



FEBRUARY 2017



MATT. 25:36 & 40

### ON OUR HEARTS: Message from Ron Calandra

God's word says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." ~1 Peter 4:10

At Hearts for the Homeless, we feel our volunteers take these words in earnest. Even in a world where we all find ourselves so busy, we feel so fortunate to have very loyal volunteers that have been serving week after week, year after year. Some of them have been with us for 15+ years.

Hearts' Wednesday night Mobile Crew Leader, Steve Ash, put one of his reasons for serving into plain words recently, "If we all gave a little bit more we would have a better world."

There are many benefits to volunteering. We found an article on helpguide.org that detailed how volunteering can even be good for your health. It said, "Volunteering is good for your mind and body and provides many benefits to both mental and physical health. Volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety. The social contact

aspect of helping and working with others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being. Nothing relieves stress better than a meaningful connection to another person. Volunteering combats depression; makes you happy (the more you give, the happier you feel); increases self-confidence; provides a sense of purpose; and helps you stay physically healthy."



**Mobile Crew Volunteers Needed**  
Our Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday Teams are looking for volunteers. If you have 1½ to 2 hours available on any of these days and would like to join a team, please call our office at 877-3536, or email us at hearts4@roadrunner.com

What does it take to be a Mobile Crew Volunteer for Hearts for the Homeless? We look for men and women who have a willing heart to feed and serve the homeless and poor; who can commit 1½ hours to 2 hours, one day a week and are not afraid to encounter men, women, and children who may be dirty, have unpleasant odors, or suffer from mental illness.

Linda on our Thursday night Mobile Crew says, "I do it (volunteer) for the people (clients); they need us to be there for them." Linda believes she is God's outstretched arm for them.

The Bible says, "For even the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve..." ~Mark 10:45

If this article meshes at all with your heart, perhaps you are being called to look for an opportunity to serve somewhere. Hearts for the Homeless welcomes you to apply to volunteer with us.



**SUPPORT HEARTS THRIFT SHOP**  
Come in and Shop at 890 Tonawanda St.  
Monday – Saturday • 10am – 5pm  
Profits help us to help the homeless!

Hearts Thrift Shop stays in sync with the retail industry by rotating our products by the season. Although it is still winter outside our thrift store is beginning to show signs of spring. Spring clothing is out on the racks in all departments (Men's, Women's, and Children's). We never want to let our customers down because so many people in our community depend on us and shop here on a regular basis. So, we make it a point to bring new items out daily.

On a regular basis, Hearts' hears our customers say, "This is my favorite store, I don't shop anywhere else!" We never want to take those words for granted. It is our desire to help our community have access to clothing, house wares, toiletries, and home décor items that we ourselves would use. We test all appliances, electronics and other household items before they go out on the shelves. Clothing is checked for stains, pulls, pills and tears.

By popular demand, The Special Price Rack is back. This rack is packed with brand new clothing items with the original price tag still on them and we sell them below retail. We also have many, many new household items still in their original packaging that we also sell at prices below their retail cost.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from shopping here, please share this information with them. You are also welcome to come in and shop. Your purchases will be helping Hearts Thrift Shop support Hearts for the Homeless Mobile Soup Kitchen because thrift shop profits go back into feeding the homeless.

**SPECIALS THIS MONTH:**  
Ladies Long Sleeve Casual Shirts – BOGO  
Comforters & Blankets – Still BOGO

### IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS:



**PARMESAN CHEESE,  
CANNED: TUNA, CHICKEN, CHILI,  
BEEF STEW & BAKED BEANS.  
SANDWICH COOKIES, JUICE BOXES.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Thank you Holy Cross Church Sunday School kids for collecting winter items for our street clients.





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ALL DONATIONS TO HEARTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

## Lives Touched Last Month

### JANUARY, 2017

Total Clients Served: **920**  
 Homeless: **438**  
 Male: **795**  
 Female: **115**  
 Children: **10**  
 Total Volunteer Hours: **181.50**



*"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter...?" ~Isaiah 58:7*



## WE NOW HAVE 350+ CONVENIENT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS!

Thank you all for placing a bin. Please use our Drop-Off Locations or Visit and Shop at...

### HEARTS THRIFT SHOP

890 Tonawanda St. in Riverside • Mon-Sat: 10am – 5pm  
 Please call our office at 877-3536 if you need a donation receipt.

#### NORTHTOWNS

**St. George—Magdalene Project**  
1910 Falls St.

Niagara Falls, NY 14303

#### Kids Corner Clothing

3269 Niagara Falls Blvd.

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

#### St. Paul's UCC

3921 Mapleton Rd.

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

#### High Point Church

1163 Main Rd.

Corfu, NY 14036

#### Natures Prize

13035 Main Rd.

Akron, NY 14001

#### Casey Middle School

1045 Casey Rd.

East Amherst, NY 14051

#### Leonardi's Pizza

614 Grover Cleveland Hwy.

Amherst, NY 14226

#### Amherst Audubon Library

350 John James Parkway

Amherst, NY 14228

#### EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

#### Dave's Christmas Wonderland

2675 Union Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14227

#### Cheektowaga School District

3600 Union Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

#### Bell Tower Apartments

42 Haley Lane

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

#### Grapevine Banquets

333 Dick Rd.

Depew, NY 14043

#### Purses by Danielle

3663 South Park Avenue

Blasdell, NY 14219

#### Abbott Lanes

1840 Abbott Rd.

Lackawanna, NY 14218

#### Jamestown Rental Properties

303 Lafayette

Jamestown, NY 14701

#### CITY

#### Cazenovia Park Baptist Church

520 Legion Dr.

S. Buffalo, NY 14210

#### City Centre Groceries

1531 East Delevan

Buffalo, NY 14215

#### Grant & Delevan Family Market

302 Grant St.

Buffalo, NY 14213

## TALK FROM THE STREET & HEART:

**1/3:** Served 47; 4 prayed for salvation. **1/4:** Served 50; clients got 2nd and 3rd helpings. "What a hoot, says team leader, Steve; a local pizza parlor came by with pizza for our clients!" **1/5:** Served 60; client, Neil, apologized for being disruptive last week. **1/6:** Served 28; client, Neil, said again tonight that he was very sorry for his disturbance. **1/7:** Served 19; goodie bags we gave out were a blessing to our cold clients. **1/10:** Served 38; motor home needs wiper blades. **1/11:** Served 48. **1/12:** Served 47; requests for blankets & gloves; a huge thank you to Malissa and her Zion outreach team for making the chili tonight. A client thanked us for coming. **1/13:** Served 36. **1/14:** Served 22. **1/15:** Served 44. **1/17:** Served 44; 3 prayed for salvation. The motor home's heater broke down tonight, no defrost either, service light is on! **1/18:** Served 55 from our SUV tonight, motor home in for repair. Thank you, Steve, for buying a space heater for our client. **1/19:** Served 61 on this rainy night. **1/20:** Served 37. **1/21:** Served 21. **1/24:** Served 53; 3 prayed for salvation; requests for gloves & socks. **1/25:** Served a large crowd of 75! **1/26:** Served 59; 3 children tonight, was able to give them some special care bags with kid's items we had onboard. They were so happy! **1/27:** Served 36. **1/28:** Served 35. **1/31:** Served 52.