

# Volunteer helping to make Christmas dinner a success



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Ted Dzubinski stands in the kitchen at St. Anne's Catholic Church, where volunteer staff will cook a free dinner for 800 people on Christmas Day.

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Although he's retired, Ted Dzubinski has not slowed down one bit.

Dzubinski, 66, keeps himself active in many ways, but he finds tremendous satisfaction in volunteering. For the past 15 years, he has helped to organize and execute the annual charitable Christmas dinner at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Lancaster.

"We start in November and divide into subcommittees," Dzubinski said. "There are probably around 100 volunteers including drivers, servers, cooks, cleaners and more."

St. Anne's serves about 800 meals that day including seated dinners at the church, takeouts and deliveries. Each person receives a gift card and children are given a toy. Santa arrives to hand out candy to the kids.

Dzubinski, of Lititz, vol-

unteers because he enjoys working with people. He also knows how tough times are and how much people appreciate any help they can get.

"People aren't so happy when they come in," Dzubinski said. "But they are happy when they leave because they have a full belly."

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh.  
**Occupation:** Retired (and

loving it).

**First job:** I only had two jobs. I worked four years at 84 Lumber and 37 years for Goodyear Tire. I also served in the Air Force for four years before taking my first job.

**Favorite restaurant:** I have three — Greenfield Inn, Reflections and Scooter's.

**On iPod:** Country music. Always in my refrig-

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**erator:** Chocolate milk and lunchmeat. The chocolate milk is one of the few things I can taste since I had throat cancer.

**Volunteer work:** I also volunteer a couple days a month at the St. Anne's brown-bag lunch. They serve lunch to about 80 people every day. I work with the American

Cancer Society, picking up patients and taking them to the hospital. I also volunteer at Greystone Manor, a therapeutic equestrian riding center for people with special needs

**Best part of my day:** Reading the newspaper.

**To relax:** I play golf. Go to the gym two or three times a week. Ride in the new Ford Mustang I bought a couple years ago after surviving cancer. I am an active member of the VFW Post in Lititz. And I love working around the house. ■