



Helping to end homelessness one person at a time.

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Dear friends,

As I have time to reflect on 2010, I can say it was a very busy year. City Mission has seen many increases in the number of people coming to us for help. We have also added new services to help the needy and homeless. I would like to share with you what has been accomplished because of your faithful support. We have:

Refocused the direction of the Mission with a new mission and vision statement. Our renewed goal is ending homelessness one person at a time by removing limitations of shelter stay and providing more case management.

Developed a New Life Directions program for men struggling with addictions. This program offers the Biblical teaching of transformation based on Romans 12:1-2.

Started a food bank that offers a week's worth of food per month to needy families. This includes Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Added additional room in the Mission so we can shelter large families. We have three rooms totaling 10 beds.

I am reminded once again that the City Mission has existed for over seventy-six years. We are able to accomplish all that we do because of you and many others in this community who care about helping those in need.

I want to thank all those who gave financial donations and food or clothing donations over this past year. I also thank all the volunteers who tirelessly gave of their time to serve meals, make up food boxes and personal needs bags, inventory and shelve canned goods, and work in the office. We were blessed with lots of hams, turkeys, venison and many other meats that we gave out this year with the food baskets to needy families.

As we begin this New Year the task at hand is greater now than ever before, with new people coming to the shelter daily looking for help. Many are people who have never before faced the indignity of being homeless. City Mission will need your help now more than ever.

As this cold weather continues, we will see even more people come to us for help. That is why I must continue to ask for your faithful support. Please pray for this vital ministry to Findlay. The people we are helping are our neighbors. We must do our part to help.

Thank you for making this vital ministry possible through your continued financial gifts.

In Christian Service,

Daniel Hicks
Executive Director





JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY 2010

The annual Mission Christmas party for children was held on Saturday, December 11. Volunteers from St. Andrews Youth set up for the party. Volunteers from Parkview Youth, Kohl's Associates, and the Board worked at the party. Each child received a party favor at registration.



The 244 guests enjoyed entertainment by Solomon's Folly, carol singing, and refreshments. Multiple gifts and treat bags were given to 132 children and 112 adults. Each family received a blanket. WLIO-TV covered the party and some of the guests were featured on Lima NBC's 6 o'clock news that evening.



If you would like to see the news clip, go to our website at www.findlaymission.org.



Bev Atkins



IRA Holders Can Still Make 2010 Charitable Distributions

Persons aged 70 1/2 or older can again enjoy tax savings by making charitable gifts directly from their individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), thanks to a provision of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, which was signed into law December 17, 2010. The act also allows charitable distributions made from an IRA in January 2011 to be declared as 2010 gifts, should the IRA holder wish to do so.

Note: The following previous discussion is provided for information purposes only and is not intended to serve as legal or tax advice. For specific information about provisions of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 affecting charitable contributions, consult your tax adviser or an attorney.

FARMERS AND HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

During the Christmas season, the Mission always receives numerous donations from generous donors of Hancock County and surrounding counties with lots of turkeys, hams, and other types of meats. We usually receive enough to carry us through the rest of the year, and enough to share with the homeless and others living near poverty.

This year the Mission has partnered with an organization called Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH), which serves both Hancock and Putnam counties. One deer can provide enough venison to serve 200 people, and to date, around 34 deer have been provided to the Mission totaling over 1,700 pounds of meat. This year City Mission will serve close to 32,000 meals to the homeless and needy



who come to the Mission. We also give out hundreds of food boxes to those who have homes.

FHFH provides the meat, the processing is done at cost by D & H Meats in Vanlue, and the cost of the processing is underwritten by donations to the local FHFH. Isaac & Laura Feeney are the local chapter coordinators seen in the picture with Mission Executive Director Daniel Hicks.

This coordinated effort is a great benefit to the Mission program, as the venison is shared, incorporated into the menu, and blesses those who truly need it. Thank you, Isaac and all the folk at FHFH, for your help in making this work possible!

