

# The Banquet

## *Love Is Eating with The Banquet Family*

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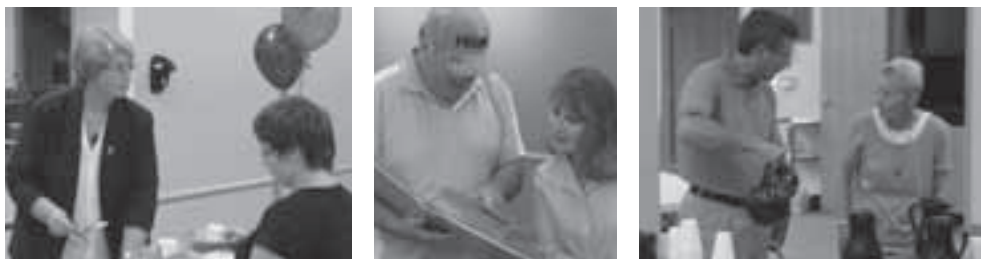
## *The Banquet Celebrates 25 Years with an Open House*

Volunteers and guests alike gathered on a drizzly Sunday afternoon to swap stories about what The Banquet means to them. Mary West talked about when she moved to town with her two teenage daughters and The Banquet provided them with hope for a brighter future and resources for Christmas.

Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether spoke about his time serving on the Board of Directors and proclaimed June 17, 2010 The Banquet Day in Sioux Falls.

Ray Feller read a poem that he wrote likening The Banquet to a little slice of heaven, all while guests and volunteers milled around visiting, eating cake and enjoying the day.

Banquet Director Tamera Jerke-Liesinger thanked the thousands of volunteers who open their hearts to serve the guests and praised the founders of The Banquet for creating a ministry whose mission is to gather volunteers to serve the guests in a manner of dignity and respect.



Photos (from left to right): Marilyn Harms serves cake during celebration.

Marvin Thornton and Rita Baker look at old photos and memorabilia.

Bonnie Campbell and Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether serve coffee at the open house.

## *Save the Banquet Postage*

If you would like to receive this newsletter online instead of by mail please send us an email at [thebanquet@thebanquetsf.org](mailto:thebanquet@thebanquetsf.org). If you are moving please notify us of your new address. Each newsletter that is returned costs The Banquet postage fees.

## *Find us on Facebook*

The Banquet is having much success finding new volunteers through Facebook, a social networking site. If you have a Facebook profile please send us a friend request. We will contact you when we need volunteers to serve a meal and when we are having a special event or project.

Don't forget to check out our website at [www.thebanquetsf.org](http://www.thebanquetsf.org). Our website allows you to view open serving dates, confirm if you've already booked a serving date and you can donate to The Banquet ministry online.

## *Hy-Vee will Match Project: SOS donations July 7-13th*

All monetary donations received at Sioux Falls Hy-Vee stores during the week of **July 7 – July 13, 2010** will be matched by Hy-Vee up to \$1,000. There is a small plastic donation box at each check stand.

All of this money will go toward the purchase of school supplies for Project: SOS. Thank you Hy-Vee for choosing The Banquet's Project: SOS!

# Project: SOS

## MORE FAMILIES TURN TO PROJECT: SOS FOR HELP

Your gifts help children succeed. The Banquet strives to help those in need. The object of Project: Supply Our Students is to collect enough school supplies to supply children of low income families with a backpack and the school supplies they need for the school year. This program makes a tremendous difference in the lives of low income children. They have higher self esteem and are proud to walk into school when they are equipped with the items they need to be successful.

Project: SOS provides one school supply packet to each student per year. Through grants, monetary donations and in-kind gifts Project: SOS supplies 5,000 + children with school supplies. Throughout the 2009-2010 school year, The Banquet gave 5,664 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need. This is an 18% increase over the 2008-2009 school year.

The Banquet receives no city, county, state, federal or United Way monies for any of its programs. Including Project: SOS.

Project: SOS empowers children. No matter what turmoil they may be facing at home, when they walk into school they are just like everyone else. They have a brand new backpack filled with brand new supplies.


The success of Project: SOS is reflected best in the comments that we hear from the teachers and administrators of the school system. They tell us this project has helped the parents and children tremendously. We can easily determine that our project is a huge success by the willingness of people who donate money and school supplies, and the thankfulness in the hearts, tears of joy, and productivity of the children that we see and hear about from the parents and schools.

