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September 10, 2001

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Servings Social Scene

A Listing of Upcoming Events to Benefit Community Servings

For tickets or more information, contact Candace LaBalle at (617) 445-7777 or claballe@servings.org

October 4th, Thursday, 6 to 9PM

Italian Wine Festival. Take a wine tour of Italy without leaving Boston. Join United Liquors as they host Italian wine producers and vintners for an evening of tastings, brief seminars, and hors d'oeuvres. At the Top of the Hub. Tickets are \$50. Salute!

October 11th, Thursday, 6 to 9PM

Don't Dessert Us! 2002 Calendar Kick Off Party. Hosted by Bon Appetit, Boston Design Center and United Liquors, this event is one you'll definitely want to put on your calendar. Our twelve pastry chef pin-ups will serve up their desserts in twelve designer showrooms, paired with two after-dinner liqueurs each! There will also be a silent auction featuring twelve designer chairs, and lots more. Tickets are just \$100 and includes beverages, appetizers, dessert, and your very own copy of the new calendar.

Joan Ross

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carrots and cracking jokes with the staff. "She always brings a smile to the kitchen," said Mr. Willie. Of her time in the kitchen, Joan said, "I knew what I was doing was worthwhile, but each new person I met at Community Servings gave back to me over and over again. It was great for me."

In August, after four incredible years, Joan will pass on her crown and put down her potato peeler—she and her family are returning to Scotland. Her laughter, generosity, good cheer, and dedication will be sorely missed. Who could ever fill her royal shoes?

LIFE SA V O R

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dollars to continue our efforts to deliver hot, nutritious meals to men, women and children ill with AIDS—and hopefully help someone struggling with this disease to savor their own life just a bit more.

Serving It Up

The Newsletter of Community Servings, Boston's
free, hot, home-delivered meals program
for individuals and families ill with AIDS.

Summer 2001

LifeSavor 2001

Fred Schneider
of the B-52's
struts his stuff
at the LifeSavor
After Party



From the six-foot high Ketel One ice bar at the Cocktail Party to over eighty elegant dinner parties to the impromptu performance of "Love Shack" by the B-52's Fred Schneider at the After Party, LifeSavor 2001 was the most exciting event of the season. Considering the event raised \$455,000 with a cost of just \$15,000, it is also quite likely the most successful.

Over 900 people noshed on a sumptuous spread put on by Le Meridien, co-sponsor of the event along with Chubb Insurance. Guests mingled with Mayor Tom Menino, radio czar Oedipus, Bruin legend Cam Neely, KISS 108 morning man Matt Siegel, radio diva Darlene McCarthy, Channel 7 anchor guy Randy Price, and a six-foot drag queen in turquoise satin aptly named Gretchen Von Hindenburg. While WTKK FM's Inside Track broadcast live from the party, guests engaged in heavy bidding over the Silent Auction. Prizes included a week in Morocco; a ride in an acrobatic stunt plane; a Tiffany watch; and much more.

From the Meridien, parties of ten traveled on trolleys donated by Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston to over 80 restaurants. From L'Espalier to Blue Ginger, Salamander's to East Coast Grill, Boston's top chefs pulled out all their tricks to serve up a multi-course meal designed to wow our guests. "Best meal of my life," said more than one happy diner.

Hosted by Louis Roederer, Geyser Peak Winery, Peet's Coffee and Tea, and Godiva Chocolates, the After Party in the lobby of One Post Office Square provided a great end to the event. People swarmed the dance floor. Even Executive Director David Waters took time away from his hosting duties to shake it up a bit, much to the delight of our guests.

Three months in the planning, fifty committee members, hundreds of volunteers and nearly 1000 guests all added up to an unforgettable event, raising nearly half-a-million

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VINTAGE VINO

VINTAGE IMPORTS RECENTLY
PRESENTED A WINE AUCTION TO
BENEFIT COMMUNITY SERVINGS.
OVER 100 WINE-LOVERS
DESCENDED UPON THE CHARLES
HOTEL TO BID ON 28 LOTS OF
RARE WINE FROM BOUTIQUE
VINEYARDS. THE BIDDING WAS
HEATED AND IN THE END
\$19,000 WAS RAISED. HERE'S
A TOAST TO THE CHARLES
HOTEL AND VINTAGE IMPORTS
FOR ARRANGING THIS GREAT
GRAPE EVENT!

