



Mission Moments



Helping to end homelessness one person at a time.

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Dear faithful friends,

A new year is set before us, and wow! What a year 2011 turned out to be. The ministry of City Mission never slows down because those with huge burdens are depending on the services we provide. Each year the need is growing and our resources are being stretched. I am reminded once again that your faithful support is the foundation of our ministry. In fact we exist because of the blessings of God and the faithfulness of our area churches, individuals, companies, and civic groups.

As we begin this New Year, the need is greater now than ever before. Many homeless people are facing this human tragedy, some for the first time. I spoke with a family today, a mom and dad with five children.

The father sat in our dining room with his head down, he said, "We have never been homeless before. I have always had a good job. My wife has never had to work. Our kids have always had what they want."

As I assured this mom and dad that we will do all we can to help them; I realized that those of you who support the work of this Mission are helping me to keep that promise.

As 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 financial assistance. Remember, your gift united with many others makes what we do possible. Along with your financial gift, please pray that each of those we see might be open to hear the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to each of you this new year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Hicks".

Daniel Hicks
Executive Director



It usually isn't normal when talking about positives to bring up a relapse. This story begins with one. One particular individual came to the City Mission of Findlay and joined our New Life Directions Program in the fall of 2008. He did exceptionally well both spiritually and financially. He connected to a local church, was able to find a good job and was even promoted to line leader at a local factory. After staying at the City Mission for awhile he was able to save up enough money to get his own place. As time passed and the economy suffered his work slowed down. This individual's hours were cut and he began to struggle to keep his home and maintain the disciplines that moved him in a New Life Direction. This led to a relapse which eventually led to being homeless again.



Feeling shame this individual was not willing to come and ask for help.



Instead he turned to the pattern of life that he felt most comfortable with. Then one morning I was at a local coffee shop and there he was. Two years had passed and we began to talk. He shared with me the struggles that he had had over the past two years. He also shared that he had not lost his faith and even after a brief relapse he had stayed away from drugs and alcohol.

He said that we helped him so much that he felt guilty to come back to us to ask for help. It gave me great joy to see him again and for him to know that he was still loved and accepted by the City Mission, but most of all by God the Father. He has now become a regular attendee at our evening meals. We pray that the renewed relationship we have with this man will help him to continue his New Life Direction.

DINE TO DONATE
Dine at Applebee's and 15% of your bill will be donated to
The City Mission of Findlay
Present this flyer to your Server on
Date: Last Tuesday of Every Month
Only valid at the following:

Applebee's **City Mission of Findlay**

2531 Tiffin Ave. - Findlay, OH 419-425-5955
Bring in a canned food item any day to donate to The City Mission of Findlay & receive a free dessert shooter on day of donation only.
Offer valid at the Findlay, OH location only.

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 4:00pm-6:00pm.

More coupons can be picked up at the City Mission, or they can be printed off from our website, 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 the Restaurant

FUNDRAISING NIGHT!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

City Mission of Findlay

Dine to Donate!
Join with Texas Roadhouse in supporting your community. Present this flyer to your server every Thursday night from 4:00pm to 10:00pm and 10% of your bill will be donated to the City Mission of Findlay.

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

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A Special Gift

Sometimes we are blessed with heart-warming stories of people who care deeply about helping the homeless. Kelsey is 7 years old, and she wanted to do something special for the shelter. She decided to collect money from friends and family on Thanksgiving and the following Saturday to buy socks for The City Mission. Her passion to serve raised enough money to buy 248 pairs of socks! It's great to know that she not only warmed the hearts of the homeless this Christmas Season, but she also warmed their feet.



2011 Jesus Birthday Party!

On Dec. 10th City Mission held its annual Christmas party for children of local low-income families. The party included entertainment, refreshments, and gifts. This year 83 children and 58 adults attended. St. Andrews and Parkview Youth, Kohl's volunteers, and Mission Board members assisted. Solomon's Folly provided the entertainment.



Special Thanks
We would like to thank Gary Heminger for providing our Christmas Tree from the American Cancer Society Auction! This gift is a beautiful reminder of all the people who gave in this Holiday Season. Thank You!



"Freely you have Received, Freely Give" MT.10:18

Gregory came to the Mission, full of hope and dreams and a fair amount of ambition. It didn't go smoothly for Gregory in his search for housing, as he made a few mistakes in the process. But he did find success in employment, as he was able to connect with a major employer and worked his way up in a short time to a supervisory position. In this position, he was able to offer employment to others. While avoiding favoritism by hiring buddies or people to whom he owed favors, he proved himself to the company by hiring and training people who demonstrated a desire to work hard, not just to get a paycheck. As a result:

Gregory has been able to help with the employment of other homeless people who simply want an opportunity to prove themselves by getting a fair chance.



The concept of giving back is very biblical and it blesses people in a way that encourages them to bless others in return. It is the contributions of faithful donors like you that make it possible for people like Gregory to stay at the Mission, people who just want the opportunity to show that they really do want to better themselves and are not afraid to prove it.

Jim Davison
Men's Director