



# Mission Moments



*Helping to end homelessness one person at a time.*

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## The need for emergency shelter is growing

City Mission is facing larger numbers of people than ever before asking for assistance. Many of them are homeless for the first time in their lives. The problem is where to place people when we are full. In 2011 we started keeping records of those we could not shelter because the Mission was filled to capacity. We can accommodate overflow conditions with men more easily than women and families. Last year we could not meet the needs of housing twenty-eight families including 40 children. Some we were able to place in a motel for a short period of time. It is now necessary for City Mission to expand its ability to meet this growing need in our community.

We will soon be announcing a capital campaign to add an addition to our existing facility. The need is real, and our records show that the majority of people coming to the Mission are from Findlay and Hancock County. Please continue to pray for the Board and Staff of City Mission as we move forward in faith with a vision to be able to provide for all who come to our doors for emergency help.

Everyone here at the Mission appreciates the support we receive from those who faithfully give to this ministry. The financial support is vital for this work to continue. I see God working through all those who help provide for our continuing needs. Your support is the foundation of this ministry. Please keep the Mission in your prayers as we finalize the plans for our new addition.

In Christian Service,

Daniel Hicks  
Executive Director



## The New Day Center!

By: Clara Harrod

In December, City Mission working with St. Andrews UMC, Findlay area churches, and other agencies launched a day center for those who may be homeless or have no place to go during the day. The day center currently located in City Mission Chapel provides day shelter, coffee, doughnuts, a noon meal, and most importantly an environment where guests can feel safe and experience a sense of community. Eventually this temporary day center will be moved to a permanent location. Guests come not only from City Mission but across the community and are free to come and go throughout the day. Our Day Center Staff, Jessica Utrup & I have been hired by funds available from St. Andrews UMC, who is spear-heading this day center operation.



Clara Harrod – Day Center Coordinator

The day center aims to foster the achievement of life goals and provide options for spiritual growth. We are working toward that goal through the utilization of volunteers who are helping to prepare resumes, assisting in the completion of job applications or online job-searches, reading the Bible with guests, and using interpersonal communication skills to reach out to guests. To assist in these goals, the day center has a phone and computers with Internet that guests can use. Donors have also generously given books, many of which are inspirational or Christian in nature to provide encouragement and support to those in need, as well as a TV, games and puzzles, which guests enjoy using.

This is a great opportunity to serve the community and provide resources to those who are in need. Please keep us in prayer as we do our best to empower, train, and build up the people who come through the Day Center.



**Thank you Korean War Veterans Association for your donation of \$222.10 this holiday season, and the invitation to your Christmas Banquet. It was a blessing to attend.**

**Dan Hicks**

## Memorials/Honorariums

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

Donations to City Mission for December 2011 have been made in honor or in memory of:

M/M John Andrews    Tosha Lyn Martin    Tom Mayer  
Judy & Bill Beall    Jeff & Jen Conner    M/M Wayne Mertz  
Wanda French    Gene Nesler    Rev/M Ralph Middleton  
Robert & Claudia Curth    Uncle Noyer    Jordan Porter  
Don & Betty Hardesty    Don Kocher    Fran Schaefer  
M/M Gary Lora    Rowena McDougale    Gary & Eloise Knox  
Liberty Benton School Teachers    Lynn & Gladys Cupples  
Edward Myers    Emily Geren    Martin & Marsha Grieser  
Robert A. Fornof    John & Cheryl Larbus

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

## Darrel the Food Barrel!

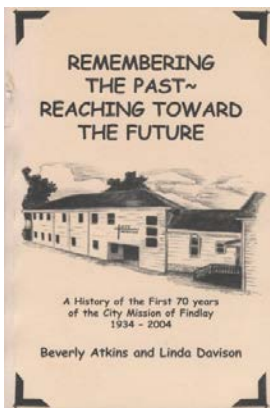
**Darrel is now at 17 locations across Hancock and surrounding Counties!**

Want to have Darrel at your church or business? Call the Mission and request a Darrel.



Want to fill Darrel's hungry tummy? Take a look on the website or call the main office for all participating locations and fill him with paper products and non-perishable food items!

