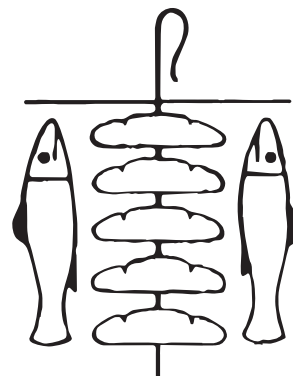


The Banquet

Love Is Eating with The Banquet Family

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Shower Our Guests with Care

We often take for granted the everyday items we use like soap, shampoo and lotion. But for many of The Banquet guests, buying these items is impossible. For some it's even a luxury to have a toothbrush and toothpaste.

The Banquet's 2009 Christmas Project is "Shower our Guests with Care." The Banquet is teaming up with Lewis Drug stores to market the ready-to-purchase personal care items. Beginning November 1st "Shower Our Guests with Care" packets will be available for purchase for \$9.99 at the Lewis Drug registers. There will be collection boxes at the Lewis Drug stores so donors can leave the Christmas gift there.

"The guests of The Banquet appreciate these personal care items. Our guests care about the personal appearance of themselves and their children," said Madeline Shields, Special Events Director.

The Banquet will need 1,500 packages to fulfill the needs of the guests who come to The Banquet. These kits have already been packaged and will provide each guest with the same items.

Individually purchased hygiene items cannot be used for this project.

Because these packages will be pre-filled and marketed through Lewis drug stores locally, monies that are donated through this project will be used to purchase other "luxury items" like laundry detergent, fabric softener, toilet paper and dish washing liquid. These items may also be purchased and brought directly to The Banquet at 900 E. 8th St., Sioux Falls.

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts are truly helping many families in need!

Lewis Drug Stores
10th & Cliff
26th & Sycamore
41st & Minnesota
41st & Marion
12th & Kiwanis
57th & Cliff Lewis Express at Sunshine Foods

For more information contact:

Madeline Shields

Special Events Director

335-7066 or madeline@thebanquetsf.org

Thanksgiving Day Run For Food

***Thursday, November 26, 2009
8:00 am***

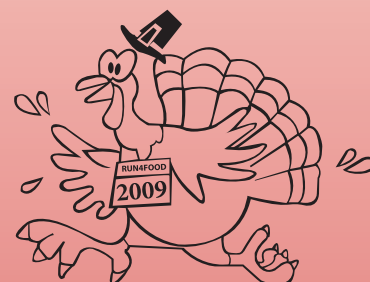
Runners and walkers will gather at The Banquet on Thanksgiving morning to get in their exercise before feasting on turkey and pumpkin pie.

Participants may choose from a 3 mile run, a 6 mile run or a 1 mile walk. The route begins at The Banquet, 900 E. 8th St. and goes to Falls Park and back to The Banquet.

Organizers of the event suggest a \$10 donation to The Banquet.

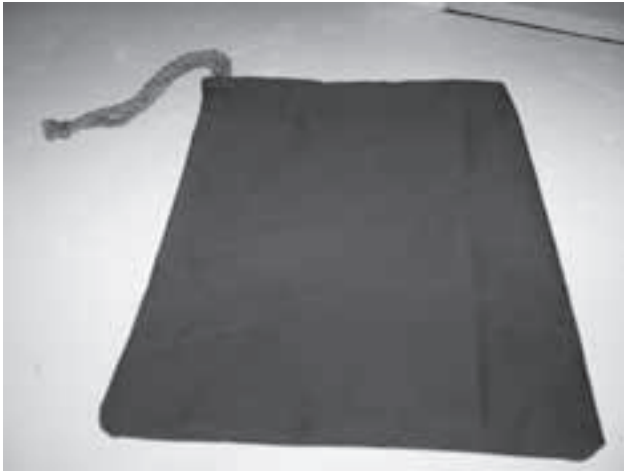
Last year, this event raised \$5900 to feed the hungry in Sioux Falls. Thank you for your continued support of the guests of The Banquet.

This is a No Frills Event--- No t-shirts- No registration- No hassles



Project: SOS

Project: Supply Our Students provides students with an art bag.



Do you like to sew? We need your help sewing Art Bags for school children. We ask that you use heavy, solid colored, denim material. Dark colors are best. Please DO NOT use flowered materials. We don't know if a boy or girl will receive the art bag.

Art Bag Assembly Instructions

Cut material into rectangular shape – 20” x 13”. Place cording about 1” from top of 20” piece – fold material down over cording, making about a 1” casing, and stitch. Fold material in half, leaving ½” open at the top of the seam (to allow for cord), stitch rest of side seam and across the bottom (about ¼” seam). Please tie knots at each end of cord.

