

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

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## *Giving Hand Outs*

Over the years I have heard a lot of views about caring for those who are faced with the tragedy of homelessness or hunger. Many times people refer to helping people in need as giving them a *hand out* as if this approach does more harm than good. Giving out food to those who are hungry or sheltering those who are homeless usually is referred to as a "*hand out*". The fact is that the basic needs for those who are hungry today is a good hot meal and for the homeless the immediate need is a good clean bed to rest for the night. The City Mission provides emergency services to help people who have nowhere to go.

Yes, we do hand out basic things to help people in their time of need. We give out personal needs items, food boxes, meals, and clothing every day. We understand that these *hand outs* will not end world hunger or poverty today. People who are hungry need a meal now. The homeless need a bed tonight and that is the Mission's purpose. World hunger and homelessness have been a part of our society for a long time and there does not seem to be an end in sight.

The communities of caring people who donate to the City Mission understand this and that is why you give. If we feed just one homeless man, woman, or child and they can go to sleep with a full stomach, then we have done well.

### **Whose house can the needy come to?**

*Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To lose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"*

**Your financial donations and other items such as food, personal needs, and clothing give us the means to provide these services. So City Mission serves as your house to take in the homeless and hungry.**

Thank you for caring,

Dan Hicks  
Executive Director

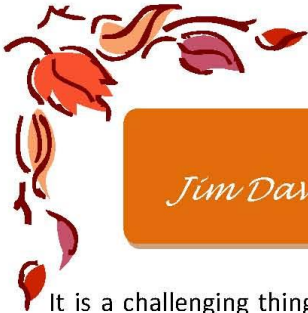
# Not a Second Rate Faith

Dewey Harris, Associate Director

In a fast-paced world that seeks to do one million things in a 24 hour time period, it is refreshing to run into someone like Chuck (a recent graduate of the NLDP whose name has been changed for the sake of privacy). He was released from prison and came to the NLDP with a lot of desire to have an authentic relationship with Christ.

Chuck recognized that much of his faith up to that time had been motivated by a desire to impress others. While being in the Program was often very stretching for him, there he was equipped with the tools to begin to face the hard truths of his situation in life. One of the tools that Chuck was able to draw on was Bible memorization. In the Program he would memorize large chunks of scripture. At one point he memorized a whole chapter.

Recently, he told me that he was offered the opportunity to drink and use, but he was able to draw upon the truth of God's word to resist. Please pray for this man to continue to grow in his faith, specifically, as he waits on God to restore his family.



Jim Davison, Men's Director

WE LIKE GOOD SURPRISES!

It is a challenging thing after working for years in rescue ministry and seeing hundreds of men check in to the City Mission of Findlay (CMF) to not try to predict who will be successful and who will not.

Recently there was a male resident of CMF who was easy to give up on, due to poor hygiene and other issues. He did not make a favorable impression on any of the staff, either with his personal habits or his apparent lack of initiative. He surprised all of us, though, not only when he was able to secure full-time employment, not only when he kept the job and saved his money, not only when he made changes in his personal life, but especially when he took his savings and was able to secure an apartment and move out of CMF.

It is a wonderful feeling to know that your donations make it possible for people like this man to have the opportunity to become self-sufficient and make his own way in the world again! Praise God!

**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 419-425-9955  
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](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 the Restaurant

**FUNDRAISING NIGHT!**  
**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**  
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.  
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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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Statistics don't mean a thing unless you can **imagine faces to go with them** because **1 in 6** Americans living in poverty don't have a face and a name. They just remain a statistic.

Sarah and Sammie were a statistic. They were living in poverty, just barely hanging on, until a crisis hit and their lives began to unravel. Sarah began to think, "What am I going to do?" She remembered the City Mission and all the times she and her daughter had come to dinner as well as their previous stay with us. This time is different however. She and Sammie are now going to be on their own. Sarah told me,

**"I knew the resources that would be available to me. I knew that once I got a job, my stay would be extended. It was a start. I would have time to save money and time to work on a housing voucher."**

Sarah accomplished all of these things. Every day I saw her confidence grow. She would say to me, "I am strong and going to make it on my own." Every day she believed it more and more. Today Sarah is supporting herself and Sammie. For the first time she is solely dependent on herself. A wonderful employer has become a mentor and a great resource to one who truly found herself alone. Sarah is building a new foundation, one that did not take place in her own childhood. It will take time. She will need the influence of good mentors who care about her and Sammie's well-being.



This is not just about feeding and housing people. The Mission is building foundations and relationships to sustain upward growth and change statistics into the **faces and the names** of those in whom **hope** has been restored. We are the resources that will make a difference for 1 in 6 who may reach out for help. If you are an employer, teacher, volunteer or neighbor, step out onto the water. The change will come!

## **Darrel the Food Barrel!**

**Darrel is now at 16 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!



**Look for Darrel in the Findlay Village Mall!**



## **Christmas Wish List**

It's that time again for us to start collecting for the **Holiday Season!** Included are some items we are looking to give to our guests:

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas Hams and Turkeys Stuffing, Potatoes, Cranberries, Pies, Gravy**

#### **We are also asking for:**

- Fleece and Flannel Shirts for Men and Women (sizes large through 3X large)
- Sweatshirts in assorted sizes for men, women, and children
- Stocking Caps and gloves for men and women
- Warm socks for all ages
- New toys, box and board games, and books for children





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

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.*

***Memorials/Honorariums***

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

**Donations to The City Mission for August 2011 have been made in honor or in memory of:**

**Mike Foster  
 Aileen Rangeler**

**Randy Larson  
 Stella Plachta**

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



**City Mission Needs List:**

- Canned Meats
- Coffee
- Fruit Punch
- Ramen Noodles
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Bathroom Tissue
- Disposable Razors
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- 39 Gallon Trash Bags
- Clorox Wipes

**Did you Know?**

The number of meals served in 2009 was **23,180** which was a new record. Through August of this year **24,398** meals have been served and we still have four months to go!