



ON OUR HEARTS: Message from Ron Calandra

Thankful

We are coming up on 27 years this December that Hearts has been feeding the poor & homeless in Buffalo. Each time I sit back and think about every person, church, organization, and business that has been involved with us since 1990 I am so moved. Every day at Hearts, each one of us is a witness to the goodness that comes through our door in various forms of donations: clothing for the thrift shop, food drop offs, financial gifts, volunteers donating their time - all of this given freely and without expectation. It amazes me that there are so many of you out there!

Hearts has partnered with hundreds of volunteers over the last 26 years, each lending their individual gifting(s). We have also partnered with many different local agencies and nonprofits. One longstanding partnership is with the Buffalo Dream Center (BDC) and Rev. Eric and Michelle Johns. We came together many years ago to share our resources, and most importantly, to bus in every homeless or poor man, woman, and child in our neighborhoods, affording them a Christmas Eve Dinner and celebration that otherwise they would not have. The Gospel is preached and many come to know Christ.

Another partnership of ours, Zion Dominion Global Ministries, joins Hearts' Friday night crew, once a month, to help us feed the homeless. Once again this year, they will be providing the homeless with a traditional Thanksgiving meal right out there on the streets in downtown Buffalo. A catered event buffet-style, tables set for fellowship with festive tablecloths - a Thanksgiving dinner to remember with all the trimmings, fit for the finest guest.

These are just two examples of why we are partial to partnership! It enables us to extend our mission to feed the homeless and poor

beyond what we could accomplish on our own. We couldn't exist without it. Unity in partnership produces crossing of unique gifts and ideas, and "as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another;" Proverbs 27:17. The end result is fresh ideas, greater energy, and the best part - potential to reach more people for Christ.

We are so grateful to God for His command for partnership and "unity of the Spirit," His ways are best; it is the key to carrying out the mission that we are called to do. Every year, the needs continue to be there; and, it is comforting to know that we can rest, assured you will be standing with us to meet each of those needs. During the month of Thanksgiving, we remember each one of you and give thanks and praise to God!

May you and your family have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!



WANT TO GET INVOLVED THIS CHRISTMAS? WE NEED BAKERS TO MAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Every year, Hearts teams up with the Buffalo Dream Center to provide a Christmas Eve Dinner to the needy, homeless, and extended community. A full dinner, entertainment, and gifts are all part of the event. Each dinner guest is also sent home with a dishful of festive Christmas Cookies. Would you consider adding a couple dozen cookies to your holiday baking to donate to our Christmas Eve Dinner? Please call the Hearts office at 877-3536 or email at hearts4@roadrunner.com if you are able to bake. Deadline for Delivery is December 19th.



HEARTS RECYCLE PROGRAM

There are many ways for you to help and restore the lives of others by recycling your unwanted clothing - new, used, torn, or tattered. We are able to repurpose it all!



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

Include Hearts Thrift Shop in Your Holiday Shopping



Hearts Thrift Shop's staff worked very hard to switch over seasonal merchandise so you can have plenty of time to find bargains for the holiday. We are stuffed with merchandise.

There is even a special priced rack that is packed with brand new items with the tags still on them.

We encourage you to come in and browse; you won't leave empty-handed. There is something for everyone. Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, holiday lighting, gift bags & wrap, tablecloths, dish towels, decorative pillows, throws, and even holiday motif clothing for men, women, and children.

Our thrift shop has jewelry, belts, handbags, shoes, boots, sneakers, slippers, and clothing from small to plus sizes. We carry winter coats, brand new socks, sleepwear, underwear and female under garments. The Children's Department is a favored place for moms' and dads' and especially the children to find fun games & toys and every kind of clothing.

Please tell your friends who like to shop thrift about us. Our merchandise is fresh, clean, and good quality at great prices.

250 to 300 DOZEN CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

It's that time of year!

Please call our office at 877-3536; drop off your cookies at our 890 Tonawanda St. Center by Dec. 19th.



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VISIT US ONLINE AT: heartsforthehomeless.org
 ALL DONATIONS TO HEARTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**Lives Touched
 Last Month**
OCTOBER, 2017

Total Clients Served: **1,115**
 Homeless: **483**
 Male: **876**
 Female: **233**
 Children: **6**
 Total Volunteer Hours: **145**



"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:

10/3: Served 37, they loved the hot meal; 2 prayed to receive Christ in their heart; asking for jackets, hoodies, & blankets. **10/4:** Served 39. **10/5:** Served 54; everyone was blessed to get 2 sodas & crackers with their chili. **10/6:** Served 25. **10/7:** Served 28; asking for deodorant. **10/10:** Served 52; 2 prayed to receive Christ as Savior; clients in need of size 11 sneakers; jackets & backpacks. **10/11:** Served 35; all went smoothly. **10/12:** Served 61; a man praised God for healing him of cancer-Randy is cancer-free! **10/13:** Served 38. **10/14:** Served 31; asking for socks. **10/16:** Served 51; 2 prayed for salvation; need size 11 shoes for Nelson; also asking for razors, hoodies & jackets. **10/18:** Served 68; crowds are getting larger! Got requests for coats, hoodies, sweat pants, sleeping bag/blankets. **10/19:** Served 69; clients liked the bologna sandwiches! **10/20:** Served 48. **10/21:** Served 56; unusually large numbers for a Saturday; sad that we ran out of food! **10/24:** Served 70; 4 prayed to receive Christ as savior. **10/25:** Served 69. **10/26:** Served 83! Long line of clients waiting; a little hectic with so many, but everyone was blessed; one of our volunteers recognized the face of a young lady coming to eat. **10/27:** Served 54. **10/28:** Served 56; asking for socks, razors, blankets. **10/31:** Served 57. Hearts is so thankful for all of our faithful Mobile Crew Volunteers who serve unconditionally.

NORTHTOWNS

- Amherst Baptist Church**
100 Willow Ridge Dr.
Amherst, NY 14228
- Eaton Office Supply**
180 John Glenn Dr.
Amherst, NY 14228
- Getzville Plaza**
2343 Millersport Hwy.
Getzville, NY 14068
- Busch Floor Company**
2727 Elmwood Ave.
Kenmore, NY 14217
- Eco Mart**
2355 Elmwood Ave.
Kenmore, NY 14217
- Niagara Computer**
40 Locust St.
Lockport, NY 14094

EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

- Miller's Bulk Foods & Bakery**
10858 Ridge Rd.
Medina, NY 14103
- The Oak Grill & Cafe**
7062 Lewiston Rd.
Olcott, NY 14126
- Grace in Community Church**
11269 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004
- Seneca Health Care**
2987 Buffalo St.
West Seneca, NY 14224
- Shop & Save**
10 Buffalo St.
Gowanda, NY 14070
- Get Your Nickel Back**
112-114 East Main St.
Fredonia, NY 14063

Village Glass

- 24 N. Main St.
Franklinville, NY 14737
- Jamestown Rental Properties**
303 Lafayette
Jamestown, NY 14701
- CITY**
- AC Lofts**
136 North Division St.
Buffalo, NY 14203
- Carm and Sal Auto Service**
1460 Niagara St.
Buffalo, NY 14213
- Hewitt International**
1585 Hertel Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14216
- A & H Grocery & Deli**
2248 Amherst St.
Buffalo, NY 14207