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BISTRO 163 TO ADD MORNING **"COMEUNITY"** COFFEE

On June 6, 2016, Bistro 163 opened its doors to the Ottawa County community as a unique "pay it forward" restaurant. Located inside the Sutton Center, at 1848 E Perry Street, Bistro 163's mission is to alleviate hunger, build relationships, and celebrate community with all neighbors, both those in need of help, and those with help to give.

Beginning on May 1st, Bistro 163 will be open from 7:00 – 11:00 AM, Monday through Saturday, to begin serving coffee drinks and a few well-chosen breakfast items, until lunch service begins as usual from 11:00 until 2:00. Executive Chef Stacy Maple has dusted off the espresso machine, hired and trained a barista, and taken a page from community coffee shops in other locations. At Bistro 163, a "ComeUnity" house coffee will always be available for \$1.00. This will allow patrons to respond to the question, "would you like to pay it forward and make a donation toward the mission of Bistro 163?" Fancier espresso drinks will also be available at market prices.

At Bistro 163, all coffee and espresso is "fair trade", from Stauf's Coffee Roasters, a popular supplier based in Columbus. The new ComeUnity Coffee menu will feature house coffee and traditional espresso drinks like cappuccinos, lattes and mochas. The menu also includes popular coffee house specialties like cold brewed toddy, Italian steamers, fresh brewed iced tea, and a full selection of syrups, sauces and drizzles. Please note that the ComeUnity Coffee menu and the \$1.00 house coffee special will only be available during ComeUnity Coffee hours, from 7:00 to 11:00. The espresso machine will go silent at 11:00 AM.

The most exciting potential for expanded morning hours at Bistro 163 will be to increase all neighbors' opportunities to make Bistro 163 an early gathering place, open and welcoming to all. Have a meeting with a friend or business group, hold a bible study, come in to catch up on email using complimentary WiFi, enjoy the company of a charming barista, all while experiencing the company of family, friends, and neighbors in the warmth of Ottawa County's unique gathering place. "Building Community One Cup at a Time".

Bistro 163 has inspired a groundswell of generosity within our community, from donors, volunteers, staff, growers and gardeners, all of whom contribute to a mission to feed hungry people in a dignified and respectful manner. Bistro 163 has benefitted from the generous support of Sutton Property Leasing, the Portage Resale Center, the Ottawa County Community Foundation, the Harry B. Stensen Memorial Trust, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and hundreds of individual financial contributors, churches and organizations.

For more information about Bistro 163, or to become a bistro donor or volunteer, call 419.734.9887 or email volunteer@bistro163.org.

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