Athena Design
appreciates the
opportunity to
donate its time
to design and
produce this
edition of *Serving
It Up*. 617.338.6440

Letter from the Director



David Waters,
Executive Director

June 5th marked the twentieth anniversary of the AIDS epidemic. Twenty years have brought tremendous grieving and loss, but also a tremendous outpouring of community support and activism. Never before has the community marshaled its resources at such a powerful, grassroots level.

Community Servings is able to feed 700 individuals and families ill with the virus, because as a group we have poured our hearts and sweat into the effort. It is a dramatic example of "community serving community." Each of us—staff and volunteer alike—came into Community Servings to give of ourselves. Yet, most of us would also confess, somewhat sheepishly, that we receive much more from our work here than we give. Through doing good, we feel good about ourselves and our role in the local community.

This summer, we are losing one of our most committed volunteers, Joan Ross, who is moving home to

Scotland (see page 3). As Joan said in a recent chat:

"I know you have all given me so much more than I have given you. You have taught me humility and understanding and I will never forget you. I know when I am 80, I can sit on that park bench and say that I gave up some time to help a little and also reflect on what I learned from Community Servings that made me a better person."

Wonderful people like Joan come and go depending on their life circumstances, but the work of Community Servings must continue on, because our clients are always waiting for a meal.

There is an overwhelming amount of sadness and perhaps anger that comes with 20 years of AIDS. But I prefer to focus on the rich rewards we each receive working side by side in our common effort. Ultimately, the fellowship and spirit we share will help us to weather the storm until a cure is found.

Happy Summer!

Doris

From Pie Queen to Potato Masher...

...Joan Ross has done a little bit of everything at Community Servings.

Joan moved with her family from Aberdeen, Scotland to Newton in 1997. Once her kids settled in their new schools and her husband in his new job, Joan started to look for a way to direct her boundless energy. Fortunately for us, she found Community Servings.

Known as the Pie Queen for her enthusiasm for *Pie in the Sky*, Joan holds the record for most pies sold by an individual. It is a record she established her very first *Pie in the Sky*. Despite being new to the area and having few contacts, Joan sold 512 pies!

The following year at the *Pie in the Sky* Sales Kick-off, Joan announced her reign as Pie Queen with a kilt-wearing bag pipe player. Mingling through the crowd, she anointed the pie sellers with her scepter and challenged them to try and beat her. No one has and she is still the reigning queen.

Joan is also active in *LifeSavor*, our springtime event. When asked what she likes best about *LifeSavor* she said, "the cosmopolitans" referring to this year's martini bar. Her modesty belies the fact that as Balloon Co-Chair, she helped double revenues from the Balloon Auction.

Priding herself on "knowing how to have a good time," she and her husband also attend *LifeSavor* and often end up being the first on the dance floor and the last off. One year when the committee considered doing away with the *After Party*, Joan raised her hand and said, "ya know, you're gonna spend a lot of time looking up at the lid of your coffin, so you might as well have fun now." The *After Party* was spared.

When not selling pies or planning events, you can find Joan once a week in the kitchen peeling

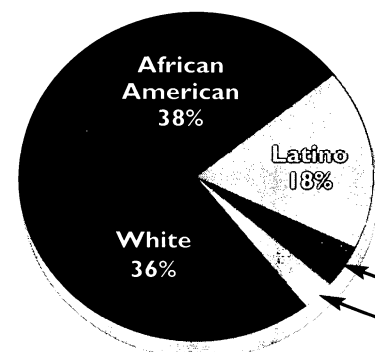


Joan Ross (R) sharing a laugh in the kitchen with Ms. Virginia Wilson.

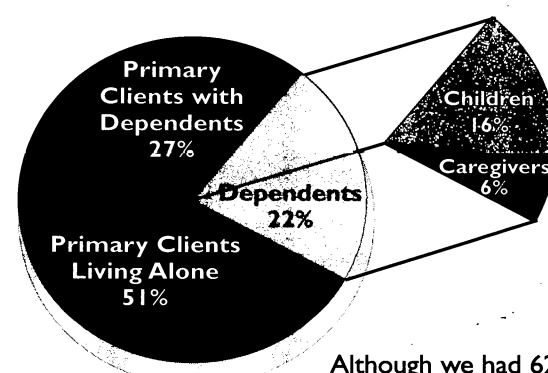
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Client Demographics

Our clients represent many different backgrounds and ethnicities. Despite this diversity, 95% of our clients live at or below the poverty level.



