

Helping to end homelessness one person at a time.

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Introducing Darrel the Food Barrel!



I'm on a Mission to help feed the hungry and homeless of Hancock and surrounding counties. Please help! Fill me up!

If you would like to have Darrel the Food Barrel visit your organization or church, please contact the City Mission at 419-423-9151 or office@findlaymission.org.

Last year the City Mission saw a big increase in the number of people coming for meals and asking for help with food. At the same time we also saw increases in food donations. As a result the City Mission began giving out food boxes to the needy. The food boxes we give are about a week's worth of food which includes canned and frozen food items. This year we are seeing larger increases in the numbers of people coming to us for help. I believe we will see the need continue to grow and we are making plans to meet this growing need.

That is why we have come up with Darrel the Food Barrel to help us promote awareness of the growing need of hunger in Hancock and surrounding counties. The caricature of Darrel the Food Barrel was created by Juleen Stinson who is our summer intern. Juleen is a student at Lipscomb University. The City Mission has been blessed with great amounts of canned food donations and because we now have large walk-in coolers we are able to receive frozen meats and other refrigerated items to give away. The Mission also gives donations of food items to area food pantries that serve the needy when we have surplus.

Darrel the Food Barrel is already hard at work in two area restaurants, Applebee's and Texas Roadhouse. Both restaurants are also doing fundraisers, Dine to Donate, to help City Mission feed the hungry. Applebee's is offering on the last Tuesday of every month, 15% of your bill will be donated to City Mission. Texas Roadhouse is offering every Thursday night from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm 10% of your bill will be donated to City Mission. Please remember to take your invitation flyer with you so that we can receive the donation.

You can help feed the hungry every time you go out to enjoy a meal.

Summer Challenges

Dear Friends,

The concerns for the needy and homeless are not just winter concerns. In fact we typically see an increase of homeless families after school is out and throughout the summer months. The need- meeting ministry of City Mission is year round. The City Mission is the only emergency homeless shelter in Findlay that is able to house men, women, and families. We are constantly experiencing crowded conditions and it continues to be a challenge for us to find space in our small building. My biggest concern right now is to meet the growing needs for each of those who turn to the Mission for help. The City Mission staff could not do this alone. We are so blessed to have many people in the community wanting to help.

Spring and summer are good times to get involved in volunteering. Why not plan a family trip to the Mission and volunteer to serve a meal or help put together food boxes for the needy? We will need your help this summer so please don't forget about City Mission. We also ask that you please remember to pray for our needs. As you can imagine, when we work with so many people

who are hurting and facing very difficult conditions of homelessness, we need much prayer.

The City Mission beds for women and families are filled to capacity as I write this letter. The work of the Mission does not diminish in the summer months. However each year the Mission faces a summer slump, not in the services we provide but in our financial support. It is hard to think about the needs of others who are hungry or homeless during the summer months and so financial donations tend to drop way off. I know it is a lot to ask of you because many who read this newsletter give so faithfully each month. However I must ask on behalf of those we serve that you please keep up with your financial support during the summer months so that we can avoid this annual slump in financial donations. All services that we provide for the needy and homeless are made possible because of the faithful support we receive from a caring community.

Thank you,

Daniel Hicks

Executive Director

A Far and Above Donation



Once in a great while, the Mission is truly blessed by a donation that is far and above anything that we could reasonably expect. The donation that we received from Kohl's Distribution Center in mid-April was one of those blessings. Being able to have the volume and the quality of materials that Kohl's shared with us at that time has truly given us a big boost.

As a result of the Kohl's donation, many residents who were in sore need of good shoes have really good shoes. The articles of clothing that were shared are items that will bless the homeless for months to come. The appliances that were included will provide for the needs of those staying at the Mission, to heat their food, to provide for storage, and to allow for entertainment and education.

On behalf of the Mission staff and residents, we would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to Kohl's for their care and concern for our work and those whom we serve. We hope to be able to use this donation to do great things on the Lord's behalf in ministry. May the Lord bless our partnership together in our efforts to help end homelessness, one person at a time.

Jim Davison

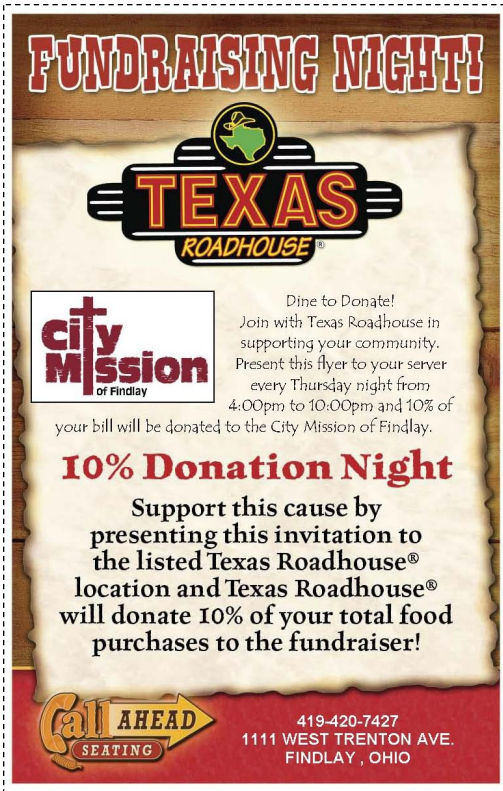
Men's Director

Dine to Donate!


