

# The Banquet

*Love Is Eating with The Banquet Family*

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## *The Banquet Celebrates 25 Years 1985-2010*

This year marks The Banquet's 25th anniversary. Volunteers served the first meal June 17, 1985 in a small dining hall (capacity 46) without the sophisticated kitchen equipment or food delivery services that makes feeding a crowd simple. Since its humble beginnings The Banquet has become a rock in the lives of many families.

The founders of The Banquet built into the mission statement "the poor should never be served poorly." During the early days when training volunteer groups to serve, organizers would pass around a flower bulb, often crusty, gnarled and dirty. The volunteers were reminded that, given the chance, that bulb would become a beautiful flower. That was a reminder to keep their hearts and minds open to the hungry guests who come for a meal.

Since the very beginning the goal has always been the same: to feed the body and soul of all who arrive at The Banquet and to treat each guest with dignity and respect.

In 25 years The Banquet has grown to serving 9 meals per week to almost 3,000 people. Since 1985 the number of volunteer groups has climbed to over a thousand. Every one of our thousands of volunteers have touched a life of one of The Banquet guest. Whether you come here weekly, annually or only have been here once, you have made a difference!

## *Volunteers Make Improvements to The Banquet- Inside and Out*

A northwest Iowa volunteer group puts its heart and soul into The Banquet ministry. In addition to serving meals at The Banquet, Volunteers In Christian Service started checking off the tasks that needed to be done around the building.

First, the group put up the chain-link fence around the building to help keep the grassy areas looking nice. Over the winter they put a fresh coat of paint on the dining room walls and purchased and constructed additional shelving for the back room. Those shelves are used for storing school supplies. We appreciate their continued dedication to keeping our facility in great condition!



*Save the Date*

**Open House**

**Celebrating The Banquet's**

**25th Anniversary**

**Sunday, June 13, 2010**

**From 2-4 pm**

# Christmas in Brandon

Gifts to The Banquet come in all kinds of colorful ways. Thanks to the Lambert family in Brandon The Banquet has received more than \$5,500 the past 3 years through the family's Christmas light display. Check out the show at [www.christmasinbrandon.com](http://www.christmasinbrandon.com)

*Thank you for your generous gifts  
to help the guests of The Banquet!*

2009-\$2,635

2008-\$1,654

2007-\$1,300



## Shopping with Kids & Cops

50 children had their Christmas dreams come true thanks to "Shopping with Kids & Cops." Target provided each child with a \$50 gift card and each child was escorted by law enforcement through the store. Sioux Falls Police, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Dept. and SD Highway Patrol took part in the event.



## Bountiful Baskets

Target also provided ten families with \$100 worth of food for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity toward the guests of The Banquet!

## Penitentiary Inmates Spend Winter Warming Hearts!

Inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary knitted more than 200 stocking caps for the guests of The Banquet. They come in all colors and sizes. Some of the caps were also shared with the students at Whittier Middle School.

In addition, inmates made more than 500 wooden toys for the children for Christmas. The toys were in the shapes of rocking horses, airplanes, cars and trucks.

The Banquet is truly grateful for these wonderful hand-made gifts.

## Taste of Elegance

Banquet Director, Tamera Jerke-Liesinger & Food Service Director, Marvella Shatter gratefully accepted \$2,400 raised through the Taste of Elegance silent auction in March. Thank you to the South Dakota Pork Producers for hosting this event and giving so generously to The Banquet.



# *Reminder: Please label your donation*

As our volunteers generously help feed our increasing number of guests, The Banquet receives numerous donations each day. For that we are extremely grateful! However, to avoid applying funds to incorrect accounts please be sure to label all financial gifts.

For instance if you are giving money to pay for a meal that you served please indicate that on your payment (church/business name, meal payment, May 5, 2010). If your payment exceeds the cost of the meal please indicate where you would like your gift to be applied. It is also helpful to send in the meal payment with the invoice. If your gift is to go toward Project: SOS (school supplies) or The Banquet's Christmas Project please indicate that as well. All unlabeled gifts are applied to the general fund.

As a reminder, gifts to The Banquet are a great way to honor or memorialize a loved one. By including proper contact information, each honoree or their family will be notified of your thoughtfulness. All gifts are tax deductible.

*Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.*

## *Festival of Men's Voices Raises \$10,000 for The Banquet!*

The Banquet is truly blessed! Our thanks go to all of the people who attend this wonderful concert and give generously to The Banquet! This event would not be possible without the 180 men and their families who give their time and talent to make The Festival of Men's Voices a tremendous success! Your voices are a gift to our guests! Thank you to Billion Automotive for sponsoring the event.



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## *Hy-Vee's Operation Helpful Smiles chooses Project: SOS*

All donations received in the Hy-Vee donation box at the check stand during the week of July 7 – July 13, 2010 will be matched by Hy-Vee up to \$1,000.

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: Supply Our Students has provided 5,600 children with school supplies this school year.

