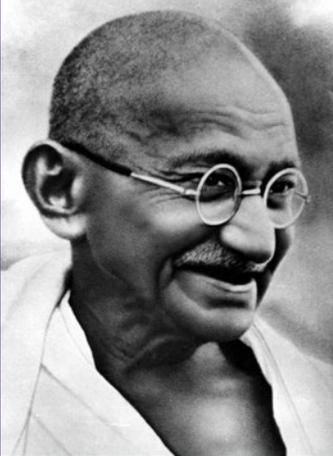


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Food for Thought



"The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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Get to Know Executive Director Mandy Cloninger

Mandy Cloninger joined Trinity Cafe as its first executive director May 11. She is excited to get to know all of Trinity Cafe's devoted supporters. Let's get to know a little about Mandy ourselves!

Describe yourself in 10 words or less.

Big Texas hair, smile and heart!

When did you first learn about Trinity Cafe?

Several years ago, I heard great things about the organization, its mission and the volunteer experience.

What were you most surprised to learn about Trinity Cafe?

How few staff we have!

What is the character trait you value most?

Integrity

What characteristic do you find most annoying in others?

Judgement (I also find this annoying in myself!)

What have you accomplished that you are most proud of?

Being a first generation college graduate.

What is the most important lesson you've learned in your lifetime?

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others. (Gandhi)

As a child, what did you want to be when you "grew up"?

A doctor.

What are your hobbies and what do you enjoy most about the Tampa Bay area?

Biking, reading, movies, music, and I love being near the water.

What music do you enjoy most?

Alternative Rock

What are you listening to now?

I recently added a little Usher, Maroon 5, and Ed Sheeran to my playlist. I'm also listening to an audiobook – When to Rob a Bank, By Steven Levitt, Stephen Dubner (the authors of Freakonomics).

What type of books do you enjoy reading?

Everything – I'm an avid reader and have been since I first learned to read!

What are you reading now?

Life After Life.

Who has been inspirational in your life?

I find inspiration in many people and in nature! My parents, my little sister, Alyssa, my friends, people who



have found their calling in serving others. One of the most inspirational was a dear friend, Jane. She passed away, and I loved her dearly. She challenged me before she passed to make sure I made it to heaven. Jane knew my heart wasn't right with the Lord at the time. She inspired me because she had tremendous faith. She was the model of both Mary and Martha to me. She was a lifelong learner, loved to read and experience other cultures. She was an amazing mother. She epitomized Proverbs 31. Her example and challenge made a significant impact on my life, and I believe it helped me to find my own personal calling. Jane was and is an angel to me.

If you lived somewhere other than Tampa, where would it be and why?

Austin, Texas: it's a city that's known for its weirdness. The energy of the music and political scene is palatable, and the food is amazing – plus it's Texas! Or Washington DC – it's a mecca of culture, diversity and political energy.

What's your favorite TV program?

The Big Bang Theory.

If you could have one wish, what would it be?

That no one would be without access to clean water and food.

If someone were to serve you your favorite meal, what would it be?

All Southern all the way: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese and collard greens with peach cobbler and Blue Bell Homemade ice cream.

What message would you like to share with Trinity Cafe's valued supporters?

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What an amazing mission you support with your time, talent and treasures. The dignity and love that our volunteers show to every guest at the cafe is such a beautiful experience and expression of God's love. I am so looking forward to serving alongside you and getting to know you.

Mandy can be contacted via email:
mcloninger@trinitycafe.org or
813-865-4806 (Office)



Tales from the table: **A guest story**

The rich and famous have interesting stories. So do the poor and invisible. **Meet Gloria, 51.**

“At one point I had to make a decision: Do I want to live or die? And I chose to live. I’ve had throat cancer, cervical cancer, and breast cancer, and I’ve been living with HIV for 29 years. But I don’t let my illnesses get in my way. You know what I do? I picture my grandbabies.

I’ve been off drugs for five years and the temptations are sometimes strong, but I pray and remind myself that my grandbabies need me. Yes, we have to go to food pantries to get by. But I feel strong. All you can do is live for today and thank God you’re six feet up.”

This is what poverty looks like. It looks like me and you and Gloria and everyone else we cross paths with daily. Most people are a twist of fate away from requiring a helping hand. Your donation is the helping hand that ensures Gloria and thousands of others in need can depend on Trinity Cafe for a meal.

Thank You to Our Provision Partners!

We are grateful to you for your ongoing investment in our mission to serve our guests with kindness, compassion, dignity and respect. Your gift helps soothe the desperation people feel when they aren’t sure how they will feed themselves or their family. So far in 2015 we’ve greeted, seated and served more than 48,000 hungry people. Your support makes it possible – thank you!

If you’re interested in becoming a Provision Partner you can find the commitment form on our web site; the link is www.trinitycafe.org/donate/fundraising-campaign or contact Mandy Cloninger for more information mcloninger@trinitycafe.org 813-865-4806.

FOUNDER’S TABLE

\$25,000 per year for five years – Serves 10,416 guests annually

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Wearing Jeans and Doing Good!