These school supplies are available to **ALL CHILDREN LIVING IN LIMITED RESOURCE HOMES, NO MATTER WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICT THEY ATTEND.** There is no other agency addressing the school supply needs in our area.

*Thank you for your help providing school supplies for children in need.*

## MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

- Backpacks (Middle & High School size)
- 3 Ring Binders (2 inch at the spine)
- PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE 1" SIZE
- Crayola Classic Color Markers (8 or 10 count package)
- Expo Dry Erase Markers (Black)

<b>Project S.O.S.</b>	
<b>SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST</b>	
Backpacks	
Glue	
Blue/Black Pens	
Crayola Classic Wide-Tip Markers	
Colored Pencils – 12 ct.	
No. 2 Pencils	
Scissors – <b>Fiskar Brand Pointed</b> – 5-7 inch	
Ruler – 12 inch (with metric)	
Eraser – <b>Magic Rub</b> or <b>Equal</b>	
Loose-leaf Notebook Filler Paper – <b>Wide Ruled</b>	
Spiral Notebook – <b>Wide Ruled / College Ruled</b>	
Folders – Two Pocket – No Clasp (Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple <b>ONLY</b> )	
Pencil Pouches	
Subject Dividers	
2 inch 3-Ring Binders	
Black Dry Erase Markers	
Monetary donations are welcome to purchase needed supplies. We are often able to purchase items at special prices. Please mark donation "School Supplies."	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS MUCH NEEDED PROJECT!	
	
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## NEW RULES REGARDING RECEIVING SUPPLIES

All students needing school supplies will report to Whittier Middle School in Sioux Falls on Saturday, August 14 to receive supplies. This includes all students attending schools other than Sioux Falls Public Schools. Supplies for children living outside of the Sioux Falls school district will no longer be available for pick up at The Banquet. Children must be present to receive supplies and the child must have at least one form of identification with his or her name on it.

*Thank you for your generosity helping young people succeed!*

## REMEMBERING FRIENDS

Thank you to the many people who give gifts to The Banquet in honor or in memory of a friend or relative. These wonderful gifts help to sustain The Banquet ministry.

### *Gifts in Honor/Memory of*

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#### Given By

Robert Putnam	Maynard & Cherry Isaacson	Lois Ray	Phyllis Herman
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	Linda Hall	Charles Goliber	Anonymous
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	Jim & Susan Reinholdson	Jason Kuiper	Anonymous
	Dick & Colleen Church	Elvira Arens	Anonymous
	Michael & Tara Geis	Bill Miller	Anonymous
	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Oscar Jungers	Anonymous
	LCM Pathologists	Donald Degen	Anonymous
Patty Saylor	Lisa Goeman	Vincent Becker	Anonymous
God's Healing Presence	Sarah Oetjen	Olive Wilson	Anonymous
Lent	Michelle Pesicka	Linus Goebel	Anonymous
Dwane Dirkson	Margaret Dirkson	Vernon Reistoffer	Anonymous
Raymond Engelstad	Althea Digre	Jerald Barthole	Anonymous
Barbara Rose	Elizabeth & Terrance Whalen	Denise's Mom	Anonymous
William Thomas	Paul Lansky	Ruth Becker	Anonymous
Lester Day	Mahlon & Delores Johnson	Robert Putnam	Anonymous
Rachel Shane's Confirmation	Doreen & James Gerwing	Audrey Parks	Anonymous
Harriet Dappen	Delores Johnson	Wendell Staab	Anonymous

## Many Talented People at The Banquet



by Artist Allen DeRockbraine



by Artist Sterling Spotted Elk

The Banquet guests have much to share. Whether it's a conversation about a past experience or advice about a daily dilemma the guests of The Banquet share with one another and the volunteers. Many of the people who walk through these doors are extremely talented. Some people draw or paint, while others write poetry. The Banquet is blessed to have so many talented people who come here!

### Volunteer Dress Code

Please remember our dress code if you are serving at The Banquet. We recommend that our volunteers wear: Jeans, capris or shorts no shorter than just above the knee. T-shirts with sleeves and long enough to be tucked in. Tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes.

Please NO short shorts or mini-skirts. NO tank tops or midriff-bearing tops. NO flip-flops or open-toed shoes. NO caps while serving.

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