If you would like to help collect supplies or raise money for school supplies please contact [madeline@thebanquetsf.org](mailto:madeline@thebanquetsf.org)

# *Did You Know?*

The Banquet logs nearly 60,000 volunteer hours each year. According to a national survey, the value of each volunteer hour is \$13 in South Dakota. This means Banquet volunteers contribute over \$780,000 worth of work each year- that's more than our annual budget!! In addition, youth groups, school groups, musicians, girl scouts/ boy scouts, service clubs and a whole host of other volunteers work on special projects for The Banquet. Here's what our "regular" volunteers are doing...

**The Banquet serves 9 times each week, totaling nearly 3,000 meals per week.**

**25%** of those meals are served to children under the age of 12.

**9** people volunteer their time each week working the reception desk answering phones, helping and greeting guests.

**300** volunteers cook and serve the meals each week, totaling 850 volunteer hours a week.

**20** volunteers work weekday mornings in the kitchen wrapping bread, pastries and doing light clean up.

**18** volunteers serve on The Banquet's Advisory Board.

**15** volunteers serve on The Banquet's Executive Board of Directors

**25** full-time regular volunteers work all summer on Project: SOS (School supplies)

**300** volunteers sort, pack, move and distribute school supplies in August for Project: SOS.

**40** volunteers work on The Banquet's Christmas Project.

**20** volunteers organize and work at The Banquet's Block Party.

**16** volunteers work as dining room hosts

Can you spare some time to volunteer at The Banquet?

There is always room for more volunteers.

You are the reason The Banquet ministry so successful!

**Thank you to our countless volunteers. You are priceless!**

**To volunteer at The Banquet check out our website at [www.thebanquetsf.org](http://www.thebanquetsf.org)**

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# *Happy Easter!*

More than 200 children received Easter baskets filled with toys and candy thanks to KTWB Radio, Citibank & Sammons Financial. The children are thrilled with their gifts!

*Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!*



## 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

Pastor Augie	Carol & Robert Brynjulson	Chris Van Wyhe	Laura Bosch
Fran Borchardt	Carol & Robert Brynjulson	Thelma	Liz Feidman
Jo & Phil Gron	Ann Loken	Anita Sorensen	Elmer Sorensen
Carolyn Downs	Ann Loken	Davis Nordquist	Darryl & Tracy Nordquist
John McIntyre	Sheryl & Garry Papke	Ruth Ann (Ahrendt) Kruse	Kenneth & LaVonne Kruse
Donald Otterby	Steve & Kathy Otterby	Karen Rehr	Donna Person
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Doris Gist	Barbara Cook	Donald Jongejeugd	Gary & Grace Thimsen
Mary Parsley	Cynthia Lamberty	Lowell Hetland	Darlene & Eldon Pearson
John M. McLaughlin	Katherine Pearson	Leon Feterl	Darlene & Eldon Pearson
The Families of Kevin Circle	Anne Steele	Jerry Kolbeck	Darlene & Eldon Pearson
Mary Ann Bangasser	Tony & Therese Bangasser	Luverne Ekern	Marlene Olson
Arlene Amert	Amanda Amert	Emery Johnson	Doris Kirkeby
Joseph & Delores Carroll	John & Audrey Prince	Gordon Crawford	Nancy & Delane Fickbohm
Mike Crane	Renee & Lewis Weinberg	Judy Graves	Nancy & Delane Fickbohm
Candy Hanson	Renee & Lewis Weinberg	Delores Fonder	Shiloh Oorlog
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Ruth Iversen	Rita Robinson		Marian McQuaid
Marylou & Jerry Debates	Donovan & Vicki Kost	Alice Jones	Larry & Suzie Morehead
Dr Sampson	Dakota Vision	Alvin Wingert	Alberta Frerichs
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	Dr. Roy Seaverson		Esther Westburg
Helen Johnson	John & Elizabeth Johnson		Darla Newborg
Pierce O. Hanson	Cynthia & Eugene Hill		Vicki & Craig Skuya
Jennifer Larson	Eric Larson		Lynn & Beverly Philiber
Tiffany Tabbert	Rosemay & Ron Tabbert		Sue Johnson
William Watson	Rosemary & Ron Tabbert		Ronald & Sondra Kimball
Ondriona & Jenny	Alessandra Ruiz		Lee & Judy Thompson
Marian Festes	Neva Jensen		Jay and Donna Heintz
Larry Ritz's 90th Birthday	Lloyd & Dorothy Stivers		Mark Meile
Sidney Felber	Gen Felber		Bob & Joan Raabe
Joel Neugebauer	Leonard Neugebauer		Paul & Julie Stjernholm
Michael Weinacht	Duane & Donna Weinacht		Douglas and Lana Berkland
Vi Rons	Debra Waggoner & Nelvina Rons		Ron & Kay Christensen
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Paul Lee	Donald & Carolyn Bukowski		Mary & Erick Olson
Don Powers	Thomas Donahue		Gene & Delores Tjarks
Orrin Aukes	Laura Bosch		

# A Thanksgiving Blessing for The Banquet

The South Dakota National Wild Turkey Federation provided 31 turkeys for The Banquet's Thanksgiving meal. Without generous gifts such as this, The Banquet would not be able to feed the hundreds of hungry people who come for food and fellowship.

God Bless you!

Photo courtesy of Michael G. Brown Photography



## 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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