Texas Roadhouse of Findlay, OH has decided to partner with the City Mission in an effort to raise awareness of the growing need of the homeless in our community. Every Thursday from 4:00pm to 10:00pm, Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of a customer's bill when our coupon is presented. (See coupons below)

Texas Roadhouse is also hosting a canned food drive for the City Mission.

We are grateful for the generous spirit that abounds in our community and that Texas Roadhouse has made it evident through their efforts.



FUNDRAISING NIGHT!




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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

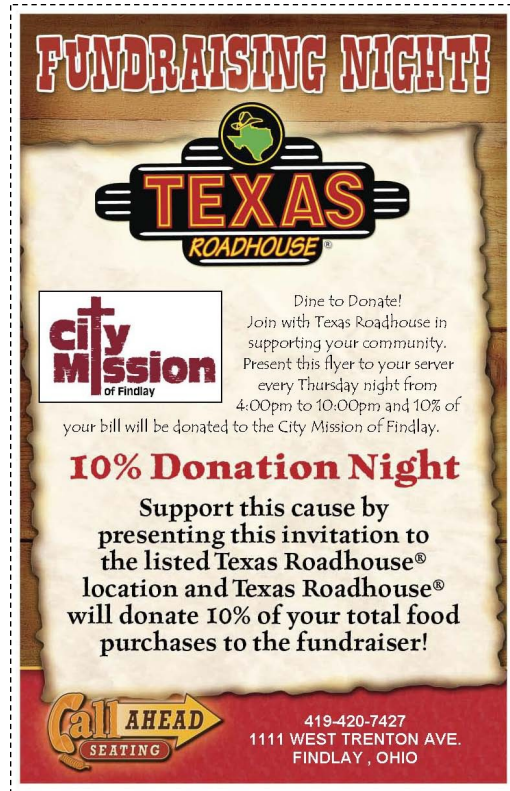
Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!




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These coupons can be cut out and used at Texas Roadhouse on every Thursday from 4:00pm to 10:00pm.

More coupons can be picked up at the City Mission. Join us in our effort to help the homeless in Hancock County and the surrounding areas.



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Community Food Resources

In the past few years community agencies have identified **hunger** as a growing problem in Hancock County. The tight economy combined with rising fuel and food prices have all contributed to the crisis of people not always having enough money to put food on the table. Fortunately, there is help available for those who are hungry in Hancock County. Besides the sit-down meals that are served around the city, there are also occasions when boxes of food are made available to people who are in need. The City Mission offers a monthly food box for families, distributed after the supper hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This has resulted in 171 boxes given away already this year, which would be estimated to provide about 1,200 meals. Other available resources include The Salvation Army, which has food boxes available for distribution to the community, one box per family per month. Chopin Hall offers food boxes also once a month to persons in need, distributed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. The Lutheran Social Services offers a monthly food box from its pantry on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. Besides the charities, there are other resources that help make food available on emergency need. Vouchers for groceries can be obtained from the Hancock Christian Clearing House. Hancock County Job and Family Services qualifies people for food stamp benefits through on-line or in-person application processes. In addition to all of these, some churches provide food boxes upon request on a periodic basis.

While the problem of hunger will never be totally resolved, praise God for City Mission and other agencies that are on the front line constantly fighting the battle and providing much-needed food to help those who are truly in need!

Jim Davison, Men's Director



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

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.

Help Us With Our Needs List!

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| <i>Canned meats</i> | <i>Napkins</i> |
| <i>Coffee</i> | <i>Bathroom tissue</i> |
| <i>Fruit punch</i> | <i>Shaving razors</i> |
| <i>Ramen noodles</i> | <i>Gallon size trash bags</i> |
| <i>Macaroni & Cheese</i> | <i>Clorox Wipes</i> |
| <i>HE laundry detergent</i> | <i>39 gallon trash bags</i> |
| <i>6 rollaway beds—twin bed size</i> | |



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

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

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| <i>Rose Bechtel</i> | <i>Mary Jane Roberts</i> |
| <i>Mildred E. Gohlke</i> | <i>Robert Rosenberger</i> |
| <i>Jeanne Julian</i> | <i>Lauren Elaine Stansberry</i> |
| <i>Cindy Shoupe Parke</i> | <i>Richard (Dick) Swope</i> |

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.



Did You Know?

Last year we had a little over 330 homeless individuals, including children, who came to the Mission for help. After reviewing records we discovered that over 150 individuals found jobs and homes. This number is higher than we first noted.