

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

Changes

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2015 was a year of changes for the Mission. Construction of the new building was underway and staff, donors, volunteers, and residents all learned to work through the challenges of a construction zone while maintaining daily operations. We were amazed at the ability of our volunteers to adapt. In fact, in 2015 alone our volunteers logged 8,142 hours of volunteer work. And despite having limited access to the building during several weeks of the years, our in-kind donors amazed us with 113,571 pounds of perishable and non-perishable donations. In 2015 we also hosted two fundraisers that were met with great community support and raised almost \$50,000 for our general fund. Looking back, we are amazed at what God was able to do in and through us, and we are so excited to see what lies in store this year.



2016 promises to be a year full of challenges, blessings, and opportunities. As we adjust to our new building and all of the changes that must occur to continue to operate smoothly, we look for opportunities to expand our ministry to the needy and homeless and we look forward to seeing God's blessings throughout the year. Blessings at the Mission come in all shapes and sizes: When our kitchen runs out of milk and within the hour a generous donor walks through the door carrying several gallons. When a selfless volunteer works diligently in our storage area sorting, organizing, and stacking so that our cooks can efficiently and quickly access needed items. When a financial donor decides to give their vacation savings to the Mission to help feed the hungry. When a cherished community friend lovingly leaves a bequest to the Mission so the homeless can continue to find shelter.

At the Mission, we have witnessed these blessings from the community and are honored to be the stewards of these gifts that in turn can be invested in the people who come through our doors. Our Day Center hosts drop-ins and residents who are seeking jobs and housing or sometimes just need a hot cup of coffee and a reassuring hand. We see men, women, and families who come to the Mission with nothing and leave with a sense of purpose, with the assurance of Christ's love, and with hope. Some will find jobs and housing. Some will have to reach bottom several times before the decision to change is made. Regardless of the end result, we are called to minister and plant seeds in the hopes that one day those seeds will grow a bountiful harvest.



To continue in this ministry, we need you. We need the faithful gifts of food and cleaning supplies. We need continued financial support as we strive to care for those in need. We need selfless volunteers to give of their time and energy. And we need your prayers. Prayer for staff, that they can build each other up and maintain a heart of servitude. Prayer for volunteers, that they may be blessed as they minister to the Mission. Prayer for donors, that they may be blessed in their giving as they are led. Prayer for our residents and drop-ins, that their hearts may be receptive to the message of salvation.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-6

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

Dear Friends,

2015 was quite a busy and remarkable year. We spent much of it in a state of controlled chaos working around the construction of the Mission Expansion. We moved into that building in February and are getting organized while the Women & Family Center is being remodeled. That should be completed by May.

In the meantime, the Mission's first golf outing was a big hit and we are planning on it being an annual event. The Great Gatsby Gala was also a fun time. These are fund raising events that help financially support the Mission's operations while raising awareness about the homeless and hungry in our Findlay/Hancock County Community.

I greatly appreciate your support of the Mission's through these events and your generous donations.

Thanks to your support, the Mission's doors remain open providing shelter and meals to those in need. The homeless can find a refuge, a place with some stability, to take the time to get back on their feet and start again. Others who are working part-time or at entry level wages come for meals or food boxes that help them make it to the end of the month. The Day Center also continues to provide resources for those looking for work or a place to call home.

The Mission's staff and volunteers work to mentor, guide and encourage those who need direction and practical skills to restart their lives. The challenges they face are many and it requires time and effort to gather the resources needed to reestablish a productive life and take care of one's family.

The Mission's ability to minister to those in need is possible because of your sacrifice to help others. Because of you they can find the support they need to rebuild their skills and spirits. You help us show our guests what God's love looks like.

I appreciate your loyalty and friendship to the City Mission, and I'm grateful for your trust and support. **It means a lot to me but, it means so much more to those whose lives you are changing.**

In Him,



Phil Arnold
Executive Director



Farewell City Mission

I was taught when I was young to not leave without saying goodbye. On Friday 4 March 2016 after twenty-two years of service the City Mission and I have parted ways. It has been a long ministry, and there are fond and special memories of the residents that were served, the co-workers with which I worked, and the people I have met in terms of donors, volunteers, board members, and the like. Many of you have impacted my life in special ways, and I hope you carry bits of pieces of my life with you as well.

