



## MISSION MOMENT

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

The idea of a new beginning is especially appealing at this time of year. At the City Mission, we embrace a new year and are grateful for the opportunity to continue serving in ministry to the hungry and homeless who come to us in need. We cherish the moments when we can share the promise of a new creation with those desperately seeking hope and a rebirth!

2017 was a year of tremendous growth at the Mission: we grew in services to our neighbors in need, we grew in maturity as a staff, and we grew in spiritual discipline as individuals. Not all growth is easy, but as believers in Christ, we know that old things must pass away for things to become new!

Throughout the trials and tribulations of 2017, one thing became abundantly clear: *we are truly blessed with a community who cares about the City Mission and the vulnerable population we serve!* We are humbled by the outpouring of love and support and march boldly into this new year with our faith firmly planted on God's provision through your generosity of time, talent, and treasure!

*Thank you for your faithful, generous, and selfless giving! May your new year be abundantly blessed.*

In Him,  
Joy Barger



## 2017 IN REVIEW

Reflecting back on 2017, we are humbled to know that God has used the Mission to administer to and provide services for both our homeless residents and community guests in need. Your monetary donations and hours of service have affected hundreds of men, women, and children in Hancock County. **This past year alone, City Mission has housed and provided meals for approximately 425 residents. Additionally, we have served about the same number of community guests who regularly rely on the food services that are available to the public.**

Not only have we had the opportunity to help individuals and families as an emergency shelter, providing an estimated 19,000 nights of lodging in 2017, but we also have staff available to connect our residents to necessary services in the Findlay and surrounding area. The Mission has tirelessly worked to build strong relationships with experts in the mental health and addiction field, adult probation and jail system, and employment and staffing industry. **Last year, we developed and cultivated partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and individuals who align with our organizational vision: To end homelessness one person at a time by constantly implementing new ways to help meet the needs of people.**

## TRAVIS' STORY

Travis is originally from Van Buren, but came to the City Mission from the Toledo area. He was living on the street in the town square, night after night, until he sought refuge at a shelter. Meanwhile, he was in and out of the local stress center with a history of heart problems, and his doctor would not release him from the stress center until he had a place to live. He did his research and found that space was available at the City Mission of Findlay.

Prior to coming to the Mission, Travis had applied several times for disability income but had been declined. He was not able to find part-time or full-time employment because of his declining health, part of which included being declared legally blind because of eye cataracts. To make matters worse, living in the streets made Travis feel unsafe and unclean.

During his stay at City Mission, Travis was able to improve his health, set life goals, and find a sense of purpose. He had eye surgery to correct his cataracts, found a job working seven days a week, and plans to move to California in the future. He is very appreciative of the City Mission staff and those that have come along side of him in support.

# SAVE *the* DATES

**MAR 02** | Tiffin University Pro Music Showcase  
to Benefit the City Mission  
March 2, 2018 @7:30PM  
Marathon Center for the Performing Arts

**MAY 18** | City Mission's Annual Golf Outing  
to Benefit the City Mission  
May 18, 2018 9:00AM shotgun  
Hillcrest Golf Course

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Thank you to all who honored their loved ones by blessing the City Mission!**