Frank Crum employees, Ismael Castillo, Andrea Sistrunk and Vyla Butler present Trinity Cafe Executive Director Mandy Cloninger with their quarterly “jeans day” donation! This \$2,425 contribution will provide food for more than 900 hungry guests! What a blessing!



Amanda Austin, from Kforce presents Trinity Cafe with a \$1,334 donation from their employees’ “jeans day!” The proceeds will purchase an 80 quart soup pot and food! Thank you!

“All fashion brands are about looking good. Being human is also about doing good. And you can do good by the simple act of slipping into a t-shirt or a pair of jeans.”

– Salman Khan

Publix Super Markets Awards \$20,000 to Trinity Cafe!



Left to right: Bob Bechtel, Alfred Astl, Cindy Davis, Edd Dean, and Greg Chambliss



Publix Super Markets Annual three-week fund-raising campaign, Food for All, appeared in all Publix stores Dec. 1-24, 2014. Publix customers contributed by selecting \$1, \$3 or \$5 donation coupons from the register. This year within the Central and Southwest Florida area, more than \$491,000 was distributed to 19 local and regional community partner agencies including Trinity Cafe!

This donation funds complete meals for more than 8,000 people in need.

Cutting Up with the Trinity Cafe Kitchen Staff



Derace Peterson has worked in the kitchen for more than four years. He was born and raised right here in Tampa – a rare native! His first job was cutting yards at age 12; this has been his side business since that time! You may not know that Peterson is a little bit shy. In

his spare time he enjoys shooting pool and dancing. If he were planning today's menu he would serve his favorite meal: chicken noodle soup, salisbury steak, broccoli, mashed potatoes and red velvet pie!



Glenn Williams works Monday-Friday assisting in the kitchen and has for more than a year. He was born and raised in Georgia. His first job was pumping gas and stocking a beer cooler when he was 13. You may not know Glenn has three children: Kyle

16, Kara 15, and Bradley 13. Glenn enjoys shooting pool and playing poker for entertainment. If he were planning today's menu he would serve his favorite meal: sliced tomatoes, ham, baby lima beans, collard greens, cornbread and lemon meringue pie!

The Gift of a Lifetime

Mark, a long-time Friday volunteer, honored Trinity Cafe with a gift upon his passing. Mark had many passions, his family, his dog, good food, fast cars, loud music, his faith in God and feeding the hungry. We mourned the loss of a friend and celebrated his generous spirit because he included us in his will as a beneficiary. His gift allows Trinity Cafe to help continue to fulfill its mission, and your gift can also help in the future!

You too can support Trinity Cafe's mission by naming us as a beneficiary on your:

- Life insurance policy
- Deferred annuity
- IRA
- Qualified retirement plan (401-k or 403-b plan)
- Bank Account (called "Payable on Death" account)
- Investment Account (called "Transfer on Death" account)

You may leave any percentage, or even all, of your death benefit as a charitable gift to fund our mission for the future. Gifts by beneficiary designation also avoid probate. Your gift will pass directly to Trinity Cafe after your death, usually within a few weeks. Once you make your arrangements, please let us know so we can thank you properly. If you have a will, a simple codicil to your will that includes the following language will also help sustain our organization:

I give and devise to Trinity Cafe, located in Tampa, Florida, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ asset) (or _____ % of my estate) to be used where it determines the need is greatest.

A planned gift helps ensure that Trinity Cafe will serve the hungry and homeless for decades to come!

For more information please contact Mandy Cloninger – mcloninger@trinitycafe.org 813-865-4806.

Michael Connelly, #1 Best-Selling Author, Auctioned Character Name in his next novel.

During a two-week period it was exciting to watch people bid for the opportunity to be a character in the next Michael Connelly novel! Michael is a Tampa resident and a friend of Thursday volunteer coordinator, Bill Deen. Bill asked Michael to assist Trinity Cafe with this unique fund-raising opportunity, and he agreed! The winning bidder paid \$10,100 for the name in *The Crossing* due to be released in November!

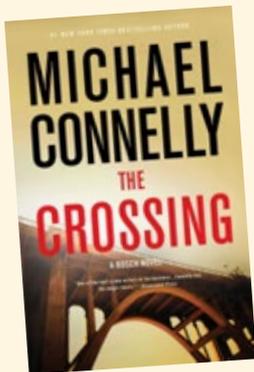


The winner has asked to remain anonymous as she is surprising a family member with their name in this book as a gift! This is what the winner said, "WOW ... Thank you so much for providing

this amazing opportunity to support such a great cause. I am so thankful that I happen to be in a position to make this donation. I still cannot believe I won. I have to keep reading the email just to make sure! While I would die to see my name as a character in one of these books, I think my family member will be absolutely beside themselves to see their name!"

The winner and her family member are avid Michael Connelly fans, and as she says "totally hooked" on every book published.

Trinity Cafe is grateful to Michael Connelly for his entertaining novels and his charitable heart!



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