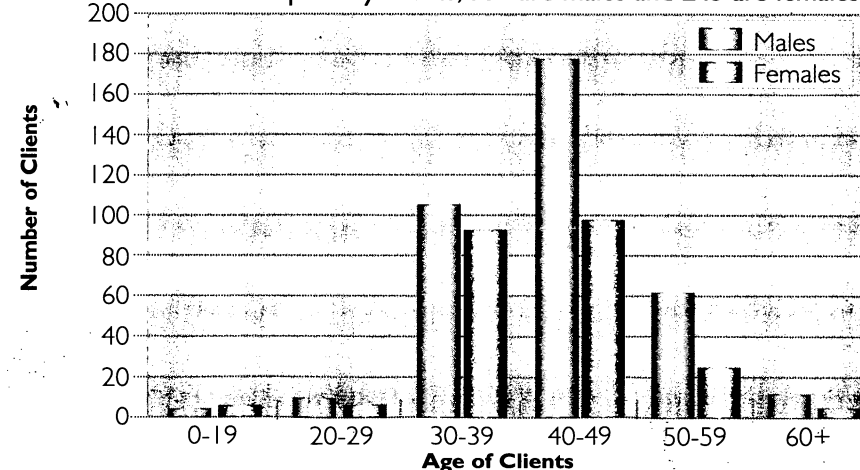
Our 627 primary clients come from many different backgrounds.



Although we had 627 primary clients in 2000, we also serve the children and caregivers living with those clients. This means that we actually served over 940 men, women and children this year—a total of 159,998 meals!

AGE AND GENDER

Of our 627 primary clients, 384 are males and 243 are females



Community Servings Wish List

To better serve our clients and volunteers we are in need of the following:

- A Volunteer Electrician
- A Volunteer Web Consultant
- Window Air-conditioners
- Fans
- Microwaves
- Kitchen Utensils and Small Appliances

NEWS BITES

Awards! Joan Parker, the Vice-Chair of Community Servings' Board of Directors did it again! On her roster of civic service acknowledgments she can add membership in the YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers. Since joining our Board, Joan has been a major force in the success of our fundraising events, including helping to create *LifeSavor*, which has raised over \$1.5 million since its inception. In addition she works around the clock to promote Community Servings and our mission. We are incredibly lucky to benefit from her guidance, wisdom and caring, and are thrilled that she has been recognized by the YWCA.

Le Bernardin in Boston Raises over \$16,000!

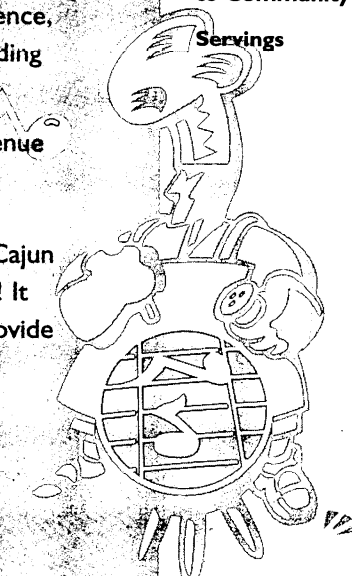
The internationally acclaimed French maestro of fish, Chef Eric Ripert, steered his crew in from his high-profile NYC restaurant Le Bernardin to prepare a five-course feast at Aujourd'hui at the Four Seasons Hotel to benefit Community Servings. Diners devoured Pikytoe Crab Salad with Gazpacho Sauce, Barely Cooked Salmon with Parmesan Polenta, and Steamed Halibut with Black Truffle Sauce. Our guests experienced the meal of a lifetime and provided our clients with thousands of nutritious, life-affirming meals!

A Goodbye Toast. For almost 20 years, Deborah Hughes and Mary-Catherine Deibel at Up Stairs at the Pudding have served cuisine as innovative as their whimsical dining room. For ten of those years, they have also helped Community Servings provide hot, nutritious meals to men, women and children ill with AIDS. As they said goodbye to Holyoke Street, they hosted a final fundraiser for Community Servings. Guests nibbled on Deborah's tasty appetizers and enjoyed the garden terrace one last time, celebrating Up Stairs' legacy of exquisite food, romantic ambience, and exemplary generosity. UpStairs at the Pudding will be sorely missed.

Jazz Fest Feeds a Thousand! Columbus Avenue was hopping in May during Bob the Chef's first annual Jazz Festival. It was like Mardi Gras in Boston—dancing in the streets, southern and Cajun cooking, face painters, and of course live music! It was a great time and helped raise \$5000 to provide 1000 hot, nutritious, home-delivered meals for individuals and families ill with AIDS.



Joan Parker recognized for her dedication to Community Servings





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A true copy;

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**Councillors Davis, Sullivan and
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