

## **A Letter From Our Honorary Chairperson – Carleton P. Palmer III**



Carleton P. Palmer III  
The National Lime and Stone Company

As a local, family-centered business, National Lime and Stone bases everything we do on mutual respect and responsibility. That extends to how we care for the people in our communities, because we live there too.

For 111 years, National Lime and Stone has been proud to be a part of Findlay. We have committed ourselves and our employees to community involvement and making investments directed toward the betterment of its citizens.

The City Mission of Findlay serves an important role in this community, meeting the local needs of the homeless and hungry since 1934. As the only emergency shelter in this area, they have responded to the growing and changing needs of the community. They have updated and made the most of their existing facilities while implementing new programs

like the Day Center. They focus on helping the indigent get a chance to change the course of their lives. The time has come for an investment that will sustain this vision of caring for the needy in our community.

The Eyes to See, Hearts to Give Capital Campaign is an important effort to meet current and future needs for emergency shelter and food by expanding the existing facility. The expansion will provide a safe, warm shelter for more men, women and families. In addition to expanding the family units from 2 to 5 there will be a family-friendly area available where parents can look for work or housing. The dining room and kitchen will be expanded to meet the growing need for meals as families try to stretch their budgets on part-time and entry-level wages. The Day Center will also have a dedicated space for employment counseling, life-skills development and mentoring to increase the chances of employment.

I hope that you will join me by donating to this very important campaign. The need to upgrade and expand has never been so important. The Eyes to See, Hearts to Give Campaign has already raised over 60% of the funds needed for the new facility. Of the \$2.5 million capital campaign, to date, we have raised \$1.5 million through loyal friends of the City Mission.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve as the Honorary Chair for the fundraising effort for the Eyes to See, Hearts to Give Capital Campaign. Your support will help ensure that this exciting community project becomes a reality.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this very worthwhile project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Palmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Mr. Palmer is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The National Lime and Stone Company. Prior to joining National Lime he worked at Allied Chemical Corporation in New York City, serving in various financial positions.

Mr. Palmer has served on several local and regional boards. He is currently a director of Fifth Third Bank of Northwest Ohio and is past chairman of the Blanchard Valley Health System, past chairman of the Findlay-Hancock County Community Development Foundation and past chairman of the Findlay YMCA board of trustees.

He is a life trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University and a former trustee of United Way of Hancock County and is a member of the Findlay Rotary Club and St. Andrews United Methodist Church. He has previously served as a director of several other companies.

He holds degrees from Ohio Wesleyan University and Northwestern University Graduate School of Management.

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