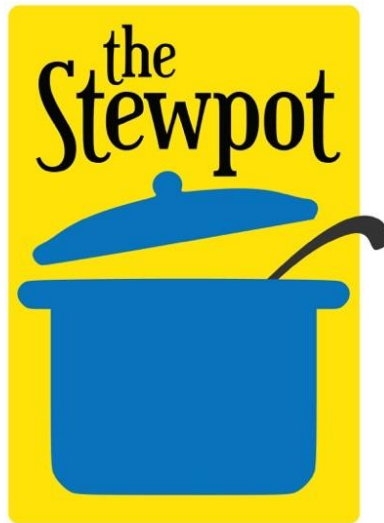


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Feeding all who enter.

## **Stewpot Newsletter March, 2018**

### **Stewpot Officers - 2018**

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## **Mr. Bradley**

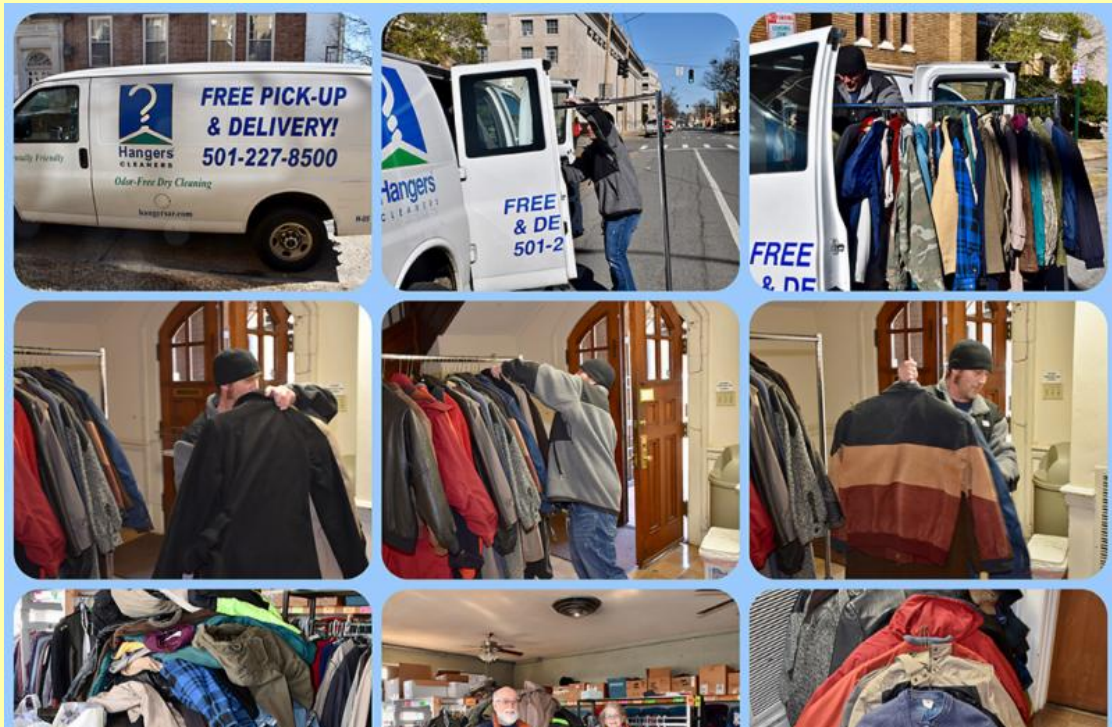
Many Stewpot workers may remember Mr. Bradley. He worked for many years at the Stewpot arriving at 6:00 a.m. and seeing that the dining room and clothing room were always ready. He ran a tight ship and sometimes crossed paths with volunteer and diners alike. However, no one could ever question his dedication to his work and his loyalty. He loved working there. He worked without pay and often without recognition for the many hours he gave when no one else was available to keep it going. The volunteers and diners who knew him will remember him fondly and send our prayers to his family.

D.A. Bradley, 94, of Little Rock, passed away February 3, 2018. He was born December 26, 1923 in North Little Rock, Arkansas to Dock Acey and Maggie Goode Bradley. D.A. was always giving to others. In 2008, he received a community service award for volunteerism by the Governor on behalf of KARK-TV. He was a cook for the Stew Pot Steering Committee, the Compassion Center, and Partners & Patients. He was also a bell ringer for the Salvation Army. D.A. was a member of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock. He loved woodworking and vegetable gardening.

## Hangers Cleaners Community Involvement

Hangers Cleaners and KATV Channel 7 are asking you to help keep a kid warm this winter by donating your new or gently used coats to "Coats for Kids." Drop off your coats at any of our locations or give them to your delivery driver. Hangers will clean, repair and give the coats to kids in need through the Watershed Project. In the Spirit of Arkansas, gently used and even new coats were given in 2017 - you and other generous donors gave more than 13,000 coats! Well beyond our goal. Giving keeps a child warm, while it warms your heart. We start collecting coats in November each year.

