



Mission Moments

Helping to end homelessness one person at a time.

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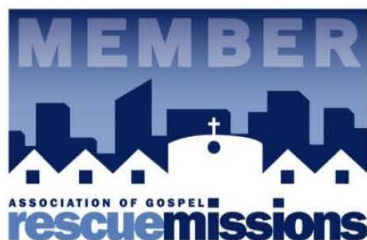
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Dear Friends,

The City Mission had a very busy summer. There was no summer slump in the services we provide. It looks like we are going to break more records in the number of meals served, food boxes given out, and lodgings. I want to thank all those who gave so generously. Your financial donations, food donations, personal need items, and clothing, as well as the efforts of those who volunteer, keep the Mission going.

We have seen huge increases in all the services we provide. As you read this newsletter, you may be asking, "Are we making a difference?" The answer is yes. You are helping us help others in need and together we are making a difference one life at a time!

Everything we do is made possible by your financial donations and in-kind support. The reason for the need of your continued financial support is clearly seen in the increased number of people coming to the Mission for help. It is because of these increasing numbers that the work of the Mission must



continue. As the weather starts to get colder, we will see more and more people coming to us in need. We can't do this without your support and that is why I must ask you for your continued help. Please pray for the ongoing work of the City Mission. For 76 years this Mission has served those in need throughout Hancock and surrounding counties. If we are to continue to have an impact in

ending homelessness and despair in people's lives, we must keep moving forward. We will soon be starting a Capital Campaign to build a new addition onto our existing structure in order to keep up with the growing need.

We have a message of hope for those who feel that there is no hope.

That message is the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Of all the services we provide, giving out that message is the most important thing we do in making real changes in people's lives.

Thank you for making the work of the Mission possible through your continued financial support.

Daniel Hicks
Executive Director

Heaven's Saints 2nd Annual Ride/City Mission Open House



The rain held out just in time for about 20 bikes to show up and many to attend the Open House!

You could feel the rumble, it was August 6th at 11am and we looked at each other in anticipation knowing what was next. Out in the distance all you could see was the glow of headlights as the motorcycles approached the shelter. "It's going to be a good day", I thought to myself, knowing the Mission looked spotlessly clean and ready for this group of motorcyclists and tours of the shelter. These riders were not only equipped with their steel horses, but also a bag full of canned goods to help the hungry and homeless.

"You can help in so many different ways" I thought, in addition to riding in off the street and personally dropping off food and paper products to the Mission, you could donate them to Darrel the Food Barrels located in supporting restaurants, churches, and businesses, or finally you could financially support the Mission by internet giving or traditional mail. However you choose, like these riders who do it in groups, know that your donations play a big part in how we run this shelter... and just remember,



have fun with it! **Thank you Heaven's Saints and others who came that helped make the Open House a success.**

Craig Rogghe- Administrative Assistant

Open the Flood Gates!

We were blessed on August 11th with 99 cases of water from Speedway LLC., and did our best to load it in every-which-place we could. It's amazing how the Lord provides as we seek His Will and try our best to serve the needy. Whenever we've been low on water, this past viciously hot summer, people like you have answered the call and have helped our residents and drop-ins avoid dehydration. Even on Facebook we obtained a great response of people wanting to help with our shortage of water! As Jim Davison would say "It's the dog days of summer!" and we can use as much water as God will

provide to "beat the heat" and protect the people He has placed in our lives to watch over. **We just want to thank Speedway and any other donor who has answered the call by opening the floodgates of water to the City Mission!**

*Craig Rogghe –
Administrative Assistant*



His Own Kind of Independence Day



On the wall of the Mission Dining Room there hangs a plaque that commemorates 4 years of service to the Mission by Richard Moran, who served first as a house keeper and then as a cook. Richard passed from this life and entered into glory on the 4th of July 2011. Richard

was at home with his wife Denise when he passed, but his spirit remains with the Mission. His infectious smile and friendliness towards staff, volunteers, and residents alike made him a favorite of many who came to the Mission. How fitting it was that Richard passed on the Fourth of July, as he found personal independence from the pain and discomfort that he lived with over the last few years. We honor Richard's memory today, and lift up his service for others.

Jim Davison – Men's Director

The numbers over a recent 2 ½ month study show that of 25 male residents who stayed seven days or less, only four were working, but those four were ALREADY working when they came. Not one of those who stayed for a week or less was able to secure a job. **They need more time!** In contrast, those who stayed for longer than a week had much greater success, as two-thirds of those found meaningful employment. The moral of this story is that both the Mission and the male residents need patience and perseverance to find work in this economy. For the female residents it's just as consistent with the men.



“One of these ladies came to us ready to change her circumstances. She was determined. “No” to a job application just meant she needed to look further, and talk to more people. She never stayed discouraged for more than a few moments. As soon as she heard herself verbalizing disappointment, she turned it around and said “I have to try harder. It might take more time than I anticipated, but I will find a job!”

She found a job and in 48 days she was able to move out. **With your help, she is now happily living on her own.** I cannot express to you what this means to these individuals. There is no City Mission without you, and we could not extend their stays and offer them the time they need to put the resources in place without our caring and compassionate community!



Darrel is now at 14 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!

Call the Maintenance Man

This plea goes out to all you “fix-it” folks: City Mission needs you to be a maintenance volunteer! The maintenance and upkeep of our facilities play a crucial role in our efforts to help the homeless and needy, and we need your help to succeed in this area. Our maintenance needs vary from small projects like replacing light bulbs, to large projects like fixing drywall and painting! You never know from one day to the next what's going to happen at the Mission, or what projects might come up, so fill out our online application at www.findlaymission.org, or come pick an app. at the main office and call me for scheduling at 419.423.9151!

Nat Schey
Daily Operations Manager

A Tribute of Love



Thirteen years ago, a young man in his twenties, who had already been serving his country in the military, met with a tragic accident and left this world. His name was Benjamin Lunn, and he left behind a mother and father and many friends.

For twelve straight years, Benjamin's parents have remembered his life and service by serving others. Every July 20th since his passing, Larry and Sondra Lunn have prepared and served a meal in his honor and memory at the City Mission. July 20th was Benjamin's birthday. The meal is well received by the homeless population, and residents and guests warmly express their appreciation to the family for their sacrifice. To do anything of service consistently for twelve consecutive years indicates a depth of faithfulness that lives in Benjamin's family, and no doubt lived in Benjamin himself. We salute the Lunn's for their love and faithfulness, and commit their service to God in Benjamin's memory.

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.

Memorials/Honorariums

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

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| Susan Spitler Conine | Gene Nessler |
| Donald W. Croy | Lorene Oman |
| Cheryl and Larry Manly | Rebecca Radar |
| Richard Moran | John Robinson |

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
 - HE Laundry Detergent
 - Napkins
 - Bathroom Tissue
 - Disposable Razors
 - 13 Gallon Trash Bags
 - Clorox Wipes
 - 39 Gallon Trash Bags

Did you Know?

If you shop at Great Scot, the City Mission can receive 1% cash back on qualifying purchases? Just mail in or personally drop off your receipts from Findlay Great Scot stores as well as those in McComb, North Baltimore, and Fostoria to the front desk and help the homeless!

