



## ON OUR HEARTS: Message from Ron Calandra

**G**etting a new vehicle: Many people, over the years, have gotten to know Hearts because of the 32-foot RV motor home that we park downtown at the Buffalo & Erie County Library from which we feed homeless and poor people. But, that is about to change.

In late 2015, Hearts began a capital campaign to replace our current aging motor home. It has taken quite some time to raise enough money to purchase a new one. But, last month, Hearts was forced to find an alternative to serve our street clients after the RV we've used for the past 10 years broke down to the point of no repair.

Our mobile crew volunteers were gracious enough to use their own cars while Hearts put a plan into place. One of our team leaders actually used his own motor home for a couple weeks, and another team leader whose family business is a car dealership was able to lend us a van which we have been using for the last several weeks. He was also able to help us search for a replacement vehicle.

Hearts is closer to launching another means of transportation; but, it is not going to be a 32-foot RV. It will be "shuttle bus size" and will provide safe, dependable transportation for our volunteers, while still having enough seating, counter space, and storage to carry the pre-made hot meals, sandwiches, clothing, blankets, toiletries and other necessary items that we hand out on a regular basis.

We will miss our old RV; but, its replacement definitely has benefits of its own. The 32-foot RV was suitably grandeur in size but always a bit intimidating for some to consider driving; the new vehicle, being less intimidating and manageable, will allow more members of our teams to feel comfortable driving it, putting less of a burden on any one person, per team. It will also cut down on gas expenses; and a newer

vehicle means less repairs!

Soon you will see it on the road making its way downtown after the necessary modifications have been made (taking out seating, putting in a counter, shelving, cupboards, etc.). You will also know it by the Hearts for the Homeless logo it will be wrapped in.

Hearts is so grateful to all the local businesses, churches, organizations, and individuals that have donated money to our capital campaign. We will need to continue to solicit funding to include maintaining the vehicle, pay insurance premiums, and purchase gas on regular basis (all part of the original capital campaign). But, we feel so blessed to have been able to raise what we have so far.

The replacement vehicle would not be possible without the help of volunteers and donors. You have allowed Hearts to continue our outreach to the Homeless without disruption while the RV was out of service. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

## JUICE BOX DRIVE:

**W**ith every meal that Hearts provides to our homeless and poor clients, we serve a juice box. They are somewhat economical, easy for our mobile crews to handle, and also easy to store. But, even with its somewhat economical cost of about 27 cents each, the cost adds up on a monthly basis.

We would like to encourage groups that are looking to get involved with Hearts on a regular basis, to team up with us and make this an ongoing drive. Our kitchen volunteers bag up 350+ sandwiches, desserts, and juice boxes every week. That's 18,200+ juice boxes every year.

If you are interested in carrying out a monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly juice drive, please contact our office at 877-3536.





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



## THRIFT SHOP NEWS:

**H**earts Thrift Shop loves when "one of our own" receives a blessing from working with us. Lindsay was scheduled to work until 2pm one Saturday in June. Right after work, she would be attending a wedding; but, she had not yet found something to wear. Lindsay and co-worker, Maria, came up with a plan to find something for Lindsay to wear after Lindsay finished her shift.

They were more than thrilled when they put together a head to toe ensemble straight off the racks of Hearts Thrift Shop including a dress, summer sweater, shoes, and even earrings, necklace and bangles. The best part—it only cost \$20! Lindsay, who also lives in Hearts' community, has shopped at Hearts for years before working with us. She already knew of our great prices; but, it didn't stop her from being excited about her savings and how lovely the outfit and jewelry were.

Lindsay went to the wedding feeling pretty and was thrilled to report back to us all the compliments she received on her outfit, as if she was a bride herself! She eagerly shared where her outfit came from. Lindsay has another wedding this summer and will get double the delight from her purchase, wearing it. If you have a special event this summer, remember Hearts Thrift Shop can provide you with that special outfit, and at a better cost!

 **IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS**   
**CANNED CHICKEN (urgent)**  
**SPAGHETTI SAUCE, MAYONNAISE,**  
**CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP**  
**SANDWICH COOKIES, JUICE BOXES**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**HEARTS RECYCLE PROGRAM**  
Recycling unwanted clothing restores lives—  
new, used, torn, or tattered,  
we can repurpose it all!  

**HEARTS THRIFT SHOP**  
**ENTER OUR GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY**  
 When you make a purchase  
in our thrift store the last  
Monday of the month starting in  
July until December, you can enter a drawing to  
win a \$50 Gift Certificate to Heart Thrift Shop. 



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 ALL DONATIONS TO HEARTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

## Lives Touched Last Month

**JUNE, 2017**

Total Clients Served: **729**  
 Homeless: **326**  
 Male: **599**  
 Female: **127**  
 Children: **3**  
 Total Volunteer Hours: **173**



*“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.

## TALK FROM THE STREET & HEART:

**6/1:** Served 44; still no motor home to drive downtown, so we loaded up Ron’s truck. Everyone received 2nd helpings. **6/2:** Served 23. **6/3:** Served 20. **6/6:** Served 30, 2 prayed to receive salvation; clients asking for razors and blankets. **6/7:** Served 25; nice crowd tonight. **6/8:** Served 25; no motor home but we are renting a van until we get a new vehicle. **6/9:** Served 25 **6/10:** Served 23. **6/13:** Served 31; asking for toothpaste. **6/14:** Served 37; **6/15:** Served 42; a very hot evening. John prayed with a man whose sister was in a very bad car accident. **6/16:** Served 23. **6/17:** Served 25. **6/20:** Served 32, 5 prayed for salvation. **6/21:** Served 38; we had a lot of socks, soap, and razors to hand out...what a blessing. Group from Centerpointe Church joined us tonight. **6/22:** Served 39; lots of snacks to hand out tonight. **6/23:** Served 27. **6/24:** Served 27; need L/XL shirts. **6/27:** Served 32, 1 salvation. **6/28:** Served 54. Thank you Andrew from Centerpointe Church for driving the van for us tonight! We appreciate all of you! **6/29:** Served 54. **6/30:** Served 27, all pleased and thankful for the food.

### NORTHTOWNS

- Busch Floor Co.**  
2727 Elmwood Ave.  
Kenmore, NY 14217
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
8760 Transit Rd.  
East Amherst, NY 14051
- Getzville Plaza**  
2343 Millersport Hwy.  
Getzville, NY 14068
- Boka Farms**  
6021 Campbell Blvd.  
Lockport, NY 14094
- St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
4169 Church Rd.  
Lockport, NY 14094

### EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

- Nature’s Prize**  
13035 Main Rd.  
Akron, NY 14001
- Four Seasons Collision**  
1010 Transit Way  
Brockport, NY 14420
- Miller’s Bulk Foods & Bakery**  
10858 Ridge Rd.  
Medina, NY 14103
- Bell Tower Apartments**  
42 Haley Lane  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
- Lakeville Family Restaurant**  
5858 Big Tree (Route 20)  
Lakeville, NY 14480
- Shop & Save**  
10 Buffalo St.  
Gowanda, NY 14070

### Stop & Gas-Machias

- 9718 Main St.  
Machias, NY 14101
- Jamestown Rental Properties**  
303 Lafayette  
Jamestown, NY 14701

### Chuck’s Automotive

- 113 Lake St.  
Hamburg, NY 14075

### CITY

- Colvin Market.**  
117 Colvin Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14216
- The Small World**  
327 14th St.  
Buffalo, NY 14213
- Kingdom Kids**  
690 Broadway  
Buffalo, NY 14212