



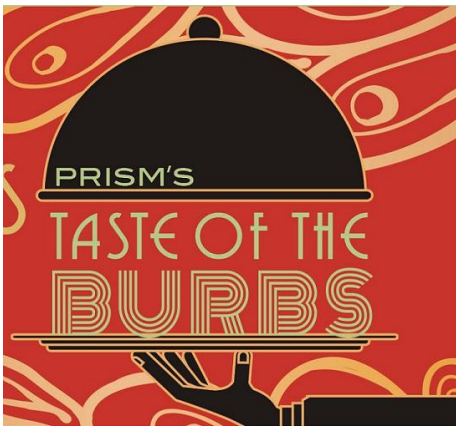
## *Your news and updates for May*

### **Welcoming our new Housing Case Manager**

PRISM is excited to welcome Denise Mlejnek as our new Housing Case Manager! Denise comes to us with prior experience working for St. Stephens and PICA (Parents in Community Action) in their Early Head Start program. She has always had a passion for housing stability and has made it the focus of her entire career. Denise's role is critical in providing housing-related financial support to our participants, advocacy, assisting in finding utility assistance, and providing participants with referrals to other resources in our community. She has hit the ground running since being brought on board, and we are very fortunate to have her.

In her personal life, Denise is a mother of 4 children and has a husband of 25 years.

Denise describes herself as very extroverted, and would love for our team members to introduce themselves! Please be sure to give her a warm welcome at [denise@prismmpls.org](mailto:denise@prismmpls.org).



### **Taste of the 'Burbs is here!**

Our team has been overjoyed with the response from our community thus far as we gear up for our 8th Taste of the 'Burbs gala! Our virtual, live-stream event will be taking place on **May 13th starting at 7:00PM**. We ask you to join us in our largest annual fundraiser by donating and tuning in.

Be sure to look at our awesome collection of auction items for this year. All you need to do is **text "PRISM" to 71760** to register and get started. We have a large volume of packages to choose from and are offering a chance for you to win a \$1,000 gift card with your choice of one of four vacations after purchasing a golden ticket!

[View our invitation](#)

### **Fresh Produce Distribution Season**

Every year beginning in June, Second Harvest Heartland provides PRISM with produce to distribute to our neighbors. We will be receiving tons of fresh food, and need help delivering it to families in our area. We will need volunteers to conduct intake for our participants, sort through produce to ensure it's of good quality, and to place food in their vehicles on a drive-in basis. This activity will be stationed onsite by our donation door this year.

We are looking to recruit **6-8 volunteers** from **9:30AM-12:30PM** on the following dates:

**6/15 | 7/20 | 8/3 | 8/17 | 9/7 | 9/21 | 10/5**

This is a great outdoor opportunity for friends and family who'd like to support PRISM. Please reach out to our Volunteer Manager, Nolan Isaacson at 763-432-4230 or [nisaacson@prismmpls.org](mailto:nisaacson@prismmpls.org) to sign up.

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## Shop for Change: Updates

Shop for Change is excited to announce that **starting July 10th, we are officially reopening on Saturdays!** Not only are we eager to open our doors to more customers, but to also offer opportunities for new volunteers who may now have time to support our thrift store. Volunteer shifts on Saturdays will fall between **9:00AM-12:00PM & 12:00PM-3:00PM**. We have made these times available on our SignUp.com portal where active volunteers can schedule their future shifts. This link can also be found on our website.

Our team is preparing in advance to ensure we are ready to rock and roll. If you are an active Shop for Change volunteer, help us gear up for Saturdays and sign up for some shifts.

**Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in an ongoing volunteer opportunity on the weekends!** Anyone who'd like to learn more about volunteering at Shop for Change can inquire with our Volunteer Manager, Nolan Isaacson, at 763-432-4230 or [nisaacson@prismmpls.org](mailto:nisaacson@prismmpls.org). We look forward to connecting with you!

### Shop for Change - Volunteer Shift Schedule



### Unique Item of the Month

We have another surprise that came through our donation door! This beautiful piece is a very rare creation from an art studio called Luna Garcia. Luna Garcia was created in 1979 by two artists named Cindy and Curtis Ripley, and was based out of Venice, CA. They stopped production in 2015, and their pieces went on to become coveted collectors' items. This ceramic bowl has a unique, bronze glaze that is not commonly found amongst their work and has an official signature underneath. There is only one similar piece found online that is listed for \$900.

If you are interested in this item and would like to negotiate a price point with our staff, please reach out to Amy Haddy, Thrift Store Director, at 763-432-4209 or [ahaddy@prismmpls.org](mailto:ahaddy@prismmpls.org).

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