

**Good luck, Alfonso!
Welcome Back,
Alfred!**

Trinity Cafe is grateful to Chef Alfonso Poole who, with just one day's notice, stepped in to cover for Chef Alfred Astl while he was out two months recovering from surgery. Alphonso was born and raised in Tampa. He cut his teeth flipping burgers as a lad working for Burger King and McDonalds. He learned the ropes and honed his trade cooking his way through the Spanish Park Restaurant, Maggiano's Little Italy, the Green Iguana and Bernini's. He is currently anchored as chef on the Yacht Starship at Channelside. So long, Alfonso, we'll miss your smiling face and the song and dance routines in the serving line!

We are equally grateful that Chef Alfred has recovered from surgery and is home again in the Trinity Cafe kitchen. While recuperating,



Alfred kept busy walking several miles a day to regain his strength. To keep his culinary skills intact, he prepared nice, gourmet meals to serve his wife, Sandy, when she returned home from work. Those relaxing days are behind him and it is back to cooking for 300 + hungry guests each day again! Welcome back, Alfred, we're glad you're well! †

Trinity Cafe was very fortunate to have emergency coverage by another seasoned chef!

Mark Your Calendar and Join the Celebration Saturday, April 17

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH!

Join us as we celebrate the commitment and service of our valued volunteers!

**Saturday, April 17
10 a.m. until noon at
Christ the King Parish Center
821 S. Dale Mabry Highway,
Tampa, FL 33609**

**RSVP to Cindy Davis by April 9
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813-865-4822**

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Food for Thought

Help Trinity Cafe meet the challenge and raise matching funds through your donation in March and April

We have an incredible opportunity to raise funds from March 1 to April 30 when every donation during this period will go even further.

For the past 12 years, the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation has donated \$1 million dollars to anti-hunger organizations, like Trinity Cafe, throughout the country. Why does Mr. Feinstein do this? Because he believes that each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. It's a simple program that has had tremendous success. Feinstein's \$1 million is divided proportionately among the organizations participating in the challenge.

Whatever your donation to Trinity Cafe, the Feinstein Foundation will add money to it. You already know that we are very careful with the money we raise. Now, thanks to this generous foundation program, we have the opportunity to stretch that money even further. This is a huge blessing and opportunity for Trinity Cafe!

It takes \$300,000 annually to provide a hot, nutritious dinner to 200 homeless and hungry guests daily. Demand is up; donations are down. Tough economic conditions and double-digit unemployment percentages have caused people who once made contributions to nonprofits to find themselves in need of services instead.

Some of the guests Trinity Cafe has served this year have worked for 20 years or more, been laid off, lost their possessions, homes and now struggle to survive. Your donation makes you a partner in a campaign that will ensure we continue to feed folks whose lives are in turmoil.



Alan Shawn Feinstein

This is a wonderful grass roots campaign to fight hunger in our country.

We urge you to ask your friends, neighbors, business associates, clubs and places of worship to make a contribution for this campaign! Spread the word to your contacts through e-mail, your social network friends, through Trinity Cafe's Facebook page or the web site. You may share this newsletter with friends too! All of us actively promoting this opportunity will bring great benefits to the hungry men, women and children Trinity Cafe serves.

Please give what you can because every donation, large or small, will have a great impact on this endeavor. Our hope, and the hope of Mr. Feinstein, is that someday no one will ever go hungry. †

**The more you give the more Trinity Cafe will receive from the Feinstein Foundation—
Please donate before April 30th!**

"Happiness consists in giving, and in serving others."

— Henry Drummond

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Get to Know Trinity Cafe's Daily Coordinators

We are blessed to have volunteer leaders that have stepped up to take on the added responsibility of coordinating our dining room service each day. They are advocates for the mission of Trinity Cafe; they assign volunteer duties and ensure that the operation runs smoothly. We are grateful for their commitment and thought you'd like to know a little about each of them. We asked what they would like others to know about them and what has most surprised them to learn while volunteering with Trinity Cafe. So, let's meet and get to know these daily coordinators!

Monday: Reg Dickey

"I believe we are all God's children; that we are all brothers and sisters. We might not agree or even like each other all the time but God loves us all.....all the time. Therefore, my prayer is we will grow to live so that we might reflect these things. The Trinity Cafe is not just a place where people can come for a meal when they are hungry. It is a Sanctuary, it is a Temple, and it is a Mosque. It is a place where food is served but more importantly, grace is present. Love is served up, free to those in need, along with respect and compassion resulting in dignity to those who are often shunned by the world they live in."



Tuesday: Josh Carroll

"I recently moved to Tampa from North Carolina to



plant Covenant Life Church in South Tampa. I am moved by how grateful the people we serve at Trinity Cafe are. The majority of patrons are very polite, and enjoy the community Trinity provides."