Because Hangers collected so many coats, they offered to give 70 men's and women's coats to Stewpot. **Thank you, Hangers Cleaners!**







On Monday, February 5, Hangers Cleaners made a second delivery of coats to the Stewpot.





## Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Team

These are the members of our current crew from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Team. Left to right: Diane Brownlee, Linda King, Judy Barger, Kay Shurgar, Jason Wilson, Mary Mulkey, Helen Leigh, and Bev Jacobs. Not pictured, Ted Treadway, Mary Biondo. Our team are all Episcopalians, representing Trinity Cathedral and St. Mark's (LR), St. Luke's (NLR), and St. Peter's (Conway). Trinity has been involved with The Stewpot since its inception. The late Maggie Herndon, a Trinity parishioner was involved from the beginning. We have continued to honor her commitment to this outreach mission of our church. We cook and serve every other Monday, alternating with Trinity Presbyterian. Additionally, these two churches are responsible for ordering and picking up food items from the Food Bank. Thanks to Nancy and Frank Howell, Diane Skinner, and Jerry Shurgar.





## **Fleet Feet Easy Runner Shoe Store Gives Shoes to Stewpot**

Every two or three months, Fleet Feet Easy Runner located in the Pleasant Ridge Shopping Center on Cantrell gives several boxes of shoes to the Stewpot. Many of the shoes are almost new and many are brought in by customers of Easy Runner. The Stewpot Clothes Closet is always happy to receive the shoes. Ed Brown, Day Manager of Stewpot, and Charlie Frith, Stewpot Board Chairman, are shown below with the shoes. Thanks, Easy Runner!





## STEW POT 101\*

SERVING TIME 12:00- 1:00  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

**ED FULLTIME EMPLOYEE**

TAKES CARE OF FRONT OF THE HOUSE

- OPENS DOORS FOR DINERS EACH DAY
- HANDLES ALL CONFLICTS WITH DINERS
- ORDERS FOOD
- CLEANS FLOORS
- SETS UP CHAIRS
- WIPES DOWN TABLES
- MAKES COFFEE, TEA AND DRINKS, GETS ICE
- MAKES RICE EVERY DAY
- TAKES CARE OF TRASH
- WASHES APRONS AND TOWELS

**CED PART TIME EMPLOYEE**

- CARRIES UP FOOD FROM ORDERS
- ASSISTS ED AND FILLS IN FOR ED WHEN HE IS NOT PRESENT
- HELPS IN THE CLOTHES CLOSET

#### **KEN PART TIME EMPLOYEE**

- CARRIES UP FOOD AND BAKERY ITEMS
- CARRIES CLOTHES UP TO THE CLOTHES CLOSET
- MAINTAINS GROUNDS
- HELPS RUN LIBRARY

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

- COME FROM 21 CHURCHES EACH MONTH
- SIGN IN BY CAN OPENER IN KITCHEN
- PREPARE FOOD BY 11:45 AM
- LOAD SALT, PEPPER AND NAPKINS AT EACH TABLE
- LOAD CUPS WITH SPOONS - ON BACK TABLE BY STAIRS
- PUT DESSERTS INTO BOWLS
- SERVE FOOD FROM 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.
- CLEAN KITCHEN AREA
- WASH ALL ROASTERS

### **WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?**

- COMMUNITY BAKERY - PICK UP EVERY DAY ON THE WAY IN TO STEWPORT
- OLD MILL AND BOULEVARD BAKERIES
- POTLUCK - OCCASIONALLY DONATES FOOD FROM EVENTS
- FOOD BANK - PROVIDER OF FOOD - DELIVERED TWICE MONTHLY
- BEN E. KEITH - WHOLESALE FOOD PROVIDER - CAN GET WEEKLY ORDERS
- USDA - PROVIDES FREE FOOD MONTHLY - Stored on back set of racks near windows in pantry area
- VOLUNTEERS -OCCASIONALLY BRING BAKED GOODS

### **WHAT DO WE SERVE?**

- FIRST - CHECK FRONT REFRIGERATORS FOR LEFTOVERS /POTLUCK
- SECOND - RICE AND GRAVY CAN BE SERVED MONDAY - FRIDAY
- THIRD - PLAN MEALS ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE FOOD IN PANTRY
- FOURTH - DESSERTS FROM COMMUNITY BAKERY ON BACK TABLE OR COOKIES FROM PANTRY



## OOPS, THERE ARE NO STOVES OR OVENS HOW DO WE COOK?

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF 22 QUART COOKERS

\*Written by Nancy Howell, Stewpot Board Member

## Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and  
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

### Update from the Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is rolling along! We have been blessed to receive two large donations of coats from Hangers Cleaners.....this has enabled us to provide warmth for so many of our downtown neighbors.