James Davison



Above: Little Caesars of Findlay & the 'Love Kitchen' truck



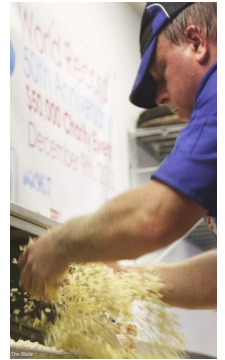
Above & Right: Bellacino's Christmas Eve meal

PIZZA HEAVEN!

Brian Edler of Dominos Pizza made headlines by breaking the world record of pizzas made in an hour. What didn't make headlines was that half of the proceeds for this fundraiser, \$7,000, was given to City Mission. This gift was in addition to the weekly donations of pizza, breads, and pastas that Dominos donated throughout 2010.

Little Caesars' 'Love Kitchen' is also no stranger to non-profit giving. This program is conducted through a kitchen in the trailer of an 18-wheeler that travels to homeless shelters around the country to give pizzas to homeless and needy families. On January 4th, the love Love Kitchen parked in the alley beside our City Mission and baked 50 pizzas made from ingredients donated by our local Little Caesars for the enjoyment of 67 Residents and Drop-Ins.

Bellacino's, a local pizza eatery, saw a holiday need and asked the City Mission how they could help. The result was a wonderful Christmas Eve meal provided for the Residents and Drop-In guests of City Mission.



Above: Brian Edler from Dominos



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



Over the past three years several men from local churches have joined forces to raise money for the City Mission in a very unusual way. All have agreed not to shave, pluck, pull, or groom any hair from the neck up. This fundraiser has appropriately been named, "NO SHAVE NOVEMBER". Each man seeks sponsors for his marathon of facial follicle expansion. If the man goes unshaven for the whole month his sponsors must follow through on their pledge. However, if the man shaves, plucks, pulls, or grooms, he must donate all of what he has raised himself.

What inspires this idea? Often times we take the smallest things for granted. God has blessed many of us to do something as simple as shaving whenever we want. But for many who are homeless, taking care of basic necessities is not that simple. This exercise in not shaving was a simple gesture of solidarity and a way for its participants to support a mission that is seeking to end homelessness one person at a time. The men who participated in this event were able to raise \$1,215 for the City Mission to help meet the needs in our community. The City Mission thanks each man who made the commitment to "NO SHAVE NOVEMBER".

Dewey Harris

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Donations to City Mission through September 2010 have been made in honor or in memory of:

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| Ed Brown | Gene Nessler |
| David Buck | Glen Opp |
| Kathy Cramer | Jake Opperman |
| Rheta Depuy | Dale Radcliff |
| David Duntun | Jeanne Strathman |
| Jesse Drummelsmith | Greg Susko |
| Donald Essinger | Neil Ward |
| Charles Hymes Sr | Phyllis Williams |
| Sam Littlepage | Rosalee Trimble |

Memorials and Honorariums for October 2010 through December 2010 will be listed in the next Mission Moments.

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Our Mission Statement:

The 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.

We're on the Web!
www.findlaymission.org

OUR NEEDS LIST

Because of your generous giving our needs list has been reduced for this month. THANK YOU!

Disposable gloves for food prep
Canned meats
Fruit punch
Coffee

MISSION VALUES:

CHRIST-LIKE: CITY MISSION REFLECTS CHRIST'S LOVE WITH INTEGRITY IN ALL OF OUR ACTIONS, ETHICS, AND DECISIONS IN HELPING THOSE WHO COME TO US FOR HELP

COMPASSIONATE: WE MINISTER TO THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF ALL THOSE WHO COME TO THE MISSION WITH EMPATHY, KINDNESS, AND PATIENCE.

COMMITTED: WE PLEDGE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF COLOR, CREED, OR CULTURE.

Did you Know?

The Birthday Party for Jesus had always been the responsibility of the Mission's Board of Trustees until 1996 when St. Andrews Youth volunteered to set-up the morning of the Party. They have helped annually for the last 15 years. A youth/Bible study group headed by the Lang family has faithfully volunteered for the past 10 years.