



Our Vision is to end homelessness one person at a time...

Looking Back & Moving Forward

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As the City Mission begins preparations for the holiday season, we reflect on the whirlwind that 2015 has been. Many new partnerships were created in the community through the City Mission's Golf Outing, Community Picnic, Great Gatsby Gala and other avenues. New volunteers came on board, and current volunteers were faithful in their offerings. Every year the Mission is humbled and amazed at the outpouring of support and love from our community.

Along with new community events, the City Mission expansion is underway. We hope to occupy the new building by the end of December at which time the old building remodel will begin. We are so pleased to have reached \$2.25 of the \$2.55 million needed for our expansion. Please pray for the campaign, our staff, and the people we serve as we continue to meet the current need in our community and expand to meet future needs.

The most significant aspect of 2015 is that the homeless have continued to seek refuge within the Mission's walls, and the hungry in our community have found a hot meal at our tables and a friendly face in our volunteers. We strive to ensure that each man, woman, and child who walks through our door is shown the love of Christ through a spiritual growth class, chapel, or simply a kind word and guiding hand. We may not see the result of our efforts, but we continue to plant the seeds of grace, hope, and Christ's abounding love.

All of this is possible because you, our faithful donors and volunteers, have answered God's calling to serve and give. In Deuteronomy, God tells us

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.' Deut 15:11

Thank you for opening your hands and hearts as you pray with us, serve with us, and give.

The Holidays Are Coming!



November 17 & 19 – Our Thanksgiving food boxes include a turkey in addition to the usual canned goods.

November 26 – traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Mission for anyone who wants to come.



December 12 – Jesus Birthday Party... the Mission's annual children's party with entertainment, favors, school supplies, refreshments, and many wrapped gifts for those with low-incomes.

December 15 & 17 – In addition to the usual canned goods, our Christmas food boxes include a ham or turkey.

December 21 - Christmas dinner at the Mission with gifts for the residents and drop-ins.

Did You Know?

Donations of food to the Mission are always generous, but during the holidays we need an extra part-time staff person just to help accept and process all of our donations. During the final two months of 2014, the staff accepted and processed more than 30,664 pounds of food, including 2,297 pounds of turkey and 1,367 pounds of ham. During that same time period, more than 505 food boxes and surplus perishable items were given out. All food boxes contained either a ham or a turkey.

***To protect their privacy, the pictures of people used in this monthly publication, unless specifically noted, are not of local homeless people.*

Dear Friends,

We are particularly thankful this holiday season at the City Mission. In addition, to all of the seasonal preparations we are gratefully anticipating the completion of the Mission Expansion. Some of our traditional holiday activities may be held in the new dining room. Your prayers and donations will result in a facility that will more effectively serve the physical and spiritual needs of the least of these in our community.

Plans are underway for our seasonal traditions: the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, special holiday food boxes; the Jesus Birthday party and our Mission Christmas party. None of these are possible without all of the volunteers who will help wrap presents and serve meals along with your donations of funds, food and gifts.

Everyone from the community is welcome to join in our traditional meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Prior to the holidays we also have seasonal food boxes with a turkey or ham and all the fixings for those who have a place of their own.

Your gifts of clothing, toys and games will turn into smiles on the faces of the children and families that attend the annual Jesus Birthday Party. The Mission residents will receive warm clothing, hats and gloves at the Mission Christmas Party thanks to you. All of these gifts are wrapped through volunteers donating their time and talent.

This is a time of year most of us are basking in the love and warmth of our family. Help us embrace the least of these in our community during the holidays. **You can provide meaning and hope to the season by sharing God's love with those who are homeless and needy at this time of year.**

In Christian Service,



Planned Giving

This year the City Mission has been blessed with several bequests from donors who wanted to ensure that the hungry and homeless in our community will continue to receive care, now and in the future. We truly consider it an honor to be a recipient of a donor's Planned Giving effort. Gifts given as bequests that mature after a donor's lifetime require careful consideration. We ask that you prayerfully consider including the City Mission in your Planned Giving efforts. When you partner with the City Mission, your legacy becomes our future. We would love the opportunity to discuss Planned Giving opportunities with you. Please contact Phil Arnold, Executive Director or Joy Barger, Development Director at 419-423-9151 for more information.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

This is a great way to honor and remember your friends and loved ones.

2015 3rd Quarter donations have been made in honor(H) or in memory(M) of:

Robert Klueter(M) Richard Clarke(M) Norman Robert Strathman(M) Mark Thomas(M)
Laurence Dean Wohlgamuth(M) Jean Thomas(M) Hansel "Butch" Swails(H) Gloria Frommer(M)
Gene Nesler(M) Gary Benjamin(M) Faythe Heiser(M) Doris Misamore(M) D. Nathaniel Bell(M)
Beverly Rooney(M) Ann Holliger(M) Mr. & Mrs. F.J. Gibson(M) Pastor Clarence Thorton(M)
Pastor Melvin Summy(M)

When you make a memorial/honoraria donation, please provide the name and address of the individual or family to whom the acknowledgement should be sent.

Great Gatsby Gala

The City Mission's 1st Annual Gala was held at the Findlay Country Club on September 12, 2015. We are pleased to report that the Gala's proceeds reached \$40,000.

Thank you to our sponsors, silent auction donors, and volunteers. A special Thank You to Time Warp DJ services and The Bourbon Affair for their participation in the evening's festivities.

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Thank you to the University of Findlay football team, coaches, and athletic department for asking the City Mission to participate in the first home game of the season through a canned food drive! The Mission's Volunteer/ Event Coordinator, Audrey Tyzzer, was able to speak with students about volunteer opportunities and two barrels of canned goods were donated through the course of the evening. If you are interested in doing a canned food drive or would like to volunteer, please contact Audrey at audreytyzzer@findlaymission.org or 419-423-9151.



The Little Caesar's Love Kitchen chose the City Mission as a location for one of their stops this year. The Love Kitchen pulled up on September 12th and served free pizza to over 100 people in the community. Little Caesars franchise owners donate the resources necessary to make each Love Kitchen serving a success. An estimated 50,000 franchise owners and their employees have volunteered over the years to support the program in their local communities and the Mission is proud to be a part of their efforts in feeding the hungry.

The Hancock County Fairgrounds and the Burton Brothers Company elected to benefit the City Mission of Findlay in a canned food drive for their 2015 fair season. On September 2 the City Mission set up a table at the fairgrounds and accepted donations of canned food in exchange for tickets for fair rides. We were amazed at the amount of canned foods collected in one day!

Thank you to the Burton Brothers Company and the Hancock Co. Fairgrounds!





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