



All Things Ignatian



“Feed the Spirit” Creighton’s Day of Service

*“When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change.”
– Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.*

In celebration of Creighton University’s inauguration of its 24th president, Rev. Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., the Inauguration Committee, invited Creighton faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to participate in a day of service.

In conversations with community partners, the committee acknowledged that the greatest need in the area was for food donations, as a result of the extensive flooding in our community as well as the effects from the economic downturn. Therefore, Feed the Spirit was a weeklong effort to collect food for flooding victims and other community members in need, culminating in a campus event held in honor of our 24th president’s inauguration.

The Goals of Feed the Spirit were:

- To highlight Creighton as a family, coming together to celebrate Fr. Lannon and Creighton’s commitment to the community
- To partner students, faculty, staff and alumni with our larger Omaha and national communities
- To provide direct service to community agencies on October 1, 2011 without being a burden to their organizations
- To offer reflection opportunities for those involved



Students, faculty, staff, alumni and families went door to door to collect food and raise awareness.

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do
your will. Amen.*

~St. Ignatius of Loyola



September 25-October 1, 2011

Community members participated throughout the course of the week by dropping off goods on campus as well as cash donations. Then on October 1, **155 faculty, staff, students, alumni and family members** volunteered their time for the Feed the Spirit food drive. Sent forth with a blessing from Fr. Lannon, community members staffed local Hy-Vee stores as well as went door to door in Omaha neighborhoods and collected donations.

7,088 items were donated to the Micah House, the Salvation Army and the Heart Ministry Center. Additionally, **over \$1,600** in cash donations were collected.

Moving Forward

Post the day of service, participants were sent an email and asked to reflect on their day of service. Within the Ignatian tradition, participants were called to reflect on the following:

- What? What exactly did you experience this weekend? What did you see? Who did you interact with? How did they react to your asking for assistance?
- So what? Why did you volunteer? What was the purpose behind the event? How can you integrate what you experienced into your daily life? What systems are in place that created the need for food in our community? Do I know the people who seek assistance from our local agencies?
- Now what? What can you do moving forward? What further action can you be a part of? How can you advocate for change in our community? Will service for and with others continue to be a part of your life?

Additionally, participants took a survey regarding their experience with Feed the Spirit and **100% of respondents believed that there should be an annual day of service at Creighton.**



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