I regret that I could not meet with each of you and say a personal farewell, so please let this be my wish for your success and blessing in the future of the City Mission in its ministry and service to those in need in our community. Please also pray for me in the next few years that God continues to open up avenues of ministry to bless others.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (from Numbers 6).

Farewell from Jim Davison

Save the Date!

This year the City Mission has three very unique fundraising opportunities. All fundraisers are completely paid for by our sponsors and 100% of the proceeds benefit the City Mission. We rely on these proceeds to fund our daily operations. Because of our generous sponsors we are also able to have two outreach events that are free to the community. If you have any questions regarding any of these events or would like to attend, sponsor, or volunteer, please contact Joy at joybarger@findlaymission.org. More information on each event can be found at www.findlaymission.org under the 'Event' tab.

**City Mission Grand Opening
May 14, 10 A.M. -1 P.M.**

We are excited to announce the grand opening for the new City Mission building. Join us for a short ceremony followed by light refreshments, a tour of the facility, and Q&A opportunities with City Mission Directors and Board.



**City Mission Annual Golf Outing(Fundraiser)
May 20, Tee Off at 9A.M.**

Join us for our 2nd annual golf outing at Sycamore Springs Golf Club! Team registration and sponsorship is available beginning March 1st. We will have prizes in Men, Women, and Senior divisions as well as specialty awards. We will also have raffles for two Sycamore Springs Golf Memberships, raffle items and baskets, a 50/50 raffle, ball drop, and so much more. Breakfast, non-alcoholic beverages, hot dogs at the turn, and a delicious lunch are all provided. Be ready to tee off at 9 A.M. for a good cause, and a great time! Sponsor or register on-line under the 'Annual Golf Outing' event tab at www.findlaymission.org.

**2016 Coop de Tour(Fundraiser)
June 4, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.**

This unique fundraiser promises to be a clucky good time! Take a self-guided tour of local chicken coops and learn about urban gardening, urban livestock raising, 4H projects, and much more! Raffle tickets will be available for a brand new chicken coop and many locally made products will be on display or for sale at different locations. This event is fun and educational for the whole family! Check out the 'Tour de Coop' event tab at www.findlaymission.org for ticket purchase locations, downloadable tour maps, and event information.



Tour de Coop

Tickets are available for purchase on-line and at select locations beginning April 1st.

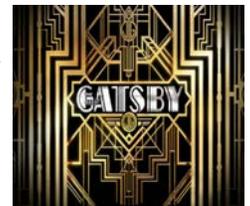
**Community Appreciation Picnic(Outreach)
July 29, 6-8 P.M.**

We are so excited to once again host a picnic to show our appreciation for the volunteers and donors in our community who make it possible for the Mission to continue feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless. This event is open to the entire community. Games, prizes, face painting, train rides, bouncy house, a dunk tank, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, and many more activities are a part of this festive and family-friendly event. Put this date on your calendar and bring the whole family!



**Great Gatsby Gala(Fundraiser)
September 10, 5-10 P.M.**

This evening of glamour and elegance is a smashing good time! Come in your best Gatsby threads and enjoy delicious treats, bid on wonderful prizes, have your portrait taken, and enjoy a beautiful evening of festivities for a great cause. This year the prizes are grander, the setting is more beautiful, and there will even be surprise entertainment. Sponsorships for this event are currently open and tickets will be available for purchase beginning July 1st. Learn more about this wonderful evening on the Great Gatsby Gala event tab at www.findlaymission.org



**Jesus Birthday Party(Outreach)
December 10, 1 P.M.**

This is our longest-standing community-outreach event. Each year we count it a privilege to host a birthday party and invite all the families in the community to join us. We have cake and ice cream and make crafts and play games. Most importantly, we get to share the story of Jesus' birth and God's unending love for us! We hope that all leave with hearts full of God's promises and hands full of gifts provided by a loving community.





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<p>Ground beef</p> <p>Bacon</p> <p>Shredded Cheddar Cheese</p> <p>Butter</p>	<p>55 Gallon trash bags</p> <p>Ranch & French Salad Dressing</p>
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