

St. John's Simple Soup Suppers

This is the 13th year St. John's in the Mountains Episcopal Church in Stowe has hosted Simple Soup Suppers on the five Wednesdays in Lent to benefit the Lamolle Community Food Share. These suppers are attended by people from the Stowe community as well as skiers and other visitors to Stowe and many say they look forward to it each year. The soups and desserts are all homemade and delicious. Wonderful bread donated by Harvest Market rounds out the meal. Thank you to all the St. John's people who continue to make this happen each year!

Is a vegetarian permitted to eat animal crackers? ~George Carlin

Area Voters Come Through Again

Thanks once again to the voters of our six service towns- Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Morrislow, Stowe and Wolcott- for passing our requests for donations at Town Meeting. Your continuing support means a lot.

We're Proud of Our Volunteers

Our volunteers come in all shapes and sizes: That said, **Chris Hobbein** is still unique. A Chicago native, Chris has been an airline pilot for 17 years. Six years ago he started working for JetBlue and moved to Stowe to take advantage of all of the outdoor opportunities. For over two years he has also been a regular volunteer at Food Share. When asked why he volunteers, Chris explained that he grew up around volunteering. His parents and their church started a shelter which has grown to be open almost every day of the year. Chris is carrying on the family tradition of helping his neighbors. We are lucky to have him!



In other news, we are pleased to announce that LCFS President, **Caroline Ballard**, recently received the Volunteer Leader of the Year Award from the Lamolle Region Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations, Caroline! We appreciate all the hard work you do for us.

Our Board of Directors: Caroline Ballard, Heather Bradley, Joan Greene, Pam Hammel, Ken Kleinman, Karen Loh, Jack Morrissey, Jan Tichansky, Ellen Waldman
Food Share Manager: Deb Krempcke
Newsletter Editor: Pete Brown
Assistant Manager: Kevin Carter

Polar Splash

This year marked the 5th annual Lake Elmore Polar Splash, a fun fundraising event co-hosted by the Morrisville Rotary and a different area organization each year. This year Lamolle Community Food Share was the lucky partner organization. The event took place on Saturday, February 9th, at Lake Elmore, and was a resounding success. Sixty-six area businesses jumped in—figuratively, and some even literally—to sponsor the event. Our share of the net proceeds came to \$5735, which will go towards our mission of providing food security for our friends and neighbors in and around the Lamolle community.

Kudos go to the jumpers- 65 hearty souls who, having worked to raise the funds they pledged, dressed up in crazy costumes and plunged into the frigid waters through a triangular hole cut out of the lake ice, all the while being cheered on by a group of less hearty, warmly dressed spectators. Two great videos capturing the fun are linked on our website www.lcfoodshare.org under "Events."



LCFS board member **Heather Bradley** donned a sheet printed with the image of a one hundred dollar bill and jumped with a team of her coworkers from Community National Bank.

Food was prepared and sold by Food Share board members, who had pledged and raised funds to NOT jump, though a friend, Larry Hall, did jump on their behalf. Their team, aptly named the "Tropical Chickens," braved the whipping winter winds—which threatened to extinguish the grills and knock off their chicken hats—and served hot food with the help of Jason Pacioni and Ken Olsen on the grills.

Following the main event, great prizes donated by area businesses, were awarded for best costume, best jump, most money raised, etc. All in all, everyone was a winner!

Did you ever stop to taste a carrot? Not just eat it, but taste it? You can't taste the beauty and energy of the earth in a Twinkie ~Astrid Alauda

Ice Bowl Raises Funds for Local Food Shelves

Green Mountain Disc Golf Club chose LCFS along with the Waterbury Area Food Shelf as the beneficiaries of their Winter fundraiser Ice Bowl: Ice Bucket VII. On a cold January morning 50 intrepid disc golfers headed out for a full day of fun and fundraising. On February 22 GMDGC president **Chris Young** presented Ellen Waldman with checks totaling over \$4200!

Many thanks again to **John Clark of The UPS Store in Stowe** for his continuing generosity in printing our newsletters free of charge so that other donations can go directly to helping our clients. Thanks, John!