# Remembering the Past ~ Reaching Toward the Future



Remembering the Past ~ Reaching Toward the Future is the title of the book that has recorded the history of City Mission from 1934-2004. As I look at this book for inspiration, I think about the truth in that title. To reach for the future, we must remember the past.

Over the 78 years that City Mission has been reaching out to those in need. I can't help but think; how many people have passed through the doors? How long did it take for them to realize they needed to change? What number can we assign to those who have played a part in their lives? Did it happen overnight or was it perhaps years later that something or some act of kindness came back to an individual? Or did an individual come back to us time after time, until one day there was a change? Did we plant a seed? What will it take to water that seed?

With growth come challenges, many of them unforeseen. As we step out in faith to grow the City Mission, we know full well that it will be a great challenge to all who are involved in this undertaking. Jesus said, "The poor you have with you always," We hope as we reach for the future and as we move to grow to serve those in need that we remain humble in the service to our Lord, to bring glory to his name.

*If you would like a copy of this book, you can pick one up at City Mission with a suggested donation of \$16.*

*By: Karen Crawford ~ Women's Director*



*2011 - A Year of Blessing*

## *NLDP Graduation*

*By: Dewey Harris*

One may think that homelessness only comes from someone who drank his or her life away. Don is a different story. After working for thirty-six years in a factory, Don decided to take a risk. He retired and took a small amount of savings to move to Utah to live closer to his son. In the meantime the economy began to struggle. Don was unable to find work and found his life savings quickly dwindling. He took his last bit of money to get back to Ohio. There he found himself living in his truck struggling to survive. Don did not know that the City Mission of Findlay existed, but fortunately someone else did and referred him to us. For the past 6 and a half months Don has been participating in our New Life Directions Program and through it says, "If it wasn't for the program I would not have a relationship with my Heavenly Father. I feel like God has given me a second chance."



*John Seng Board Pres.(Left) & Don Bland(Right)*

## *Love Kitchen!*

On January 4<sup>th</sup> we were blessed with the Little Caesar's Love Kitchen who rolled in with a semi truck and served over 90 people!

We want to thank you Little Caesars for your willingness to serve City Mission and bless so many people who need help.





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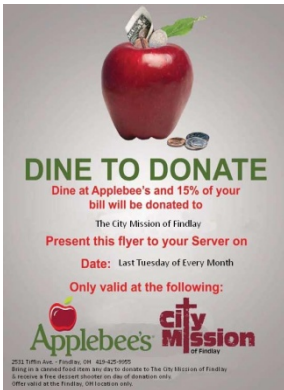
City Mission of Findlay is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations to the Mission are tax-deductible to the full extent by the law. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to City Mission of Findlay.

***Our Mission Statement:***  
***City Mission exists to share the passion of Jesus Christ with the needy and homeless by providing compassionate care through meeting their physical and spiritual needs***

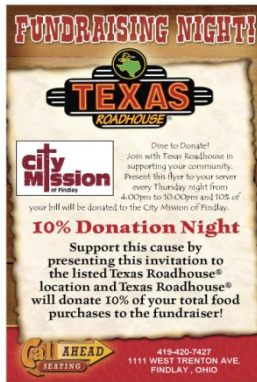
These coupons can be cut out and used at Applebee's on the last Tuesday of every month and at Texas Roadhouse every Thursday from 4pm-6pm.

More coupons can be picked up at City Mission, or they can be printed off from our website, [www.findlaymission.org](http://www.findlaymission.org).

Join us in our effort to help the homeless in Hancock County and surrounding areas.



*Please do not hand out coupons in restaurant*



- ## Needs List
- 39-gallon Trash Bags
  - 13-gallon Trash Bags
  - Paper Towels
  - Clorox Wipes
  - Disinfectant Spray
  - Floor Cleaner
  - Salad Dressing:
    - Ranch
    - Thousand Island
    - French
  - Size 4 Diapers

**Did You Know?**  
In 2011 the Mission provided 9,476 nights of lodging, 33,868 meals, and 870 food boxes to those in need.

\*The pictures of people used in this monthly publication, unless specifically noted, are not of local homeless people.