



Young at Heart, Serving to the End

MLF recently lost one of our dedicated volunteers, Dom Soriano. Captain Dominador L. Soriano, U.S. Army, Infantry Division, passed away Monday, July 31, 2017. He was 101 years old. Dom Soriano was very active in St. Francis ministries such as being a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #15240 as well as Mobile Loaves and Fishes. As a member of the 4th Saturday lunch prep team, he was assigned to count 125 snack bags of potato chips and 125 bags of carrots. He was also a member of the Condiment Assembly team and had his own personal bin of condiments [mayonnaise, mustard, salt, and pepper] to pack into 200 snack size plastic bags. Carmelita and Tom Haverly were instrumental in helping Dom and were wonderful caregivers to him during his life and final years. As Dom has shown us, **age** does not define

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or set your limitations!

If you know of someone, young or old, who has a willing spirit and might like to participate in the Condiment Assembly team or help with our ministry in anyway, please contact Julie Mellin, **MLF** Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteermf@gmail.com.

Julie Mellin □



What I Did on My Summer Vacation

This summer, many students have volunteered to help our Mobile Loaves and Fishes ministry. For example, students recently helped the Thursday lunch team. What impressed me most was their enthusiasm! Ranging in age from eight to fifteen years old, they diligently finished an assigned task, and were eager to take on more jobs. Some of the youth went on the **MLF** meal delivery with their parent or grandparent. While most students were content with playing video games or watching television this summer, these young people wanted to reach out and help those less fortunate. Their parents can be particularly proud of them. We are very grateful for their fine help.

Glenn Darilek □



SASO Students Sort Mounds of Clothing

On August 19th, **SASO** (Scholars and Athletes Serving Others), a wonderful group of Holmes High School students and their moms, helped power through a mountain of clothing, presorted school supplies, and assisted with lunch preparation. THANK YOU!

Lynne Koeller Cruz □



YMSL Works through the Heat

On August 12th, a team of Young Men's Service League students and moms worked through a hot Texas morning in support of our **MLF** ministry. Representing Clark High School, San Antonio Christian, and Reagan High School, they made short work of sorting a large pile of clothing, coats, and shoes donated over the last month. In addition to bagging seven cases of *Hatch Chili* chips into single servings, and helping with preparation of meals for the women's shelter, the group cleaned and swept, emptied the trash and cardboard recycling.

A special thank you to the returning boys and moms who had kept the clothing area organized during our July vacation time. We truly appreciate your generosity of time over the summer months.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □



Is it a Shelf or B&B Loft?

John Tondre, a longtime member of the Thursday lunch crew, also volunteers to pick up food from the San Antonio Food Bank. On a recent SAFB run, he noticed that there was no place to store the foodstuffs other than to leave it on a pallet in the clothing area. In addition, he knew that the Food Bank periodically offers more free food such as chips than we have available storage space.

As a member on the **MLF** Facilities Team, John proposed a shelf to be built over the door in the room with the walk-in cooler. He got approval to build it and drew up some plans. Fortunately, almost all of the lumber could be salvaged from the parish storage materials that were destined to be thrown away.

On August 10 and 11, John and Glenn Darilek built the shelf. It was immediately filled to capacity with boxes of chips. Glenn later painted the new storage shelf. The construction is very sturdy, able to easily hold any expected load including a couple of people. When the picture above was sent to some Core Team

members, one commented that adding a sleeping bag would create an "economy" Bed and Breakfast! Plans are underway for another shelf in the clothing room. If you have any suggestions or concerns about the **MLF** kitchen / facilities, please feel free to contact me at gtdarilek@gmail.com

Glenn Darilek □



MLF Completes a Successful Drive

Our **MLF** ministry has just finished yet another successful school supply drive. Collecting some 90 school supply sets, these basic "back to school" kits include: backpack, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, folders, glue sticks, markers, notebooks, pencils, rulers, and scissors. The materials were packed and are now ready for distribution to the children we serve at our various [service locations](#). We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this effort.

Lynne Koeller Cruz □

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Upcoming Events

October 8 SFA Fall Parish Festival

October 14 – 15 MLF Second Collection

A Quick Reminder...

- Wear a baseball cap or hairnet when prepping sandwiches or bagging cookies.
- **Do not keep** used bread bags. Trash them please. We now use clear plastic 8X4X18 bags for donated unsliced bread.
- Transport turkey and cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice.
- 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.