

916 SILVER LAKE DRIVE  
BOX 340  
PORTAGE, WI 53901



608-742-2169  
608-742-2592 FAX  
[gec@generalengineering.net](mailto:gec@generalengineering.net)  
[www.generalengineering.net](http://www.generalengineering.net)

## **Soup Cook-Off at Local Business Helps Support Those in Need**

**General Engineering Company employees get to show off their cooking skills for a good cause**

Date: November 14, 2011

Contact: Elizabeth Brooks, Public Relations Manager, (608)742-2169

PORTAGE, WI – General Engineering Company (GEC) is preparing for its annual soup cook-off with all proceeds being donated to St. Vincent De Paul for the Annual Free Thanksgiving Meal hosted by St. Mary’s Church in Portage.

Ready, set, soup! That is mood around the office of General Engineering Company this week. On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, employees will cook-up their favorite soup, stew, or chili and compete for best soup. However, the real winners of this soup competition aren’t any of the employees at General Engineering Company, its residents of Portage.

On Wednesday, employees can purchase a bowl of the soup for \$5.00. After all the contributions have been added up, GEC will then match the proceeds that are made. The earnings are then donated to St. Vincent De Paul of Portage for the Annual Free Thanksgiving Meal.

Maureen Murray, Accounting & Benefits Coordinator at GEC, explains “After helping serve the Thanksgiving meal for several years and from personal experience, I know there is a need in our community to provide this free meal, especially in the current economic circumstances. GEC employees are anxious to help ensure that St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mary’s Church are able to continue this tradition.”

Since 2007, GEC has been holding the annual soup cook-off at its office each year. Last year, employees were able to donate over \$200.00 to St. Vincent De Paul. Elizabeth Brooks, Public Relations Manager at GEC, said “The soup cook-off makes it so easy to donate. It demonstrates how to come together with your co-workers and do something good for the community.”

The Annual Thanksgiving Meal will be hosted at St. Mary’s Church in Portage on Thursday, November 24th beginning at 12:00 p.m. till 2:00p.m. Those who are interested in making reservations or having their meal delivered can contact the parish office at 608-742-6998. Individuals who are interested in serving or helping prepare the dinner can contact Karen Everlith at (608)921-8483.

###