Thank you for helping with this project.

Sioux Emperian Barbershop Chorus Raises \$1,400 for Project: SOS



It was a perfect Sunday afternoon to sit in the park and listen to The Sioux Emperian Barbershop Chorus. The group raised money through a free will offering at the event at Terrace Park.

“The Banquet is grateful to receive this gift from these very talented men. We appreciate their dedication to this ministry and look forward to hearing them at the Festival of Men’s Voices,” said Tamera Jerke-Liesinger, Banquet Director.

Thank You from Project: SOS!

Sunshine Foods/Nash Finch for its donation of a huge load of school supplies valued at \$1,100.

Citibank's Project: SOS committee presents Banquet Director, Tamera Jerke-Liesinger and Special Events Director, Madeline Shields a check for school supplies.

Hy-Vee's Operation Helpful Smiles raised \$2,200 through private and matching gifts.

Every gift of time and treasure both small and large.



Project: SOS provides 5,500 school bags to students!

Thank you to the thousands of people who helped to provide school supplies for Sioux Falls area children through your gifts of money, supplies and volunteer time. You are truly making dreams come true for families who find it difficult to make ends meet.

The smiles on the faces of the children who receive the supplies say it all.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

Singing Boys of Sioux Falls Joins Festival of Men's Voices

The Singing Boys will be joining the men for this year's Christmas kick off concert at the Washington Pavilion.

The six men's choruses gather to perform a free concert at the Washington Pavilion to fill the Great Hall with the familiar sounds of Christmas. There are no tickets to buy, but there is the opportunity for a free will offering. All proceeds of this concert will go to The Banquet.

The concert is performed by the El Riad Shrine Chanters, Minnehaha Mandskor, Norse Glee Club, Salem Zion Mennonite Men's Chorus, Singing Legionnaires and the Sioux Emperians.

Billion Automotive and the Washington Pavilion are our sponsors. Their sponsorship allows us to sit back and relax to some beautiful holiday music.



Festival of Men's Voices

Sunday, November 29, 2009

2:30 pm

Washington Pavilion Great Hall

The Banquet receives \$2,000 and The Ambassador of Caring Award from Equitable Life & Casualty

In August The Banquet received a plaque, the financial gift and is being featured in a short video which will be run on Equitable Life and Casualty's web site. We received this gift thanks to Agent Todd Hakl of Alcester, SD who nominated The Banquet for this award.

You can find that information at www.equilife.com Click on the "Spirit of Caring" and then on the Ambassadors of Caring profiles.

"The Banquet is honored to receive this exceptional gift. This ministry is grateful to be chosen among other nationally recognized non-profit agencies. The Banquet is the only non-profit in South Dakota to receive this tremendous gift," said Tamera Jerke-Liesinger, Executive Director.

The Banquet is truly grateful for the many gifts it receives!

Special Thanks To...



Back to school haircuts

Stylists from Stewart's School gave 70 children new do's for school. Thank you for brightening our day!



Melon Madness!

The Banquet would like to thank the Swenson family from Woonsocket, SD for the 2,000 pounds of melons. The guests love the fresh produce! All of the many gifts of produce we received this summer are appreciated.

Don't spend Thanksgiving and Christmas Alone

Each meal at The Banquet is provided by a serving group, for instance, a church, business or service club EXCEPT--- Thanksgiving Day and the Christmas Eve meal at The Banquet.

Those are two meals each year that are not "booked" by a serving group. We ask that singles and couples who have no one to spend the holidays with come to The Banquet to serve the guests on these very special days. The Banquet's ministry is to provide food for the body and soul. This is one way to reach out to our volunteers who are missing a loved one during the holiday season.

Sign up for the Thanksgiving meal begins November 1. Sign up for the Christmas Eve meal begins December 1. Please call to be placed on the serving list. (605) 335-7066.

Remembering Friends

Thank you to the many people who give gifts to The Banquet in honor or in memory of a friend or relative. These wonderful gifts help to sustain The Banquet ministry.

All gifts are tax deductible and an acknowledgement is sent to the person or the family of the recipient of that gift. It's the perfect gift for someone who has everything. Giving the gift of nourishment to those in need is a wonderful way to honor a person or that person's memory.

God Bless you for all of your gifts to The Banquet.

Volunteer Dress Code

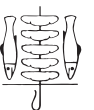
Please remember our dress code if you are serving at The Banquet. We recommend that our volunteers wear: Jeans, capris or shorts no shorter than just above the knee. T-shirts with sleeves and long enough to be tucked in. Tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes.

Please NO short shorts or mini-skirts. NO tank tops or midriff-bearing tops. NO flip-flops or open-toed shoes. NO caps while serving.

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