



IN 2017, YOU HELPED US REACH 10,063+ HOMELESS AND POOR PEOPLE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL SERVED	920	851	892	846	785	729	790	1,026	940	1,115	1,169	948
MALE	795	740	772	685	647	599	631	823	726	876	918	774
FEMALE	115	103	109	153	132	127	327	184	201	233	232	168
CHILDREN	10	8	11	8	9	3	17	19	13	6	19	6
HOMELESS	438	332	411	343	347	326	327	474	360	483	459	431

ON OUR HEARTS:

Message from Ron Calandra

Happy New Year! We trust your Christmas and Holiday season and the ringing in the New Year met you with goodness and joy.

Our joy comes when we know that every donation we received reaches those who need it the most. Hearts for the Homeless has so many faithful, generous donors that give their time, money, food, clothing, and various other items so that Hearts can carry out our mission to meet the demands of those who are living on the streets, and those who have very little and depend on us.

In 2017, we reached and served 10,000+ people on the streets through Hearts Mobile Soup Kitchen; met additional needs that came in over the phone and from within the community, and also helped many families through Hearts Thrift Shop.

Annual Christmas Eve Dinner: Together Hearts for the Homeless and the Buffalo Dream Center served over 100 poor and homeless people at our annual Christmas Eve dinner. Two large buses picked up and dropped off our guests at 5 different spots in the city of Buffalo. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal along with the homemade cookies, that many of YOU handmade and donated.

Throughout the year, and most recently during this holiday season, we received an abundance of toiletries, brand new and gently used blankets, hats, gloves, coats, and even items for infants and toddlers. About 2 dozen families with children were given a care package with diapers, baby wipes, lotion, and various other baby products via our thrift store.

Our homeless clients receive the bulk of the other donations mentioned above. Hearts Mobile Soup Kitchen bus is packed up daily with all the items our street clients need to live in the outdoor elements. Our volunteer Mobile Crews are very happy to be able to hand these items out when they go downtown to the library to feed them.

And, none of this would be possible without YOU! At the start of each year, we survey all the blessings that we have received and realize with God's guidance and your generosity we can take on the year ahead in confidence. We can't thank you enough for being there for us so that we can provide for those who are in need.



Annual Christmas Eve Dinner



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

Hearts Thrift Shop was busy this holiday season with shoppers wanting to give their children and families the best Christmas they could afford. Year after year, we hear stories from our customers about how hard it is to keep food on the table, let alone buy gifts.

As we hear their stories, we are able to put smiles on their faces by offering them a chance to pick out a few brand new gifts from our store at no cost to them. Hearts Thrift Shop receives brand new toys, games, various household items, and clothing from area churches, organizations, and individuals just for this purpose, to help families put together a Christmas they may not otherwise be able to afford.

Throughout the year, we continue to help those who have needs by letting them come in and shop for their families at no charge. In fact, many times donors will ask us to give their donation away to someone in need.

This happened today - we received two women's down coats. Just as the coats came in, a refugee was in the store looking through the coat rack; she had only a sweater and a hat to keep warm. We were able to offer her one of the down coats. Now, that's what we call God's timing. The other coat was offered to a younger girl who had come into the store. We cherish these moments. We are greatly encouraged when we know we are meeting a need.

The New Year has just begun, and we look forward to helping all the people in our local community that God sends our way.

**IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS
URGENT NEED FOR ZIPLOCK BAGGIES**

- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- CANNED CHICKEN, KIDNEY BEANS
- SANDWICH COOKIES, ZIPLOCK BAGGIES

**PLEASE REMEMBER
HEARTS RECYCLE PROGRAM**

Recycling unwanted clothing restores lives -
new, used, torn, or tattered,
we can repurpose it all!

**HEARTS THRIFT SHOP
CURRENT SPECIALS**

- Ladies Regular Pants BOGO
- Decorator Pillows B1G2
- Belts BOGO
- Wall Pictures BOGO
- Comforters/Blankets BOGO



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

Lives Touched Last Month

DECEMBER, 2017

Total Clients Served: **948**
 Homeless: **431**
 Male: **774**
 Female: **168**
 Children: **6**
 Total Volunteer Hours: **227**



"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

- Corner Market**
3030 Sweet Home Rd.
Amherst, NY 14226
- Eaton Office Supply**
180 John Glenn Dr.
Amherst, NY 14228
- Boka Farms**
6021 Campbell Blvd.
Lockport, NY 14094
- ECO Centers - Whitney**
1102 Falls St.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
- ECO Centers - Niagara Falls Blvd.**
8102 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
- ECO Centers - Hyde Park**
2201-2299 New Jersey Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

- Grandpa Dells**
1919 Broadway
Darien, NY 14040
- Unimart**
12996 Main Rd.
Akron, NY 14001
- Jan's Smoke Shop**
383 Bloomingdale Rd.
Akron, NY 14001
- Washboard Willy's Laundromat**
206 Hamilton St.
Albion, NY 14411
- Grace in Community Church**
11269 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004
- Chicks Bar & Lanes**
8196 Erie Rd.
Angola, NY 14006

Domes Gift Shop

- 397 Route 39 West
Arcade, NY 14009
- Braymiller Market**
6936 Gowanda State Rd.
Hamburg, NY 14075

CITY

- Ferry Express Mart**
1507 Fillmore Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14211
- Seasons Fashion & Beauty**
1346 Kensington Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14215
- The Kitchen Table**
690 Hertel Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14207
- Gold Star**
1126 Genesee St.
Buffalo, NY 14211

TALK FROM THE STREET & HEART:

12/1: Served 40. **12/2:** Served 42. **12/5:** Served 41; 12 people prayed with team to ask Jesus into their hearts. **12/6:** Served 50, all went well. **12/7:** Served 50; asking for blankets, coats, gloves & hats to help in this extreme weather. Clients were thankful for the hot chili and everyone got 2nd helpings. **12/8:** Served 31. **12/9:** Served 47. **12/12:** Served 46. **12/13:** Served 43 on a very cold night. **12/14:** Served 53; each client received a pair of socks & bag of chips with their regular meal. **12/15:** Served 25. **12/16:** Served 40. **12/19:** Served 50; thank you Kathy for baking individual size banana loaves for each client. **12/20:** Served 47; thank you Centerpointe Church for bringing individual bags of homemade Christmas cookies for each client. **12/21:** Served 69; a cold evening. Thank you Ingram Micro team for bringing each client a tote filled with winter wear, toiletries (everything to help our clients tackle the cold and day to day life on the streets). **12/22:** Served 45. **12/23:** Served 31. **12/26:** Served 40. **12/27:** Served 40. **12/28:** Served 50; extremely cold night. We gave chips with the meal; and we handed out blankets. **12/29:** Served 21. **12/30:** Served 27. Hearts is so thankful for all of our faithful Mobile Crew Volunteers who serve unconditionally.