



On Our Hearts

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1993

OUR VISION: We at "HEARTS" believe that *God is calling us all* to take a more active role in our walk with Him. We share the scripture in Philippians 2:1-5, "If we have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any fellowship with the spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interest of others. Your attitudes should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

WELCOME!! We are very pleased to present the first issue of our monthly newsletter. It is our desire to keep you informed on all that is happening with Hearts for the Homeless and Read-A-Rama. This will also give us the opportunity, on a monthly basis, to extend our gratitude and thanks to you for all you have done for "Hearts".

We would like to encourage you to drop us a note with any heartwarming stories or testimonies that have occurred because of your involvement with Hearts for the Homeless or Read-A-Rama.

Our sincere thanks to everyone involved!!



"HEARTS" continues to be out on the streets 5 days a week feeding the homeless and poor. God continues to use us as His vessels to share His Good News. Look for the "Statistics" column each month showing how we have served the Buffalo community.

HOMELESS PROFILE

WALLY MATTHEWS
Age - 39
White Male
Sisters - 1
Brothers - 2

Wally is a very friendly, kind, and giving individual. "Hearts" has known him for about 2-1/2 years. He has never asked anything from us; he only takes when things are given to him. Wally has even given to others the clothing which we had given to him. "Hearts" asked Wally if he would share his life with us so

we could publish it in our newsletter; he said he would like people to know why he lives the way he does.

When we first met Wally, he was drunk most of the time. As he began to trust us, he started to share his story. We soon learned that he was raised in various foster and detention homes. He continued to run away from them which effected his education. He stopped going to school after the 9th grade.

For most of his life, Wally was raised regimented. He became institutionalized and learned that if he "just followed the rules," he would get along. However, he had

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HOW WE SERVED IN AUGUST '93

Total # of People: 791
Male: 704 Female: 73 Children: 14

Of those 791 People, 350 were Homeless

of Sandwiches: 1,948

of Coffee/Juice: 1,582

of Hours on Street: 281.5

