



**DOROTHY DAY
TAMPA**

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Vision

“Make the kind of society where it is easier to be good.” – Peter Maurin

Mission

Recruit and train volunteers in the Catholic Worker tradition which recognizes the dignity of each person and provides relief, hospitality, and housing assistance to homeless men and women in the Tampa area.

Core Values

“The Sermon on the Mount is our Christian manifesto.” – Dorothy Day

Ministry Overview

www.catholicworker.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WHAT A MOMENTOUS YEAR, 2023, FOR DOROTHY DAY TAMPA!



Michael Doyle, co-founder
Dorothy Day Tampa

Tampa’s Gracepoint Homeless Services <https://www.gracepointwellness.live/> agreed to share space — an opening location for Dorothy Day Tampa. <https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/>

Starting Q1 2024, we will help the ‘Coffee Shop’ homeless drop-in center staff provide critical, unduplicated services — showers, laundry, PO Box, computer access, coffee, and community meals, as well as critical case management and wraparound support services.

Led entirely by volunteers, Dorothy Day Tampa aims to live out the radical hospitality of legendary Catholic activist, Dorothy Day. Following Day’s example, they believe in the dignity and value of every person, regardless of life circumstances.

In 2016, we pooled \$ and volunteer resources with Gracepoint to reopen their Seminole Heights ‘Coffee Shop,’ Tampa’s lone, full-service, homeless drop-in center, which closed in 2014 for lack of funding. In 2022, two shifts of 17+ Dorothy Day Tampa volunteers, along with Gracepoint leaders, refreshed ‘The Shop’ — a precursor volunteer exercise to opening the Dorothy Day Tampa homeless drop-in center in 2024.

Our development board has delivered a working nonprofit with an opening location to a permanent Board of Directors being assembled. Please consider lending your support to this effort today to care for our marginalized neighbors in need. Your compassion and generosity will uplift those who are hurting and isolated. Dorothy Day Tampa — a higher calling.

With gratitude,
Michael Doyle, *Co-founder*



Gracepoint’s Cailene Donaldson /
Dorothy Day’s Michael Doyle



TO HELP TAMPA’S HOMELESS, BREADCOIN IS A NEW KIND OF POCKET CHANGE

By Sue Carlton — Times Staff — Published Dec. 27, 2023



“Circulating downtown are coins that pay for breakfast, lunch, and coffee at participating restaurants at no cost to food vendors. On a recent chilly Wednesday morning, June Brown took more than 30 people to coffee at downtown Tampa’s Portico Cafe. Homeless, they came into the warm morning space to get theirs black or with cream and lots of sugar, to order a latte or a hot tea.

Brown, the homeless liaison with the Tampa Downtown Partnership, paid not with cash or credit card, but with what’s called Breadcoin — actual minted coins good at a small but growing number of restaurants. She carries two rolls of the coins on her daily rounds, good for coffee or a meal for people who look like they could use it. ‘When they introduced the Breadcoin to me, I took it and ran with it,’ she said.

Breadcoin launched in Washington, D.C. in 2016 with the goal of lessening the stigma of being homeless or hungry. The program emphasizes the dignity in someone being able to select their own breakfast burrito or turkey club — both popular at Portico — which is a different experience from sack lunches and group feedings.”

Tampa Bay Times

Access the full article at:

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2023/12/27/help-tampas-homeless-breadcoin-is-new-kind-pocket-change/>

DOROTHY DAY TAMPA - MISSING RESOURCES:

Ministry opening location refresh:

- Outreach materials, website, and administrative costs (\$3,000)
- Office furniture and technology (\$5,000)
- Insurance, permits, and shelter renovations (\$7,000)
- Showers, laundry machines, and bathroom supplies improvements (\$5,000)

WordPress Block Editor: Volunteer or hourly wage, create blog posts for the Catholic Worker www.catholicworker.org

10 study group participants: Forming 2024 six-week study group.

<https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/get-engaged>

Donations: \$170 - ten study books; \$ - media services and website updates

<https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/support-us>

Volunteers: Six, interested in helping staff serve HPUM Open Arms Sunday guests – flex scheduling.