



On Our Hearts

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ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ms. Sharon Farley the publisher of WNY Color Coupon (magazine) has, for the second year in a row, given Hearts for the Homeless *free ad space* in her coupon magazine. The magazine is delivered to thousands of homes in the Clarence, East Amherst, Lancaster, Depew, Bowmansville, Cheektowaga and South Cheektowaga areas.

She advertised our need for food, new gloves, hats, blankets, new toys, household items and Tops register receipts. She also had bins placed at a number of locations for drop off sites. Because of her kindness and action in providing this ad for us, a series of responses came to lend help to *Hearts*.

As a result of those responses, we were able to distribute household items to women with small

children who had very little in their apartments; our food pantry has been stocked; and we have been able to, not only feed the people that came to the motor home, but give bags of groceries to those that have come to our pantry.

Many smiles were put on the faces of little children who were given gifts this holiday season because of Sharon's help in petitioning the aid of so many generous people.

We have also seen an increase in the financial donations received from the locations that the ads were circulated.

All of these bountiful blessings came in response to one person's heart being stirred to help.

We thank you Sharon!

We would also like to extend a thank you to all of our readers who have given this holiday season and during the year, affecting the lives of so many people that need that touch of love, as God has purposed.

5th Annual Christmas Eve Dinner - Laborers for the Lord, produce "fruit"

Not only were the 60 poor and homeless people of Buffalo who attended this year's 5th Annual Hearts for the Homeless Christmas Eve Dinner able to celebrate the birth of Christ, they were also able to witness the love brought forth by the 50 laborers who volunteered to help in this year's dinner.

Yes, in order to pull off a successful, fun filled, entertainment-packed event like this, a considerable amount of help is needed, many of whom are helpers "behind the scenes" before and during the dinner.

The complete number in attendance at the dinner was 150. In addition to the poor and homeless, those who attended included *Hearts* volunteers, pastors, and their families. The evening began with Mike Shifano, *Hearts* volunteer welcoming the guests. The guests were then served a wonderful dinner of turkey & ham with all the trimmings and to complete the dinner, homemade apple pies for dessert.

The guests were entertained with music, comedy and were also able to join in to sing Christmas carols. The evening was made complete with the message given by Rev. Melvin Taylor from Men of Fearless Faith Ministries. And ministered they were... eleven people came forward during the altar call and prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Men of Fearless Faith Ministries will follow up with each individual to help them find a church and guide

THE LIVES TOUCHED IN 1995



Total # of People: *15484*

Male: 12498 Female: 2174 Children: 812

Of those 15484 People, 5514 were Homeless

of sandwiches: 36630

of Hot meals: 9392

of Coffee/Juice: 15484

of Volunteer Hours: 3438.75

