



**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.dorothydaytampa.org](http://www.dorothydaytampa.org)

**WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START 2024  
FOR DOROTHY DAY TAMPA!**

There has been a delay in moving into our opening location - Tampa’s Gracepoint Homeless Services ( [www.gracepointwellness.live/](http://www.gracepointwellness.live/) ). This has not slowed our serving in a variety of Tampa’s areas of highest need.

**West Tampa St. Lawrence Catholic Church** is our newest Love INC Tampa member church. We had two recent referrals of resource insecure families we have helped together with Love INC Tampa. The Church school is assembling 200 Blessing Bags for our homeless neighbors – Hygiene Kits. I am one of three speakers for Unveiling the Humanity of Homelessness event 3/14/2024.

**Adopt a school – West Shore Elementary (WSE)** We were summoned to explore helping resource insecure WSE with chronic attendance and behavior issues. Initial help has been sponsoring an ice cream social – 1st grade perfect attendance, a laundry unit to wash student uniforms and a best practices Transition Room – reward for faculty and motivated students who attend school regularly.

**Fines and Fees** As part of the Justice Committee at the Portico, D Day Tampa and Love INC Tampa helped guest Lorenzo H. pay \$844 to close his drug court case, including his sacrificial contribution. We are also helping two returning ex-offenders with encumbered drivers licenses, so they have work transportation.

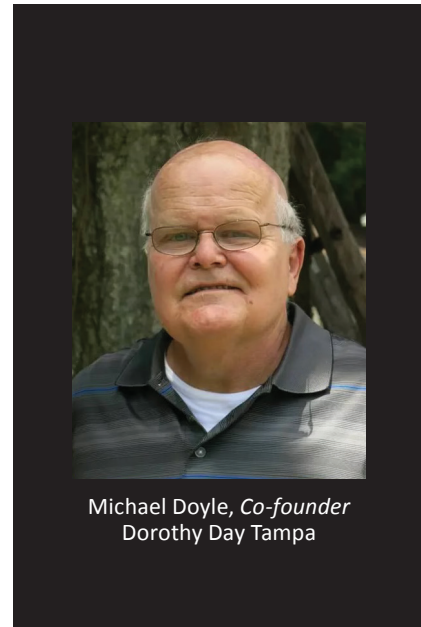
**Dorothy Day Christ room – Our Spare Bedroom** ‘I was a stranger, homeless and you welcomed me.’ Our parish, St. Lawrence Church, referred two families for a temporary emergency stay in our Christ Room. A housing insecure mom and ten-year-old son stayed 11/15 – 12/15 before returning to NJ support network. Single mom of four stayed 2/26 – 3/5/2024.

Please consider lending your support to serving marginalized neighbors in need. Your return on investment – ROI? Restoring hope through compassion and generosity uplifts those who are hurting and isolated.

With gratitude,  
Michael Doyle, *Co-founder*



**SUPPORT US!**



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Dorothy Day Tampa



West Shore Elementary



## **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:**

### **Prayer Support**

**Alternate Opening Location:** Donated home, building, etc.?

### **Summer Intern**

**Volunteer Blog Writer:** Create blog posts for the Catholic Worker [www.catholicworker.org](http://www.catholicworker.org)

**10 study group participants:** Forming 4/3/2024 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.

### **Donated Car Or Pick-Up**

**Volunteers:** Six, interested in helping staff serve Portico 1001 Gathering Sunday guests – flex scheduling.