



Be It Known ... *by Sister Anna Raimon*

"Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land'" (Deut. 15:11-12).

Listed to the right are the services that Lantern Light has provided for our guests during the first six months of 2011.



Sisters Vera Butler, Maureen Nolan, Enid Storey, Phyllis Gill and Anna Raimon

Sign in Registrations	23,202
Birth Certificate Applications	157
Identification Cards	172
Prescriptions Filled	518
Mailed Received	3,093
Early Morning Snacks	21,122
Lunches Distributed	21,458
Financial Assistance (20 days)	34
Emergency Groceries to Families	669

You, our friends, benefactors, supporters and volunteers have enabled the staff of Lantern Light to fulfill and carry out the quote above from the book of Deuteronomy. May God bless each of you as you carry out the mission of Jesus to the poor and oppressed in today's world.

Thank you.
Anna Raimon, PBVM

2nd Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser

For all of our *Louisiana Readers*



October 21, 2011

The Rebuild Center
St. Joseph Church, New Orleans, La.

Cost: \$10
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Menu:

Fried Catfish, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Bread Pudding & Drink

Food prepared and donated by *The Wisdom Reception Center*

For more information and pre-orders
504 273-5573 x116



December 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				\$25 ¹	\$50 ²	\$50 ³
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\$250 ²⁵	\$25 ²⁶	\$25 ²⁷	\$25 ²⁸	\$25 ²⁹	\$50 ³⁰	\$50 ³¹

Presentation Sisters Lantern Light Ministry

Help Support Lantern Light and be a Winner!

Please join us in supporting the mission of Lantern Light, Inc. and give yourself a chance to win over \$1000 in cash prizes.

Lantern Light was established in 2005 to provide services for the homeless and working poor in New Orleans. We continue this mission today with your support. Since Hurricane Katrina, our numbers have grown and we now serve lunch to 170-225 guests a day, Monday through Friday. In addition to meeting our guests basic needs, we help them get birth certificates, state identification cards and some prescriptions. We also have a mail room if they need an address for receiving mail.

With each ticket in our Christmas Fundraiser you could win anywhere from \$25 to \$250 on a single day during the month of December 2011 (calendar on back tells how much on each day). The daily drawings take place at Lantern Light and winning tickets are re-entered for all the remaining drawings. Everyone has 31 chances to win! Checks for the winning tickets will be mailed to the winners.

Deadline for all entries is November 30, 2011.

\$10 for 1 ticket or \$25 for 3 tickets

Please complete the ticket(s) included and return with your donation. Duplicate this page of tickets as needed. You can even buy tickets as a different kind of Christmas gift! You can also find more tickets on our website. Thank you!

**Please make all checks payable to:
Lantern Light, 1802 Tulane Ave., New Orleans LA 70112
(504)273-5573**

The GOOD NEWS at Lantern Light ... *by the Presentation Sisters at Lantern Light*

Do to others what you would have them do to you ...

One day I met a man carrying a heavy bag. He stopped and said, "I now know what you all do for others." His name was Chris. He said that when he was homeless we provided for his needs. Now, he has a home, a job, and a car. The bag he was carrying belonged to a homeless man who wanted to go home to the Northeast.



Chris carried the bag from the River to his car, a distance of a few miles. The man was following with another bag. Chris was going to drive him to the bus station. Chris purchased the ticket for \$230. He said he had what he needed for his utilities and food to take him to his next pay check.

Chris' face was radiant as he said, "**I am doing this because of all you have done for me.**" Every time Chris comes back to the Center to visit and he sees the benches where he used to sit, tears of gratitude flow from his eyes.

Whatever you ask for ... it will be yours ...

Just the other day I was greeted by the big bright smile of a former guest. He asked if I remembered him. He was well dressed. He told me that he now has his life back thanks to Lantern Light.

He stopped drinking, he went back to church, and he has his own place to live in. He also beamed as he told me he has a full time job. This man has a heart filled with gratitude for all that was done for him at our Center. He will never forget that generosity.

Choose life and not death ...

One of our guests, Steve, was walking past the kitchen door. He was reading a sheet of paper. When asked what was it that made him so happy he replied, "This is my Life." The paper was his resume that had just been typed for him at Lantern Light by Kenitha, one of our volunteers. He continued, "It is great to have another perspective on my life."

Rejoice in all the things your God has given to you. . .

One of our guests celebrated his birthday with us. No one said Happy Birthday to him or sang the very familiar song. Instead someone gave him a homemade Birthday card that he had every one sign. It was a unique way to rejoice. Jeff is deaf and mute. At the end of the day he knew it was a Happy Birthday and he was loved.

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Faithfully every Monday morning Barry, one of our volunteers, arrives at Lantern Light. He goes with Sister Vera to Kenner to pick up the food from Second Harvest. This food is used for our Food Pantry Program on Thursdays and Fridays. He does all the loading and unloading of this food weighing between 400 and 1000 lbs. a week. He personifies faithfulness and righteousness.

... with gratitude in your heart to God.

One hot afternoon when most of our guests were gone Dave sat outside Lantern Light's door. When asked what he needed he replied, "A couple of Band-Aids for the blisters on my feet." When I returned with the Band-Aids he had removed his shoes so he could take care of his blisters. There were several big blisters evident. I asked him if his shoes were the correct size. He said they were too small. I looked around with the help of another staff member and we found the correct size. I brought out to him a pair of much worn tennis shoes and new white socks.



When I put them on the floor they almost fell over as the edges were so worn away. Dave's eyes lit up. He immediately covered his wounds, put on his socks and "new" fitting shoes. I did not see him leave. His gratitude was evident when I saw that he carefully placed his old shoes on the bench for someone else they would fit.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Visit us on the Web

Have you visited our website recently? If not you may want to do so. The website has been reconstructed. Check it out and see what you think!

We are working to redirect our **www.lanternlight.org** address. In the meantime, visit us at **www.lanternlightmin.wordpress.com**.

We are also going to be putting our newsletter on the website and be able to send you an e-newsletter if you prefer.

Please let us know how you would like to receive your newsletter in the future.

Name: _____

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_____ I/We will read the newsletter on the website

_____ I/We would like to get the newsletter via email.

Please let us know what tweaks your interest about Lantern Light Newsletter.

I would like to hear more about

Thank you.

Please email this response to

vbutler7@bellsouth.net

or mail it to

Lantern Light

1802 Tulane Ave.

New Orleans LA 70112

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2011

\$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25

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