Additionally, we are still receiving donations in response to our "Indies Sunday" event!! We are so very thankful for

our Clothes Sunday event!! We are so very thankful for everything that all of our generous donors have provided to help us. It won't be long before we will be boxing up winter items and getting ready to get out the spring and summer clothing. Time surely does fly!!!

# Stewpot Holidays

**New Year's Day**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Good Friday**

**Memorial Day**

**Independence Day (4th of July)**

**Labor Day**

**Thanksgiving**

**Friday after Thanksgiving**

**Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Day**

**Does Your Team need Additional Workers?**

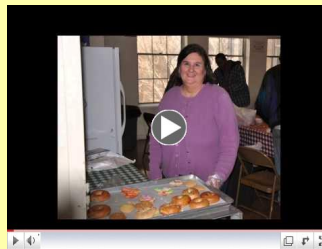




If you are a Captain of a Stewpot Team and need additional workers for your team (either temporary or permanent), please contact Jan Van Ness (by telephone 680-3739 or email [jvanness8@gmail.com](mailto:jvanness8@gmail.com)).

## Stewpot Video

To See a short video about the Stewpot,  
click on the photo below.



Little Rock Stewpot

## Make a Donation to Stewpot






Your donations to The Stewpot have helped us feed the hungry for the past 40 years. Thanks to your support, we are able to supplement our allocations from Potluck, Rice Depot and other food banks with needed milk, canned and fresh food.

Please send your donations to The Stewpot - Little Rock, 800 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.

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Feeding all who enter.

**The Stewpot**

The Little Rock Stewpot is a simple group with a simple mission. "Feed whoever comes through the door. No questions asked."

Every weekday, volunteers at The Stewpot in Little Rock, Arkansas feed the hungry. Typically 150 people eat lunch every day — old, young, men, women, children, homeless, working or unemployed — but all are grateful for a hot meal. The food is very simple and sometimes there is always enough.

**Address**

The Little Rock Stewpot  
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800 Scott Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
(501) 327-1804

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### The Stewpot

**The Stewpot Motto: "Feeding all who enter".**

The Stewpot has been located on the second floor of the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock since 1972. Stewpot served the first meal to 16 people at a cost of \$ 99 per meal in 1972. In 2017, it served over 45,000 meals at a cost of \$3.75 per meal. There is one full time and one part-time paid employee (Ed & Cecilia) and 150 volunteers a month from many churches throughout the city providing this service.

**The Stewpot's primary missions**

The primary mission is to feed the hungry. "Feed whoever walks through our door", the Stewpot is open from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week providing a hot meal to the homeless, jobless, elderly, physically or mentally disabled and displaced families in the Greater Little Rock area. The Little Rock Stewpot has served over 1.5 million meals in the last 45 years.

**Secondary Mission**

The secondary mission is to Help Clothe the Needy. The purpose of the [Clothes Closet](#) is to distribute clothing and hygiene products to folks in need. The Clothes Closet is open every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and is staffed mostly by volunteers. Carl, a member of the Church at Rock Creek, is a long-serving volunteer. Barbara came on board about five years ago and is involved in assisting the women who come to Stewpot. Carl and Barbara sort through all of the items that are donated to the Clothes Closet. They are assisted by several volunteers who help distribute the clothing and hygiene products on Thursdays.

**Third Mission**

A third mission is to offer Free Medical Services to the sick. The Baptist [Health Community Clinic](#) is held weekly at the Stewpot. Nurses Rachel White and Servey Threngentin, and Community Health Associate, LeBlanc Bailey, come to the Stewpot each Friday from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Dr. Blake Schwab, volunteer physician, along with two volunteer pharmacists, John Riley and Scott Pace offer free medical care and [prescription medications](#) on the third Thursday of each month. **Free.**




**Stewpot Routine**

Each day at Stewpot is covered by a team of workers. Teams typically work a specific day of the month, i.e., 1st, 3rd, 5th or 6th Monday of each month, 1st, 3rd, 5th or 6th Tuesday of each month, etc. Each team consists of a Captain or sometimes Co-captains and a team of 6-8 members. The captains are responsible for cooking the meal and typically prepare a similar meal for their day of the month. The team members perform various jobs, i.e., serve the food, serve seconds, prepare and serve desserts and help clean up. Seconds consist of a different type of food, oftentimes food left over from the day before and is usually served from a separate station in the main dining room.

Pastries are picked up daily from the Community Bakery in downtown Little Rock by a team member. These pastries are usually from the day before and are provided at no cost to the Stewpot.

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