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CALL: 25-36 & 40

**ON OUR HEARTS:
Message from Ron Calandra**



Hearts' clients lined up to eat as the Mobile Soup Kitchen pulls up at the Downtown Library.

Hearts has always been so blessed by our volunteer Mobile Crews. Our volunteers are a mix of amazing men and women who go above and beyond the call of duty every time they go out to serve. These are men and women who are committed to going out to feed the poor and homeless one night per week, 52 weeks of the year. It is because of these local champions that Hearts has been able to carry on our outreach over the last 27 years.

"The other side of the line" is a metaphor for breaking the boundary between Hearts' street clients and our volunteers. Although caution is always advised, there are times when serving that a volunteer feels crossing to the other side of the line is the right thing to do for a greater purpose, for those in need.

Below is a poem and short article from one of our Friday night leaders, Rick, who has been faithfully serving with Hearts for 10 years. He is teamed up with two other volunteers, Dave, who has been with Hearts 10+ years; and Billy, who's been a huge help in filling in on other nights when needed. Together this trio leads their team in carrying out Hearts' outreach to the poor and homeless adding their personal values, resources, and flair.

The Other Side of the Line

I am a volunteer at Hearts;
I have seen them (street clients) come and go.
I asked myself many times, "Can I do more?"
I saw our team give food and clothes;
then, I realized they must need more!
I reached out slightly; I said,
"I am here for you, just call."
So, they asked ever so politely;
and, what we do means the world to them.

Our Friday Night Mobile Crew has gone over "the other side of the line" and reached out to some of Hearts' regular patrons. With extra help, we have been able to purchase and donate shoes, boots, TVs, beds, and toys & gifts for their kids. We have also filled some of their fridges. We have had cookouts and barbeques right out there on the street where we feed at the library.

Just providing these few things, that most of us take for granted every day, brings them a little more joy to a life that is so hard at times. It is one thing to volunteer an hour or two; it is another to reach over the "other side of the line" and do more for them and God.

Be a brave volunteer and reach out to ask what more you can do to help on "the other side of the line."



Friday team Leader, Rick, serving Hearts' poor and homeless clients.



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

Noteworthy...

♥ Hearts Thrift Shop is currently in the middle of our changeover of winter clothing to spring/summer clothing. As we cleaned out winter, we were able to put out a large bag of women's coats for "free" to anyone who needed one. That bag didn't stay full very long. By the end of the day, all coats were gone.

♥ It is so wonderful to see posts on the Internet regarding our store. A recent post said, "This is one of the most organized thrift stores I've shopped in. The selection is good, the prices are very low, and the sales are great!"

♥ We also recently put out a prayer bucket for customers to write down their prayer requests so we can pray for them. We have always prayed for our customers in the past as they brought us their challenges. But, we were quite shocked at how quickly the bucket filled up. The prayers were very specific and many were very traumatic. It is an honor to be able to pray through the challenges with our customers; but, so sad to know what they are going through. If you feel led to pray generally for our customers, they would be grateful.

**IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS
URGENT NEED FOR ZIPLOCK BAGGIES**
SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED CHICKEN,
CREAM OF MUSHROOM &
CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUPS
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 Jeans BOGO
Ladies Long/Short Sleeved Shirts
Decorator Pillows BOGO
Comforters/Blankets/Sheets,
Mix & Match BOGO
Many Other Specials
to Check Out In-Store



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

Lives Touched Last Month

JANUARY, 2018

Total Clients Served: **883**
 Homeless: **360**
 Male: **728**
 Female: **144**
 Children: **11**
 Total Volunteer Hours: **192**



“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:

1/2: Served 30; 3 prayed for salvation. **1/3:** Served 43. **1/4:** Served 37; thankful people on this cold & bitter (w/storm warnings) night. We had carrot sticks to hand out; each client also got 2 hot meals & 2 sandwiches. **1/5:** Served 19. **1/6:** Served 16. **1/9:** Served 43; 5 prayed for salvation. **1/10:** Served 44; we had extra hot meals and took them to the city mission. **1/11:** Served 49; clients were happy we were serving chili tonight. We gave out blankets & hygiene items. **1/12:** Served 34. **1/13:** Served 31. **1/16:** Served 39. **1/17:** Served 40; all went well. **1/18:** Served 45, 1 child; John’s wife volunteered for the 1st time and enjoyed serving. **1/19:** Served 26. **1/20:** Served 49. **1/23:** Served 40. **1/24:** Served 53. **1/25:** Served 57; handed out blankets on the chilled night; client, Joe, received prayer for his health. **1/26:** Served 49; they love their beans & franks; and PBJ sandwiches. Thank Zion Global Outreach for serving with us tonight. **1/27:** Served 24. **1/30:** Served 43. **1/31:** Served 66; 1 child.

Hearts is so thankful for all of our faithful Mobile Crew Volunteers who serve unconditionally.

Warm Winter Gloves are Needed

NORTHTOWNS

- Creekside AOG Church**
2625 Tonawanda Creek Rd.
Amherst, NY 14228
- Amherst Baptist Church**
100 Willow Ridge Dr.
Amherst, NY 14228
- Amherst Alliance Church**
3915 Millersport Hwy.
Amherst, NY 14228
- Bethesda Full Gospel Church**
6 Delaware St.
Tonawanda, NY 14150
- Kenilworth United Church of Christ**
45 Dalton Dr.
Tonawanda, NY 14150
- St. Paul’s United Church of Christ**
3921 Mapleton
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

- Molasses Hill Bulk Foods**
466 Ellicott St.
Batavia, NY 14020
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
8900 Sheridan Dr.
Clarence, NY 14031
- Clarence United Methodist Church**
10205 Greiner Rd.
Clarence, NY 14031
- Lighthouse Christian Books/Gifts**
6722 Southwestern Blvd.
Lakeview, NY 14085
- Lancaster High School**
1 Forton Dr.
Lancaster, NY 14086
- Turtle Opticians**
5430 Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086

First United Methodist Church

- 474 East Main St.
Springville, NY 14141
- Arcade Apartments**
645 West Main St.
Arcade, NY 14009
- CITY**
- Expert Collision & Paint**
1094 Kenmore Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14216
- Buff City**
88 Lisbon Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14214
- AC Lofts**
136 North Division St.
Buffalo, NY 14203
- Cazenovia Park Baptist Church**
520 Legion Dr.
Buffalo, NY 14210