



IS IT NOT TO SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE HUNGRY AND TO PROVIDE THE POOR WANDERER WITH SHELTER ISAIAH 58:7

On Our Hearts...Message from Ron Calandra

IN 2015, YOU HELPED US REACH 11,734+ HOMELESS AND POOR PEOPLE

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL SERVED	805	548	886	1,205	1,124	976	1,036	972	907	1,101	975	1,199
MALE	701	484	762	1,034	951	817	857	819	775	968	855	1,051
FEMALE	98	62	116	161	171	145	165	147	124	131	112	140
CHILDREN	6	2	8	10	2	14	14	6	8	2	8	8
HOMELESS	375	306	359	585	472	382	448	445	436	504	449	550

Looking back at 2015

Faithful and **loyal** would be the words to describe how we feel about our volunteers, donors, and employees. Each one is an integral part of *Hearts for the Homeless'* outreach and our ability to help the hundreds of clients that come to the Mobile Soup Kitchen on a monthly basis. Although we have heard about agencies working to end homelessness, we believe that the poor and homeless will always be among us. Every year, we meet people that have just become homeless, and every year, we continue to see many of our "regulars" at our Mobile Soup Kitchen at the library downtown. We exist to reach each one. *Hearts for the Homeless* is a small nonprofit that is not funded by federal or local government grants. We depend on the finances and material donations that you have provided. **2015 was filled with resources and provision that sustained our ongoing outreach to the poor and homeless in Buffalo all because of you!**

Challenges: The beginning of 2015 was one of the biggest challenges for our clients. It is hard to remember the extreme cold weather our clients had to brave last February since Buffalo's unseasonably great temperatures this winter brought a welcomed relief to those living outside. Unfortunately, the weather reports look grim for the rest of winter, 2016. The challenge will then be to keep up our stock of warm gloves, socks, sweatshirts, and blankets.



Food & Clothing: Food & clothing drives and donations that we received from individuals, local businesses, churches, and organizations provided us with a well-stocked pantry throughout 2015. And, when we were short on items, you were at our door filling the need. Hearts is blessed to have loyal donors who faithfully look for the needed items we post in our newsletter and on the internet then bring those exact items in.

Events: Several events were carried out in 2015—Elements Music Fest brought in food & clothing; Clarence United Methodist Church Apple Festival raised awareness and a clothing bin was placed onsite there; Ingram Micro chose *Hearts* to be one of the beneficiaries of their spring Golf Tournament and awarded us \$30,000 towards a new motor home.

Hearts Thrift Shop: In addition to our great thrift prices for quality merchandise, our store continued to be a place of refuge. We prayed, encouraged, and showed kindness to those who came in carrying burdens. 2015 was a year of answered prayer for many of them; even customers supported others with acts of kindness like paying the tab for those short on cash. ***Come in and Shop! 890 Tonawanda St., Mon.–Sat., 10am to 5pm, profits help us help the homeless.***

Recycle: Our recycling program continued to help fund *Hearts for the Homeless'* outreach in 2015. Recyclables are sent to area organizations in need (reused and repurposed); some are sent overseas to aid other programs there (recycled & converted into rags or towels, or recycled into fiber for carpeting, paper, home insulation and more).

We thank God for all of you and wish you a very Happy New Year!

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MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN

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BUFFALO, NY 14223

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CONVENIENT LOCATIONS**
Thank you all for placing a bin.
Use our Drop-Off Locations or

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HEARTS THRIFT SHOP
890 Tonawanda St. in Riverside
Mon-Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

Lives Touched Last Month – DECEMBER, 2015

Total Clients Served: 1,199
Homeless: 550
Male: 1,051
Female: 140
Children: 8
Total Volunteer Hours: 164



Talk From the Street and Heart

12/1: Served 45, 7 prayed the prayer of salvation. **12/2:** Served 52; a man with small children asked if we had any Christmas gifts for his kids. **12/3:** Employees from Cole's Restaurant came out with us tonight and brought brownies & toiletries. Served 55; clients were asking for blankets & gloves. We also put many boxes of clothing out and everyone took as much as they wanted. **12/4:** Served 43. **12/5:** Served 63; more folks from Coles came out and brought more stuff to hand out! **12/8:** Served 43; 16 people prayed for salvation. **12/9:** Served 58; a young pregnant girl with her boyfriend came to eat--we offered them support and gave them locations of community services, etc. **12/10:** Served 62; Channel 4 news was out tonight to do a holiday story--some clients were camera shy; gave out some sweatshirts & toiletries. **12/11:** Served 40. **12/12:** Served 48; thank you to Nora and Helping Hands Ministry for joining our team tonight. **12/15:** Served 63; 3 salvations. **12/16:** Served 53; thank you to Centerpointe Community Church for serving with us once a month in 2015! Thanks also Tom & Debbie Smith from Cazenovia Baptist for joining tonight and bringing bags filled with needed items. **12/17:** Served 71; thank you to Kathy M. for baking personal-sized banana bread for each client. Craig R. made up goodie bags too. **12/18:** Served 64. **12/18:** Served 64. **12/22:** Served 70. **12/23:** Served 75. **12/26:** Served 76. **12/29:** Served 57. **12/30:** Served 58.

Nonna's Pizza
4538 Broadway
Depew, NY 14043

The Deli Shoppe
4730 Broadway
Depew, NY 14043

Ace Flag Company
5444 Transit Rd.
Depew, NY 14043

Whale of a Wash
35 French Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Belltower Apartments
42 Haley Lane
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Dave's Christmas Wonderland
2675 Union Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Losson Garden Apartments
110 Losson Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Lancaster High School
1 Forton Dr.
Lancaster, NY 14086

Reinstein Woods Env. Edc. Ctr
93 Honorine Dr.
Depew, NY 14043

John & Mary's
6425 Transit Rd.
Depew, NY 14043

The Grapevine Banquets
333 Dick Rd.
Depew, NY 14043

Cheektowaga School District
3600 Union Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Broadway Sports Center
3500 Broadway
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

JJ's Texas Hots
2984 Union Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

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Lancaster, NY 1086

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Lancaster, NY 14086

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