

# BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

*Bread of Life Ministries feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and provides services that help people change their lives and take personal responsibility. God calls us to minister to one another and assist those in need.*

# A Journey To Hope

**Living a life he never thought was possible.**



In 2010 Jason Baker lost his father. For more than a decade he lived on auto pilot addicted to prescription pain medication. Jason committed a crime that left his entire family

no other choice then to ask him to leave. Jason felt his last and final stop in life would be Togas VA. After 3 weeks in the mental health ward Jason accepted a bed at the Bread of Life shelter. Jason was welcomed, and warmly greeted when he arrived. He was impressed with how genuinely peaceful the atmosphere was. The staff cared and patiently waited for him to move forward. They met him right where he was at.

Jason began volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, He found enjoyment in giving back, and loves to encourage others out of homelessness.

When the timing was right Jason transitioned from the Shelter into Bread of Life's housing . He has become more empowered by having the responsibly of having his own apartment. He currently works a full time job at Togas VA, and has a desire to go back to school. Jason is living a life today he never thought was possible.



## A fresh start

James Yates came to Bread of Life at a time in his life when he desperately needed a change. At first he was hesitant to move to a new town that was unfamiliar to him. Once he stepped through the doors at the veterans shelter he noticed the positive atmosphere. James felt empowered as he took on responsibilities, He noticed his attitude began to change.

James began volunteering at the Soup Kitchen and he felt great joy from helping others. James felt a part of a family.

He has recently transitioned into his own apartment at Bread of Life. James has a full time position at Togas VA and is living a life that is immeasurably more than he could have imaged

Bread of Life Ministries has 83 apartment units in nine buildings throughout the Augusta area. We offer a variety of units ranging from boarding room style living quarters, to efficiencies, to two-and three bedrooms. We offer transitional and permanent housing. It is our goal to provide those in need with safe, and affordable housing in a way that supports tenants to become the best versions of themselves.

# Welcome new members of the Bread of Life family!!!!!!

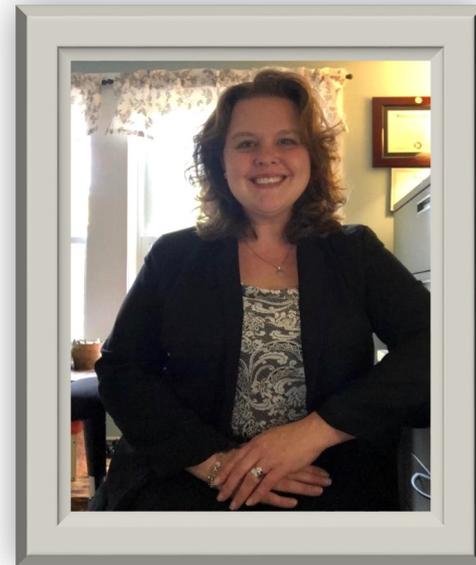
More than three decades ago Carolyn Neighoff, recognized a need and led an effort to feed the hungry in downtown Augusta. With seven founding families from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Carolyn courageously purchased a building. The soup kitchen opened its doors on September of 1984 and continues to serve from the same location today. The Soup kitchen serves between 50-120 lunch meals per day. The Soup Kitchen is a pillar of Bread of Life Ministries and a beacon of hope to those in need. All are welcome! It is a place where nutritious meals are served with love by one full time Kitchen manager and many volunteers that create an atmosphere filled with compassion.

Carolyn Neighoff



## Robert Barter

We are pleased to welcome Robert Barter to the maintenance dept. at Bread of Life . Robert is willing to be flexible, embraces a variety of tasks with a thankful heart, and is determined to endure. He is known on our property for a warm smile and a humorous delivery. Robert was once homeless himself and has a heart to help end homelessness one person at a time.



## Jennifer Hall

We are thrilled to introduce Jennifer. She is a Family Shelter Case Manager who is passionate about watching others be healed and find hope. She strengthens the weak and fearlessly speaks up for those who have no voice. Jennifer is blessed to be able to offer assistance to this community.



People like Linda Baker do more than just feed people at Bread of Life. In 1999 Linda connected with a program that helped women transition back into the work force. Part of the program requirements involved volunteer hours, which lead Linda to start serving in the Soup Kitchen. Linda later got a job at Burger King where she is a loyal employee today. Early every morning Linda walks to the kitchen to do all the laundry, preps the meal, and cleans. Linda is not afraid to get her hands dirty. Her loyalty to volunteering in the Soup Kitchen has helped play a vital role in many lives.



We are grateful to the Maine State Prison for donating 590 pounds of vegetables to Bread of Life this summer. Many enjoyed fresh salads, and meals made with vegetables grown at the prison.



Garrett, Granson, and Emma raised \$80 to donate to help the homeless. They raised the money by opening a Lemonade stand in their neighborhood. They sold lemonade, Gatorade, life water, and brownies.



A rack of brand new suits donated by Men's Warehouse at the shelter.

A veteran who arrived at Bread of Life who had nothing to wear was able to find a suit that was his size,



and he wore it to his upcoming court case days later. Something as simple as a suit brought hope to this young man's life.

### Operation Stand Down

Staff from Bread of Life and Veterans attended an event called Operation Stand Down. Veterans received assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.



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