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MATT. 25-36 & 40

ON OUR HEARTS: Message from Ron Calandra

Hearts is excited to report that we have reconnected with the Food Bank of WNY and we are so glad to be accepted back into their program. The Food Bank's program helps to keep our food pantry stocked with items needed to feed our homeless clients. Their program will also open up an opportunity for Hearts to reach further into our local community beyond the boundaries of our mobile soup kitchen.

Over the years, The Food Bank has expanded and enhanced their program to include delivery, preferred food selection, training, and more. We are so pleased with these services.

We have found The Food Bank to be a great organization with people who believe in what they do; and, it shows at every level of service that we have been provided with. They make it so easy to choose food selections via computer. We have been met by their pleasant, friendly, and helpful staff at every turn, from their site visit at Hearts, training at their site, phone contact, and even delivery is on time, organized, and brought right to our door with a smile. Really!

We have learned a lot more about The Food Bank that we feel is worth sharing. They are the primary hunger-relief organization in WNY, and also operate a variety of programs that fight hunger through nutrition education and the direct distribution of food to the most vulnerable community members.

Founded in 1979, they provide food via 341 member agencies like Hearts, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth programs, group homes and senior centers. They act as a bridge between available food and member agencies by receiving donations of food from their partners in the food industry, including farmers, packers, manufacturers, grocers, and wholesalers, as well as from community food drives, individual food donations, and financial support from donors.

Within the Food Bank's service area, there

are 178,810 people (13.3% of the overall population); and 58,430 children (20.7% of the child population) that are considered food insecure.

Food insecurity is defined by not having consistent access to enough nutritious food to lead a healthy life because of loss of a job, inadequate wages, injury, illness, lack of access to food stamps, and costs associated with unexpected hardships. In any given month, the Food Bank assists as many as 135,000 individuals, including more than 44,000 families, 55,000 children and infants and nearly 16,500 seniors.

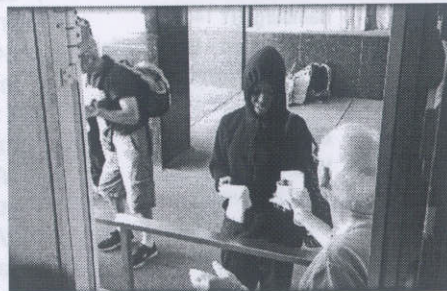
The Food Bank of Western New York works tirelessly to fight hunger one day at a time. In considering those that God set in our path to feed, clothe, and provide a caring atmosphere, we are so grateful to have the backing of the programs offered at The Food Bank of WNY.

Info on the Food Bank and Statistics were taken from The Food Bank's website at foodbankwny.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our Saturday Team is looking for a team member.

If you have 2 hours available from 4pm to 6pm, every Saturday, and interested in feeding the homeless please call 877-3536; or email hearts4@roadrunner.com



HEARTS THRIFT SHOP CURRENT SPECIALS

- Ladies Jeans & Casual Pants BOGO
- Ladies Long/Short Sleeved Shirts
- Decorator Pillows BOGO
- Comforters/Blankets/Sheets
- Mix & Match BOGO
- Many Other Specials
- to Check Out In-Store

IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS

CANNED CHICKEN, GRAPE JELLY



CREAM OF MUSHROOM &
CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP



SANDWICH COOKIES, ZIPLOCK BAGGIES



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

♥ Customer Updates

We are thrilled to report good news about one of our longtime female customers. She has been troubled with a back issue that left her hunched over for years, so badly that her head faced downward. When she came in the other day, we couldn't believe what we saw! She had an operation that, after all these years, has straightened her torso & shoulders allowing her for the first time to greet us face to face! We are so happy for her. Thank you God.

Another answer to prayer is for one of our customers whose son has been an abuser of drugs & alcohol. He recently agreed to go to rehab and is currently in a program. Praise God!

♥ Hearts gets a Facelift

The main room of the thrift shop has had the same carpeting since 1996, that's 22 years! Last month, we were able to change it. We were also able to put up some new wall displays that have allowed us to expand our shoes and house wares departments. The expansion of wall displays allows us to put out more merchandise which results in more sales and ultimately more profit which goes back into feeding our poor & homeless clients.

Our customers are thrilled; and, we thank God for this goodness and for our fresh new look. Thank you to our donors who make all this possible.



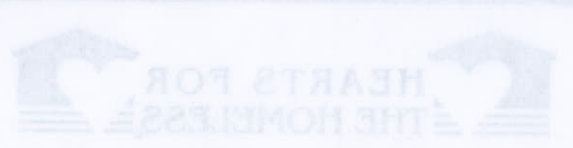
Thrift Shop's new carpeting gave us a fresh, clean appearance and happy customers.



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VISIT US ONLINE AT: heartsforthehomeless.org

ALL DONATIONS TO HEARTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Lives Touched Last Month

FEBRUARY, 2018

Total Clients Served: **949**
Homeless: **451**
Male: **700**
Female: **185**
Seniors: **42**
Children: **22**
Total Volunteer Hours: **140**



"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

Lakeside Furniture
1688 Lake Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

Melloni Market Place
200 Lockport Rd.
Youngstown, NY 14174

Valero - Grand Island Market
1441 Ransom Rd.
Grand Island, NY 14072

Getzville Plaza
2343 Millersport Highway
Getzville, NY 14068

Beechwood Continuing Care
2235 Millersport Highway
Getzville, NY 14068

Healthworks WNY
2075 Sheridan Dr.
Tonawanda, NY 14150

EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

Clearfield Library
770 Hopkins Rd,
Williamsville, NY 14221

Hectors Hardware
876 Maple Rd.
Williamsville, NY 14221

Coastal Ashford Hollow Station
9193 Route 219
West Valley, NY 14171

Whale of a Wash
11 North America Dr.
West Seneca, NY 14224

Valero Bob's Deli
1045 Davis Rd.
West Falls, NY 14170

Abbott Lanes
1840 Abbott Rd.
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Hamburg Plaza

5999 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075

Tops Market - Ellicottville
64 East Washington St.
Ellicottville, NY 14731

CITY

Valero - William St.
1624 William St.
Buffalo, NY 14206

Clinton Express
1270 Clinton St.
Buffalo, NY 14216

City Foods
711 Kensington Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14215

Shakers Nice Price
68 Grant St.
Buffalo, NY 14213

TALK FROM THE STREET & HEART:

2/1: Served 44; our community service students from Buffalo State's Social Work Dept expressed how good it makes them feel to be helping feed the homeless. **2/2:** Served 27; lots of new blankets to hand out tonight. **2/3:** Served 28. **2/6:** Served 36; asking for razors, socks, gloves. **2/7:** Served 43; all went well! **2/8:** Only served 38-a very cold night; lots of traffic going downtown, an ambulance also came for a sick person behind our bus. **2/9:** Served 22. **2/10:** Served 31. **2/13:** Served 46; 8 people prayed for salvation. **2/14:** Served 60. **2/15:** Served 64-rainy night; clients asking for razors. Thank you to our Buff State community servants for doing such a great job! **2/16:** Served 33; Buff State students made up and handed out toiletry bags so clients who have been asking for razors all month long got their razors, as well as other needed supplies! **2/17:** Served 50. **2/20:** 56; 7 people prayed for salvation. **2/21:** Served 51. **2/22:** Served 68; asking for gloves, looking ahead to the winter weather coming. **2/23:** Served 42. **2/24:** Served 58; ran out of blankets. **2/27:** Served 64; 3 prayed for salvation. **2/28:** Served 65; clients got strawberry yogurt in addition to their regular meal and dessert.

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