Wednesday: Theresa Goscinski

"Right now... I'm praying for a part-time clerical job, because I have evening classes at USF and want to continue volunteering at Trinity Cafe. Many of our guests, little though they may have, want to give in some way. I have been prayed for and over. I have even been given auto repair advice. Oh, and lots of hugs, too!"



Thursday: Bill Deen

"I am so thankful for Trinity Cafe and the blessings I receive there serving my fellow man. I came to understand and appreciate how much better it is to give than it is to receive. It has surprised me to have really comprehended this concept more than I ever have in my life prior to my experience at Trinity Cafe."



Friday: Jay Fuglaar

"Love GOD, Love people" is my life message, and I desire to live it out with greater passion and consistency.



I'm surprised at how many nice and normal people have fallen into such dire circumstances."

Friday: Luke Thomas

"I'm really pretty shy when it comes to talking or sharing with strangers. I used to dread with anxiety serving the homeless, but God has changed my heart to the point that I look very forward to this experience every week. I'm most surprised to learn how much I have in common with those we serve. God's kindness to me has shown me this so I can offer a better service."



Friday: Michael Jackson

"I have a great love for Jesus that has given me a great love for people and I want to serve Him to the fullest. It has made me aware that the need of those who are homeless in Tampa is one that is not only great but is very near and dear to my heart. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve here at Trinity Cafe."



Tickets/Gate: Charles Gladman

"I have seven children; my first-born daughter just graduated from Ohio State, a second one is in college but I have a long way to go as my youngest is only two years old! I have been surprised at the number of people who return everyday for a meal. It's sad but it's real life."



Golf Tournament Drives In Donations!



Frank Crum, Owner and President and Brigitte Becker, Risk Claim Manager of Frank Winston Crum Insurance

The Third Annual FrankCrum Invitational Golf Tournament benefiting Trinity Cafe was held Monday, Feb. 22, at Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club. More than 175 golfers participated in this first-class event. In addition to competition on the course, there was competition for the silent

auction items. We had many wonderful items donated by businesses and sports teams in the community including airline tickets, sports memorabilia, performing arts tickets and more! While final total funds raised are not in yet, Trinity Cafe is anticipating this event will drive enough to sustain food purchases for several months. We are grateful to Frank Crum, Brigitte Becker and their associates for their work in putting on this tournament for Trinity Cafe. Frank is a valued member of the Trinity Cafe Board of Directors!



Three 5th Grade Girls Create a Service Club & Raise \$111.29 for Trinity Cafe



Twins, Carson and Sykes Eckhard and friend, Lauren Williams decided to fight boredom by forming a club. They named it the Community Service Club, a name gleaned from their three first initials. Together, they baked cookies and sold lemonade in their South Tampa neighborhood to raise funds for an unspecified good cause. In December they read a story in the St. Petersburg Times by Justin George after he paid Trinity Cafe a visit and wrote about the financial difficulties

we are having raising funds in a poor economy. The girls decided to donate the proceeds from their sales to feed the hungry and homeless. They gathered some warm clothing along with a container filled with change and paper money and arrived at the cafe to make their contribution in person. They toured the kitchen, met Chef Alfred, and participated in the daily volunteer orientation and prayer. They stood close together and watched as the dining room tables filled with the people their contribution would feed. It was inspiring for the volunteers who were at the cafe. The young ladies asked many questions about the charity and how it operates so they would understand exactly how their hard-earned donation would be used. They were pleased to know it would purchase food. The girls received hugs, applause, a Volunteer Service pin and an invitation to return when they are 16 years old and can serve as volunteers themselves. Trinity Cafe lauds the charitable and compassionate hearts of these girls who made a donation and made a difference in their community.

How Can I Give to Trinity Cafe? Let Me Count the Ways!

1. Adopt-A-Table; \$125 one day; \$625 one week; \$2,500 one month and \$32,625 one year.
2. Purchase one of our brand new "Making a Difference One Meal at a Time" T-shirts. Donate \$20 and get a wonderful t-shirt.
3. Name Trinity Cafe in your will or ask that donations be made to this charity in lieu of flowers in the event of a death in the family.
4. Designate Trinity Cafe as your charity of choice through United Way payroll deductions at work.
5. Make a monthly donation year-round because hunger is a reality everyday not just during the holidays.
6. Send a donation to honor a birthday, an anniversary, graduation, marriage or other happy occasion.
7. Hold an event with proceeds directed to Trinity Cafe.
8. Invite folks to your home or business for an introduction on Trinity Cafe's mission.
9. Speak to your place of worship, clubs or organizations and ask them to take up a collection to benefit Trinity Cafe or invite Trinity Cafe staff to speak.
10. Use GoodSearch/Good Shop to raise funds each time you surf or shop the Internet.

