their gifts to the baby Jesus. But, are you aware of the *MLF Magi*? Those are the volunteers who bring an extra “gift” for “*our brothers and sisters in need*” during this Christmas season. Here are just a few:

Ken Wahl’s daughter *prepared* a donation of 100+ bags with snacks and toiletries that were combined with our usual meal lunches.

San Pedro Presbyterian Church **MLF** volunteers distributed “beanie babies” to their delivery location.

We thank all of our volunteers who bring a smile to people’s faces all throughout the year.

### A Special Christmas Message

Carla DuBois, an **MLF** volunteer, sent this note to Julie Mellin, the **MLF Volunteer Coordinator**:

Julie, we decided not to send Christmas cards out this year. Instead we would make a donation to **MLF**. However, I didn’t want our friends to think we had forgotten them so I sent as many as I could a personal message. This is what happened, and it brought tears to our eyes:

### Carla’s Message:

Hi Sean!

I know you stand by the mailbox every year waiting on our Christmas card, but we’ve decided to no longer mail out cards. As sad as you may be, the reason is one I know you’ll understand and appreciate. Each card with postage costs nearly \$3.00 each, we can provide a full meal to 3 individuals in your name. My heart and Jeff’s hard work has allowed me to find and work with an amazing organization in San Antonio called Mobile Loaves & Fishes. We provide meals for both lunch and dinner 7 days a week and our truck is also stocked with clothing, shoes and toiletries to those in need. Please know as we make the donation, you will be in our hearts during the beautiful season of Christ’s birth. Merry Christmas, my friends, give my best to Charlie!

### Sean’s reply:

♥ That’s Fantastic, Could I send a donation to help, what a great cause.

By return mail, Sean sent a \$500 donation to **MLF**. This is yet another reminder that God continues to touch the hearts of our many supporters. □



### K of C and YMSL Join Forces for MLF

The St. Francis of Assisi **Knights of Columbus (K of C)** generously provided warm coats for the for the children we serve once again this year. As the days and nights grow cooler, these coats are especially appreciated and our delivery teams love to see the joy and excitement when we hand them out.

On December 1, 2018, a small but dedicated group of three moms and one student from the **Young Men’s Service League** donated their morning to help **MLF** reach those in need. The volunteers bagged popcorn into individual servings, helped prepare sandwiches, and loaded the truck for the lunch-time meal. The moms sorted a large amount of donated clothing and helped organize the clothing area. They also unboxed the last of the **K of C** donated coats set for delivery the first week of December.

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At this time of year we especially appreciate the wonderful partnership we share with YMSL and our parish **Knights of Columbus**.

**Gerry Caron** □



### Long-time MLF Volunteer Retires

On Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Randy Rehm told his 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday lunch team that this would be his last **MLF** run. Randy has been involved with the **SFA Mobile Loaves & Fishes** ministry since its inception in 2007. He has worked on various teams, and was known for his huge smile and hearty handshake. At the age of 82, Randy decided that now is the time to stop.

The **MLF Core Team** expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation for Randy's dedication. □



### Shavano Park Women's Club Donation

At their 2018 Christmas party, the **Shavano Park Women's Club** (SPWC) again selected our **MLF** ministry as its local charity for donations. The club members were very generous in providing warm clothing (socks, gloves, hats, and fleece jackets) for kids of all ages and added a financial contribution of \$ 803. These donated items were brought to the **MLF** clothing area.

This is yet another example of how the excellent work done by **MLF** is being recognized throughout the city.

**Diane and Dick Gomez** □



### GHMV Students Show Christmas Spirit

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, an energetic group of young ladies from **Great Hearts Monte Vista School** helped **MLF** by bagging chips. We appreciate your hard work!

**David Brown** □

**HELP  
WANTED**

**Openings – January 1, 2019**

Our **MLF** ministry needs help for these crucial roles:

- 1) **Core Team** members for the **Core Team Director**, **Site Coordinator**, and **Day Volunteer Coordinator** positions (see [Job Descriptions](#));
- 2) **Meal prep and delivery volunteers** are needed for various meal shifts. For the complete listing, click this [Immediate Team Openings](#) link; and
- 3) **Commissary Team** members to order and receive weekly **Labatt Food Service** shipments; and

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact **Julie Mellin** @ [volunteermf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermf@gmail.com). □

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**MLF News** files: [www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm](http://www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm)

### A Quick Reminder...

- **Captains**, notify [mlfnow@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnow@sfasat.org) **before** canceling a meal run.
- Wear gloves and a baseball cap / hairnet when prepping meals or bagging cookies.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Empty the dirty water from the clean-up pail after washing kitchen floors
- Fill-out the [MLF Truck Run Log](#) after deliveries **and** use the bottom section of **MLF Truck Run Log** to report any unusual events / problems that occur during deliveries.
- Report truck maintenance issues to David Aguilar @ [tgeagle2@att.net](mailto:tgeagle2@att.net). □



Our **MLF** ministry mourns the passing of Nola Ann Crow Dum, a long-time member of the St. Francis of Assisi community. Nola faithfully served the Mobile Loaves & Fishes ministry as an active volunteer on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday lunch prep team since 2009. Please join us in extending our condolences and offering prayers of support for her surviving husband Bill (pictured above with Nola) her children, grandchildren, other family members, and friends. □