

Power Inspires Progress

Good Food for **A Good Cause**
Prepared for Good People by Good People

Happy Thanksgiving

Holiday greetings to you and all those for whom you care! At this time, we are particularly thankful for your ongoing support of P.I.P.'s mission to prepare individuals with chronic barriers to employment to successfully enter the workforce.

P.I.P.'s was founded by nuns from teaching congregations. We remain committed to training and the power of learning. Towards that end, each of the Program's Trainees participates in five tutor sessions each pay period. The Tutoring Program is all individualized because some of the Trainees are attempting to recognize their own names in print, some are working towards obtaining a GED, while others are enrolling in local colleges and universities.

The Tutoring Program is indebted to an extraordinary corps of Volunteer from across the community. They include: faculty from local colleges, retired executives, homemakers, and university students. Already this year, their combined efforts have contributed nearly 2,000 hours of service (The equivalent of a full time teaching position). In appreciation, the Trainees recently invited many of the Tutors to Venice on Vine for a meal they had prepared. We add our own THANK YOU!



The Board of Trustees, staff and Trainees would like to THANK the many Volunteers who were part of making this year's BRUNCH EVENT such a success. The community's response was much appreciated.

The Annual event generates unrestricted dollars that allow P.I.P. to offer training to more individuals. While the targeted financial goal was met, the meal and conversation amongst old friends exceeded expectations.

THANK YOU ALL.

Rina Saperstien, long time executive Director of P.I.P., was one of the dozens of Volunteers who helped to make The Brunch a success. As she always had, Rina moved through the event taking on whatever task needed attention. Within that context, Rina was able to introduce Mark Shannon, P.I.P.'s new Director, to many of the guests who have supported our efforts for years. THANK YOU Rina.



P.I.P. Benefits from the generous efforts of single volunteers, service learning teams, and individual families that often arrive with generations ready to roll up their sleeves to help.

Recently a group of volunteers from St. Mary's of Hyde Park assisted Michael Smith of our Program to re-cover chairs in our restaurant at 13th and Vine. The team included a family with three generations participating. Even the younger volunteers contributed as they counted out silverware for the table tops, made sure every guest had napkins, and folded / decorated pizza boxes for carry-out orders.

The project was part of our efforts to refresh the restaurant and to insure that it remains competitive as the Over-the Rhine District is revitalized. THANK YOU.



Earlier this fall Prince of Peace Church on Race Street - in the District - organized a service learning event with dozens of University of Cincinnati students. This was one of many groups that Venice on Vine host each month. Some of these students spent their time assembling bookcases and organizing learning materials for use by P.I.P.'s Tutors, while others worked in the restaurant's gardens from which herbs are harvested for seasonings and flowers are cut to decorate the table tops. THANK YOU.



This year P.I.P. partnered with the staff of United Way of Greater Cincinnati to structure an orientation experience for the young executives from across the region loaned to UWGC for its campaign. The function of the event was to provide the Loaned Executives an opportunity to meet individuals benefiting from UWGC programming and to experience firsthand campaign funded programming.

P.I.P. closed the restaurant to the public and its Trainees walked the Loaned Executives through the various stations involved in the Training Program. The Loaned Executives leaned to prepare/bake a pizza, dress a salad, decorate a desert, and even run a dishwasher. As the group sat down to enjoy a shared meal the Executives provided Trainees insight into what potential employers are seeking, the development of a resume, and interviewing tips.



P.I.P.'s Development committee has just announced detail on this year's Sweetheart Raffle.



Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$50. Winning tickets are pulled throughout the month of February. A Grand prize of \$1,000 is pulled/awarded on Valentine's Day. The tickers are a great alternative Holiday Gift idea! Contact Mark Shannon at 513-221-7020 for details.

In need of more alternative Holiday Gift ideas that keep on giving? Consider the following tax deductible donations to support P.I.P.'s employment education program:

Alternative Holiday Gift Cards

- \$7 Will buy a Trainee's uniform shirt.
- \$15 Will cover the cost of transportation to work for one Trainee for a week.
- \$25 Will provide a Trainee the opportunity to participate with other Team members in the Cincinnati Recreational Commission Softball League (PIPERONIES).
- \$30 Will provide a Trainee with a quality paring knife upon Graduation.
- \$45 Will cover the cost of Credentialing for a graduating Trainee entering the workforce.
- \$68 Will purchase a quality Chef's jacket.

\$150 Will provide a new Coffee Urn for Sister Judy and the Catering Kitchen.

Unrestricted alternative gift cards are also available.