

Other supporters turned out to plate the meal and serve it in the dining room packed with eager guests. Some were first-time volunteers, others experienced old timers happy to guide the newcomers and help all—both guests and volunteers—feel welcome. Among the plating volunteers, a little to his surprise, was Taylor Popielarz, co-leader of a Twitter site called “Your Thoughts.” On their site Popielarz and his colleague have posted their distillations of the opinions of more than 700 people they have met and interviewed on the streets of Washington and central Indiana.

Popielarz met Denize Stanton-Williams, Loaves and Fishes’ fast-moving program manager, on the street the other day, and one thing led to another. And so, he said “Yes” to Denize’s invitation, took his place at the head of the plating line, and even found time for at least one interview while he hustled filled trays into the waiting rack.



Volunteer Taylor Popielarz



Brother, right, and Crow display the turkey roasted and wrapped.

The abundance of the day wasn’t simply in food. What is abundant at Loaves and Fishes on Thanksgiving and all the Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays through the year is a willingness to care for the needs of others—and to do something personally about it. I write to ask you to be part of that abundant caring. You can contribute by credit card or debit card at our website loavesandfishesdc.org or you can drop a check to Loaves and Fishes into the enclosed envelope and send it to us by mail. Your gift of \$500 will buy the groceries needed for an entire Loaves and Fishes sitting. Your gift of \$100 will cover all the costs of a hot meal served to 30 people. Your gift in any amount will help us make sure that someone, a neighbor of yours, doesn’t go hungry. And that our ability to care—and yours as well—remains abundant.

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