



Helping to end homelessness one person at a time.

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PARTNERS IN RESCUE

The main ministry of any emergency shelter is that of rescue. The City Mission does not just provide food and shelter and help people find homes. As a gospel ministry we also help those who come to us with spiritual issues. It is interesting to note that many of those we help are connected to a church or have been in the past. So it is natural for them to want to reconnect with their faith in God when they fall on hard times.

Through the Mission's daily chapel services and Bible studies we see many make a decision to rededicate their life or call upon Jesus for salvation. The City Mission staff and volunteers encourage all those who need our help to reconnect to God through their church and to their families as part of their road to recovery and healing. That is what is meant by the word, rescue.

Your faithful donation to City Mission allows this "rescue mission" to minister to people every day, which means we are "**partners in rescue**". Just as we partner with other community service agencies to help the homeless make the right connections to end homelessness in their lives, we also want to help each person make connections to God through a personal faith in Christ. There are family connections also

that sometimes need to be made to help each homeless person find their way back home.

"Partners in rescue:" Think about what that means each month when you give a financial gift to City Mission. Each person, church, or organization is a part of this community of "**partners in rescue**". Without this partnership we would not be able to have any impact on people's lives. It is because Findlay is a caring community that City Mission with God's help is making a difference.

Daniel Hicks
Executive Director



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A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

"We are making a difference, one person at a time. The need for a partnership is no secret. It is a recipe for Success!"

The unbelievable surge in numbers of those who are homeless has surpassed the ability of local governments and individual charities to deal with these problems alone. City Mission is first and foremost an emergency shelter which is providing compassionate care through meeting our clients' immediate physical and spiritual needs.

With our donors' continuing support, we have been able

to extend the stays for those who come to us in need. I saw such a partnership in action with two families that City Mission had sheltered for several months. Giving these families time to find work and make the right connections with social service agencies played a part in forever changing the lives of these 4 adults and 4 children.

We may never personally understand the impact of

homelessness. But I can tell you that for each client I have worked with, there is no place like home! So, to every donor, to every volunteer, to all the social service workers: **We are making a difference, one person at a time. The need for a partnership is no secret. It is a recipe for success!**

Karen Crawford

FEINSTEIN FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

It's that time of year again! The annual Feinstein Foundation Challenge Grant began on March 1 and runs through April 30, 2011. During this time, all financial and food donations count toward the City Mission's portion of the one million dollar giveaway by Alan Shawn Feinstein.

Feinstein's goal is to motivate donors to give to hunger fighting agencies all across the country. You can read about the grant in our Spring Appeal letter or on our website at www.findlaymission.org.

Bev Atkins

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP RESULTS

It is hard enough as a young adult with little work experience to go out these days and land a job with enough income to make a living, but when a person has to pick up and move across the country as well, it is a major challenge in a whole new location. Being able to connect to the services of the area and plug into the working community was a real mountain for Bruce to climb.

Bruce came to City Mission as the adult child of a couple staying at the Mission

with younger siblings. While he was treated as an adult, he also experienced necessary separation from parts of his family which was difficult. Knowing that he would get a fair shake at the Mission, he methodically set out to find work. Every day Bruce would go out and apply for work, every day he would check for calls and messages, and every day it seemed there was nothing.

Then one day his misfortune turned into blessing, and he got a call for employment. Acting quickly, he secured

the job, began a plan to end homelessness in his life, and set out to make his goals a reality. Not just content to wait for Mom and Dad to do it for him (although they also secured housing in the same time frame), he wanted a place of his own, to have the privacy due to a hard-working adult. We salute Bruce for his steadfastness and his willingness to work within the system and partner with the Mission to show himself and others that it can be done!

Jim Davison



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION


Throughout 2010, we were blessed to have many businesses, civic groups, churches, and individuals working with the City Mission to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community. Thus far, 2011 has proven to be another year of community partnership.

Applebee's 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. On the last Tuesday of every month, Applebee's will donate 15% of a


diner's bill to the City Mission when our coupon is presented. (See coupon below). Applebee's is also hosting a canned food drive for the City Mission. Bring in a canned food item to Applebee's any day and receive a free dessert sample.

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

Joy Barger



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Dine at Applebee's and 15% of your bill will be donated to
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Present this flyer to your Server on
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Only valid at the following:



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These coupons can be cut out and used at Applebee's on the last Tuesday of every month. 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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PARTNERSHIP THROUGH MENTORING



In the New Life Directions Program we discuss the value of positive positioning. One way that we try to position the men well is by connecting them with a community partner or mentor. This person meets the man on a weekly basis and serves as a link to a local church. For the men this volunteer is someone who prays, encourages, and listens.

During this period it is our prayer that a healthy relationship begins to form between the program man and his mentor. For many men this may be the only person who has ever invested in them in such a focused way. After a period of meeting one on one, the program men are ex-

pected to decide where they are going to attend church. This is often a very challenging thing for someone who has not felt at home in the church for a very long time.

How many of us have walked into a place not knowing what to expect? We all remember the comfort that we feel when we finally find that familiar face. The mentor serves as that familiar face. Please pray for our mentoring program. Pray that positive relationships continue to form.

Dewey Harris



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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.

HELP US WITH OUR NEEDS LIST!

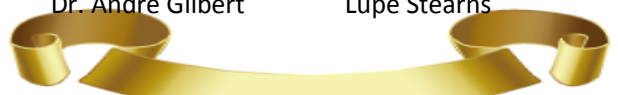
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- Canned meats
- Fruit punch
- Coffee
- 39 gallon trash bags
- Napkins
- Bathroom tissue
- Window cleaner
- Gallon size storage bags
- Shaving razors



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Donations to City Mission during December 2010 have been made in memory or in honor of:

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| Santo Atkinson | Randy Harmon |
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| Joe Creque | Daren Lee |
| Laura & Kevin Dembiec | Gene Nessler |
| Nancy Diebley | Dr. Leroy Schroeder |
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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009, a record-breaking year, we provided 23,180 meals. In 2010, we served 33,393 meals, surpassing our former record by more than 10,000 meals!