



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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“Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him”

“The poor are thirsty for water but also for peace, truth and justice. The poor are naked and need clothing, but also need human dignity and compassion for those who are poor have no shelter and need shelters made of bricks, but also of a joyful heart, that are compassionate and full of love. They are sick and need medical attention, but also a helping hand and welcoming smile.

The outcasts, those who are rejected, the unloved, prisoners, alcoholics, the dying and those who are alone and abandoned, the marginalized, the untouchables and lepers, those in doubt and confusion, those who have not been touched by the light of Christ, those starving for the word and peace of God, sad and afflicted souls....., those who are a burden to society, who have lost all hope and faith in life, who have forgotten how to smile and no longer know what it means to receive a little human warmth, a gesture of love and friendship – all of them, they turn to us to receive a little bit of comfort. If we turn our back on them, we turn our backs on Christ.”

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

I first heard this message at the Cornerstone Holiday Party and immediately requested a copy of it. I greatly admire Mother Teresa and her selfless devotion to the underprivileged, but also, this is what we strive to do at Cornerstone Rescue Mission on a daily basis. We believe that everyone who comes into the Mission has been sent by God and we are grateful to serve those He has sent. Many of our guests struggle with addiction, mental illness, broken relationships, and some only possess what they have on their backs. It is our privilege to extend grace, love and basic needs to those who are in such spiritual, mental and physical brokenness.

Easter is a significant time for all Christians. Due to His sacrifice and resurrection, we have eternal life and eternal hope. Our focus is to help our guests restore hope as we minister to them spiritually, as well as offering basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. The need is great but through faith and the assistance of our supporters, we strive to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of all of our guests. Thanks for coming along side of us on this important journey.

Happy Easter!

Lysa

MISSION VOICES

I was looking through my file folder to get ideas for this month's Mission Voices piece. A few months ago we had asked the ladies at the Women & Children's Home what they were thankful for. I had published most of their responses but unfortunately I did not have room for them all. I had totally missed this one because the woman had written it so very small on the page. I was taken aback when I found it. Her handwriting may have been small, but her words are large. We want to share it with you.....

*"I'm thankful for the staff and how they are supportive
and don't treat us like we are less.
They make me feel like I'm gonna be OK."*

The word LESS really struck me. It breaks my heart to know that we have people out there who feel like LESS. But it comforts me to know that God does not love any of us LESS – and through his love and grace we're "gonna be OK".

EGGS for EASTER

Easter is just around the corner and when you think of Easter what else do you think of.....EGGS !!!

Eggs to dye and hide, eggs to boil, eggs to fry, eggs to bake with – so many uses for a simple EGG.

Cornerstone will be going through a lot of eggs this Easter season -- using them to feed our guests and providing the children of Cornerstone the joy of being able to dye and decorate them.

We hope that you will consider picking up an extra dozen eggs on your next shopping trip and dropping them off at either the main Mission, Women & Children's Home, Dear Ones Daycare, or the Cornerstone Apartments.

Thank you for helping out the Cornerstone Easter Bunny !!!



HERE'S HOW YOU ARE HELPING

In January of 2016 you volunteered or helped us serve the following people:

Women and Children's Home: 80 women, 52 children - average of 36 people nightly

Meals Served: 1319

Men's Mission: 2809 - average of 91 men nightly

Overflow of Women/children: 813/42 - average of 26/1 nightly

Meals served: 13,940

Veteran's Transitional Housing: 1188 - average of 38 men nightly

Volunteer Hours: 1985

The need is great and continues to grow. Thank you for all you do – we could not do it without you!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

East Middle School

Hosted by: Lifeways Youth 2 Youth group

“The East Middle School Lifeways Youth 2 Youth group hosted a school-wide canned food drive to promote their monthly campaign “We CAN make a difference in our community and school by staying alcohol and drug free and in helping those in need.” The Lifeways Youth 2 Youth group at East Middle School are 6th - 8th grade students that are passionate in learning about and educating others about the dangers of alcohol and other drug use. Y2Y students create flyers and host other activities within the school that promote the importance of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The canned food drive provided an opportunity for East Middle School students to get involved in not only helping others in the community, but taking a stand against the use of alcohol and other drugs. All food items collected were donated to Cornerstone Rescue Mission to help individuals and families in need. Approximately 450 items were collected within one week! Great job East Middle School students and staff!”

(Story written by Shelly Ames of Lifeways Youth 2 Youth)



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Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

30 Main St.

KITCHEN:

Cereal, canned fruit, coffee, sugar, creamer, oatmeal, milk, eggs, meat, food of any kind

MISSION:

Toothbrushes & toothpaste, deodorant, razors, travel-size shampoo, backpacks

VETERANS

30 Main St.

Shaving cream & razors, shoes & boots, backpacks, underwear & T-shirts, coffee

**WOMEN &
CHILDREN'S HOME**

301 Fox Run Drive

Laundry & dishwasher soap pods, twin size fitted sheets, dressers, fans, bus passes, towels & washcloths green in color, deodorant, alarm clocks, all foods, coffee

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap, window cleaner
ADOPT A FAMILY: Gas cards, oil changes, laundry & dish soap, toilet paper, household things

**DEAR ONES
CHILD CARE**

2901 Wisconsin Avenue

Puzzles, board games, toddler toys, baby wipes & pull-ups, Zip-lock bags all sizes, under-bed storage containers, over-door shoe pouch, food processor, canned or fresh fruits & vegetables

**CORNERSTONE
THRIFT STORE**

401 - 11th Street

Beds, household furniture, household appliances, kitchen items, home décor

DONATION RECEIPTS

In the past, the Cornerstone Rescue Mission has sent out yearly donor receipts. We have changed the process so that you will receive your donation receipt in a more timely manner. Your receipts will now be sent to you on a monthly



basis. Please keep these receipts with your yearly tax documents. We hope this will be a more convenient process for you, our valued donor, in letting you know that we have received your generous donation. Thank you for all you do!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)