

**Friends of  
Night People**

## Looking Ahead

Spring makes us think about new beginnings at FONP. And, this year we want you to begin something new to help us make Buffalo even better.

What is it? We know that you love FONP and everything we do. We value you as a volunteer, donor, and friend.

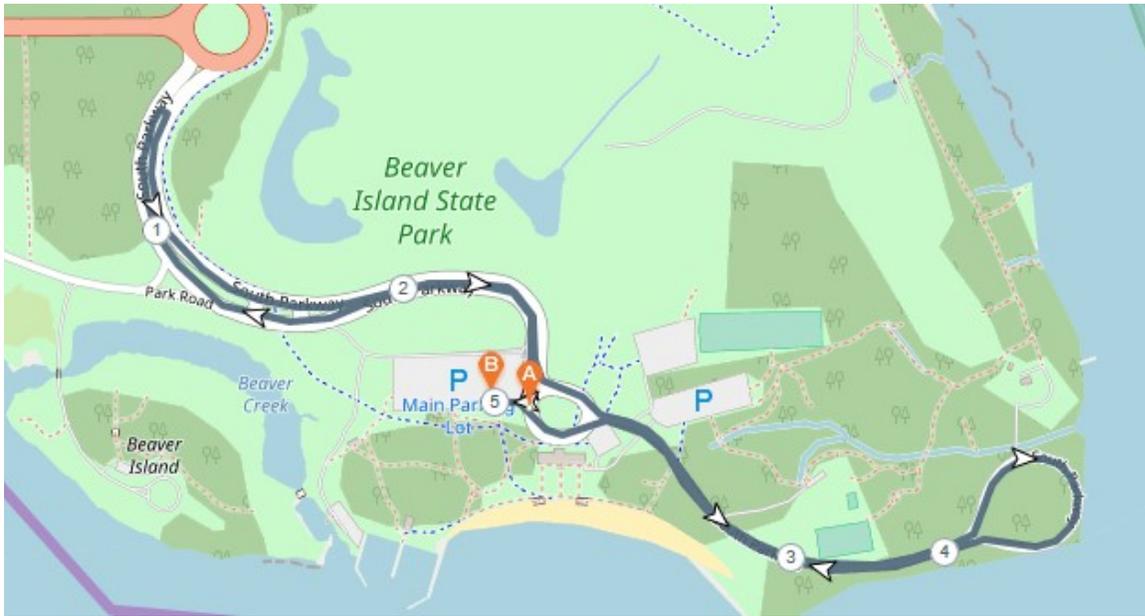
Do something this year that you feel will make a difference, and make our organization even stronger. Write it down on a post-it, and put it next to your computer or on your fridge to remind you. That's what I'm going to do today.



Here are some ideas:

- Collect seasonal clothing donations from my friends, and tell them where you're going to donate them.
- Organize a canned food drive
- Attend a fundraising event
- Host a party, and ask for a gift to benefit FONP

Let us know on our facebook page or email your new beginning for us to share. Whatever you decide to do thank you in advance!



## New Race Location!

This year the 16th Annual Putting Hunger on the Run will take place at a new location! The 5k will take place at Beaver Island State Park on Saturday April 13th. Registration starts at 8am and the race begins at 9:30am. We would like to thank our sponsors, National Grid, Rich's, Noco, M&T, Ingram Micro, National Fuel, Wegmans, NYSPMA, Fat Bobs and All-Stars Printing, for making this year's race happen!

Volunteers are needed at the event, visit our volunteer sign up page [here](#), or email Patty at [pkrehbiel@friendsofnightpeople.com](mailto:pkrehbiel@friendsofnightpeople.com).



## Welcome Aboard!

Friends of Night People are pleased to welcome two active volunteers as members to our Board of Directors. Leona Backus has supported FONP by organizing employee groups as volunteers to serve meals and in the clothing closet. She has also held job skills seminars at FONP for those we serve. Scott Allen is an attorney at Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP. He has been a volunteer in our food pantry monthly since 2017. We are all very excited to welcome them to the FONP family and look forward to a long productive relationship.

## FONP's New Look



We've been busy over the last few weeks getting ready for warmer weather and our busiest time of the year. The floors have been re-done in the dining rooms, pantry and serving areas. Rooms have been freshened up with new paint, expanded food storage and preparation areas were created.

We're awaiting the installation of an additional walk in freezer. All of these improvements help us better serve those who need assistance in Buffalo.

## Meet the New Guy!

Russ is the newest member of our team. He originally studied to be a Veterinary Technician at Medaille College but discovered he had a passion for cooking. Russ has worked at many restaurants throughout Western New York, most recently at an area banquet facility as a line



cook. Russ has always had a passion for helping others as well. Russ is very happy that he is able to combine passions for cooking and helping here at FONP.

## Empty Bowls



This year's Empty Bowls was held on February 17th at Buffalo Soupfest in the Buffalo Convention center. Bowls and art works were made by students all over Western New York, over 400 in total! Prices started at \$5 per bowl. We were so happy that so many kids got involved and learned more about social issues that affect so many Western New Yorkers.

## 5% Day at Whole Foods

In December 2018, Whole Foods in Amherst chose FoNP as its 5%day charity. Our relationship Manager Patty was on hand to hand out healthy snacks, that could be prepared with ingredients that are typically found in food pantries, to thank the shoppers. It was a great success! This year \$1,743.39 was raised! Thank you to Whole Foods and to all of the people who came out to shop!



## Snow Contest Update

In December we challenged you to guess how much snow we will get this winter. As of March 18th, the city of Buffalo received 109.05 inches of snow. Congratulations to Sandra Lee who guessed 111 inches. She will receive a FONP hoodie. Thanks to all who entered!

