

## **Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia – Board of Directors**

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The Office of Concern Food Pantry has an active, hands-on Board of Directors. Board members are at the facility each week participating in the activities that enable the Food Pantry to function. They can be found interacting with clients; unloading delivery trucks; packing bags with food to be distribute to clients; picking up and sorting food from donating individuals and organizations; purchasing and picking up food from supermarkets and farmer's markets; soliciting donations and writing grants; maintaining databases; or filling out and organizing the many reports that are required by the State and Federal Government.

### **Donald Wuertz, CPA, Executive Director**

Mr. Wuertz is a retired Chief Financial Officer, with over 45 years of accounting, management and financial services. He is a trustee of St. Therese Parish. He oversees and manages the overall operations, including financial reports, grant writing and the Diaper Program. He also files all the necessary forms and reports required by the Community Food Bank, the State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government on poundage of food received.

### **Pam Geisenheimer, Director of Client Services**

Mrs. Geisenheimer is a former investment banker, elementary school teacher and tutor. She has served as a trustee on the Demarest Board of Education and Vice President of the Parent Teacher Organization. Pam supervises all volunteers in direct contact with our clients, coordinates the distribution of food to our clients, and oversees the registration procedures and record keeping to ensure that all people applying to receive food are eligible in accordance with our guidelines.

### **Peggy La Scala, Assistant Director of Client Services**

Margaret (Peggy) is a former college administrator, professor and finance professional. Her other volunteer activities include over 20 years with Family Promise of Bergen County, where she currently serves as a team leader for the Walk-in Dinner Program. She's also a tutor for Reading Partners, an educational program based in Newark that works to improve literacy and learning outcomes.

### **Fred Emmer, Treasurer**

Mr. Emmer is a retired Professional Engineer from the electric power industry. He currently manages our financial affairs; including reconciling bank statements, managing cash flow, and automated financial record keeping operations and database administration. He also performs weekly duties in the warehouse and leads the Office of Concern Vehicle Maintenance Committee.

### **Christopher Connolly, Esq., Director of Distribution**

Mr. Connolly, a retired attorney who advises on compliance issues and manages outside inventory and activities.

**Karl M. Soehnlein, Ph.D., Director of Warehouse Operations**

Dr. Soehnlein, a retired educational administrator and NYNEX (Verizon) director, maintains and updates Facebook, Instagram and the Office of Concern website; and, coordinates all online donations through PayPal and Facebook. He also manages warehouse inventory and warehouse activities.

**Suzan Gordon**

Ms. Gordon, retired special needs educator, and currently an adjunct professor of William Paterson University, has volunteered for many years at the food distribution window handing the clientele the fresh individually selected items. She has gained an insight into what makes our customers happy while keeping within our limitations.

**Rev. Herman Kinzler, O. Carm. Pastor, St. Cecilia Church**

Fr. Kinzler leases to us our office and warehouse. He has been a helpful, encouraging presence, often taking a hand in everything from unloading trucks to offering advice and counsel.