



Looking Back on a Very Good Year

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our patrons and volunteers, Hearts for the Homeless is pleased to share with you the results of your prayers, support and selfless giving. Thank you so much for all you do to make this ministry a true reflection of God's love.

HEARTS SOUP KITCHEN: Fed and clothed 13,995 men, women and children.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OUTREACH: Sponsored 40 families during the holiday season.

YOUTH PROGRAM: Celebrated our 10th month and we have added yet another day of operation for this outreach to the neighborhood!

SUMMER FEST: Served 200 people a grilled lunch along with a full afternoon of fun activities and ministry. Forty children and several adults prayed to receive Christ.

MORTGAGE: Reduced to the final \$15,000 thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters.

THRIFT STORE: Sponsored 2 children at private school this year.

GOOD NEIGHBORS PLANNING ALLIANCE: Recognized Hearts for our work in the local community.

NEW OFFICES: Renovated and completed workspace on the second floor of the ministry building.

CAR DONATIONS: Provided three vehicles to families who live in the Riverside neighborhood.



Our Christmas Tradition Continues on the Street

As is our custom, we hosted our annual Christmas Eve dinner for our clients on the street this year. We served 75 individuals; 15 were children.

Please pray for a miracle of finances so that by next Christmas we will have our upstairs completed and can serve a meal to our friends from the street in a festively decorated dining hall.

Despite the cold weather, our volunteers served hot coffee with a smile and a kind word to warm both hearts and spirits. Our Father blessed us abundantly in that the snowy weather didn't begin until later Christmas Eve thus enabling us to serve dinner without any difficulties.

Each child carried away a joyful smile and a bag full of new toys donated by many kind individuals.

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Secret Santa and Helpers Make the Season Bright

We would like to acknowledge Joe Terranova for coordinating the collection of funds, personal care items, and new toys for our annual Christmas Eve Dinner. Thanks to our "Secret Santa," we were able to fill adult gift bags with a blanket, winter hat, gloves, 3 pairs of warm socks, and a large toiletry kit, and each child received numerous new toys. Thanks to Joe's efforts and the financial gifts from *Terranova Active Wear* and the other contributors, our Christmas Dinner was a real blessing. We also want to offer special thanks to the many businesses and private contributors who responded so generously to Joe's requests. They are: **Buffalo News Employees: Paul Glaeser, Collected \$750.00. Paul & Kathleen Glaeser matched the gift with their own \$750.00 gift. Alicia Cheney, Amanda Tidd, Ann Marie McKenna, Cindy Sterner, Curt Gross, Dennis Hagen, Dick McGrath, Dorothy Michaux, Gen Kruse, Greg Ramsdell, Holly Schmitt, Jennifer Ramsdell, John Bordonaro, John Oakley, Lisa Ballistrea, Marsh Benettii, Mary Jane Poletto, Mike Benevento, Mike McMahon, Mike Sullivan, Scott Zazowski.**

JC Penney's: Bill Houston Christmas Bags; Depew High School: Carol Townsend Coordinator; Personal Care Products Drive; JKF Middle School: Kelly Barney Coordinator; Toy Drive; Maryvale High School: Peggy Gozda Coordinator; Personal Care Products Drive; Novacor Trucking: Sue & Ken Szejda Collected new toys, gift stockings and gave \$400.00 cash gift; Mark & Deborah Beyer: \$50.00 gift; Chris Czuczman & Family; purchased & packaged 50 Personal Care Products Gift Bags; Jack & Mary Jerris: \$100.00 gift; David & Helen McGuire: Donated 450 pairs of heavy socks; Brad & Susan Milleville: \$100.00 gift; Eric & Trish Porter: \$50.00 gift; Stewart & Joanne Selden: \$250.00 gift Sharon Waczkowski: \$100.00 gift; James & Mary Walters: \$100.00 gift; Mary & Rich Whelan: \$100.00 gift.

Several other very special needs were met through this generous collection. We were able to purchase new boots for our clients and part of the financial gift will be used to purchase a new furnace (the old furnace is not repairable) for one of our single working moms in the neighborhood who has been without heat in her home. She has been using the stove and a small space heater to keep her family warm. We want to thank these individuals and everyone who gave this holiday season to help us help others who have critical needs. All of your giving helps us be there when we are needed. Have a blessed New Year.

- ♥ Demonstrates the love of Christ with our customers through music and building of relationships.
- ♥ Sponsored two children in private school, one child since 1996 when she entered first grade.
- ♥ Provides a good product at a good price, saving individuals money to be used on other vital necessities.
- ♥ Many customers are prayed with each week.

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