



JULY 2018



MATT 25-36 & 40

ON OUR HEARTS: Message from Ron Calandra

Hope you are finding ways to keep cool during this summer's heat wave? Hearts has been giving ice cold water to our poor and homeless clients down at the Library where we feed them. We've heard their cries over the past couple summers for water. We are so glad that you have responded to our cry to you so that we can now provide for this need.

We give the water as an extra, along with the regular drink that goes with the meal, so clients have the water to take away with them. They are loving the extra bottle of water. We freeze it ahead of time so it stays cold for a while longer in these hot temperatures and hopefully still cold when they want to drink it.

If you would like to donate bottled water to help us keep our street friends hydrated this summer, please bring personal sized bottled water to our outreach center at 890 Tonawanda St., Buffalo, 14207 (Riverside section of Buffalo).

Faithful to Serve, Even in this Heat

Hearts for the Homeless' Volunteer Mobile Crews continue to be faithful servants to our poor and homeless clients during this hot summer.

In addition to feeding the clients, volunteers make sure any needs the clients have that Hearts is able to help with are being taken care of — a prayer, a kind word to be shared; or a blanket, razor, soap, clothing, socks, sneakers, or an agency resource sheet is given out. Sometimes it seems that there is no big or new news to report. But, it feels great that we can consistently say our clients' needs are being met.

Feeding between 25 and 100 people a night is no small task; but, we have enthusiastic volunteers who feel called and also have big hearts. They don't just go downtown to hand out a bag of food; they are determined to make sure each person in the food line feels special and knows they care about them. Since many

of the homeless clients have been around year after year, for many years, volunteers know them by name. Even the poor families are cared for and the children that come with their parents, (the little ones), are given stuffed animals and toiletry bags made up with items exclusively for kids.

We would like to give a shout out to all of our volunteers, who truly help us put the "heart" into our name, Hearts for the Homeless. Each one of you is a life line to the clients and a huge blessing to all of us at Hearts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you have 2 hours available from 4pm to 6pm, on Saturdays and looking for a volunteer opportunity? Hearts Mobile Soup Kitchen's Saturday Team is looking for a team member. If you are interested in feeding the homeless with our awesome Saturday team, please call 877-3536; or email hearts4@roadrunner.com

Your Food & Financial Donations are Helping Us Provide an Additional 420 Food Bags

As we wrote about in last month's newsletter, Hearts is partnering with the Buffalo Dream Center (BDC) by providing and preparing needed food bags for their summer outreach.

The BDC's Late Night Street Ministry is up and running. Hearts is blessed to be able to help them in this way. We have already provided 240 food bags with a sandwich, drink, and dessert.

The bags of food are given out directly to those they come in contact with during their Late Night Street Ministry. Every Thursday night; two teams hit the streets - one goes to the downtown bus station and another goes to Grant Street which is the highest crime area of the city. At night, Grant Street is filled with the homeless, drug trafficking, and prostitution. In both locations, people are hungry - homeless, prostitutes, and other people in despair. BDC volunteers go armed with candy & food and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their goal is to pray for people and show them the love of Jesus; then, they invite these people to a free lunch at the BDC a couple days later, and provide transportation to get there. Your donations to Hearts have enabled us to help!



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

We are so grateful for all the customers who choose to shop at Hearts Thrift Store. We have many customers that have been shopping here for years. Just as we were discussing this thought the other day, we turned around and there we saw our customer, Barb. She overheard our conversation and reminded us that she was the very first customer to come through our door in Riverside, over 20 years ago. It is amazing to us that we can say that! Over the years, we have gotten to know her quite well. We also had opportunities to help her family through our thrift shop.

Do You Love Designer Purses?

For those of you who love your designer bags; Hearts Thrift Shop has a bounty that came through - genuine designer handbags in very good condition. They are currently out in our thrift shop for \$29.99 each, including Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Cole Haan, and a variety of others. Hurry before they are all gone!



Beginning Fall/Winter Changeover

Although the weather still makes one want to don summer fashions, at the end of July, Hearts Thrift Shop will be starting to fill our racks with fall/winter regular and special priced clothing. If you'd like to get out of the heat, we invite you into our air conditioned store to get the first pickings of fall/winter clothing.

HEARTS THRIFT SHOP CURRENT SPECIALS

- Ladies Swim Suits 50% OFF
- Ladies Sleeveless shirts 3/\$6.00
- Ladies Sweaters/Shrugs BOGO
- Blankets & Comforters 50%
- ALL Toys BOGO



IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS

CANNED CHICKEN, BOTTLED WATER
FOR FALL, HOT MEAL START UP -
SPAGHETTI SAUCE



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

**Lives Touched
 Last Month**
JUNE, 2018

Total Clients Served: **1,041**
 Homeless: **393**
 Male: **827**
 Female: **185**
 Seniors: **98**
 Children: **29**
 Total Volunteer Hours: **110**



“Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter...?” ~Isaiah 58:7



**WE NOW HAVE 400+
 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 14228
- EZ Mart**
4291 Maple Rd.
Amherst, NY 14226
- Town Cafe**
2352 Grand Island Blvd
Grand Island, NY 14072
- Zack's Wheatfield Car Wash**
3509 Niagara Falls Blvd.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
- Elks Lodge**
1805 Fashion Outlet Blvd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
- Tonawanda Bowling Center**
574 Young St.
Tonawanda, NY 14150

EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

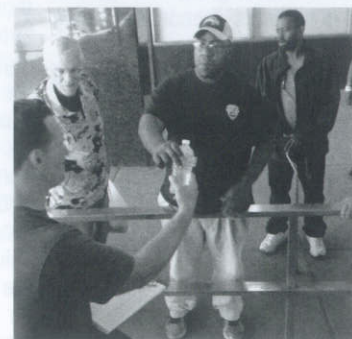
- Ace Flag Company**
5444 Transit Rd.
Depew, NY 14043
- JJ's Texas Hots**
2984 Union Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
- Canine Capers**
4865 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075
- Hope on the Hill**
10039 Savage Rd.
Holland, NY 14080
- Letchworth Cntry Store - Valero**
3279 Route 408
Mt. Morris, NY 14510
- GP Express**
3287 South Park Ave.
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Walmart - Olean

- 1869 Plaza Dr.
Olean, NY 14760
- CITY**
- Cazenovia Park Baptist Church**
520 N. Legion Dr.
Buffalo, NY 14210
- The Kitchen Table**
690 Hertel Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14207
- Elmwood Center**
161 Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201
- West Side Community Services**
161 Vermont Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14213
- Valero - William Street**
1624 William St.
Buffalo, NY 14206

TALK FROM THE STREET & HEART:

6/1: Served 25; Rick offered prayer for all; asking for soap, deodorant, razors. **6/2:** Served 35; asking for soap. **6/5:** Served 42; 2 prayed the prayer of salvation. **6/6:** Served 34; asking for shirts. **6/7:** We put everything we had on the bus outside so clients could pick through (blankets, pillows, clothing, etc.) Wow! Everyone was blessed. **6/8:** Served 24. **6/9:** Served 22. **6/12:** Served 63; 4 prayed the prayer of salvation. **6/13:** Served 49. **6/14:** Served 55; Once again we loaded a lot of stuff to give out tonight (blankets, clothes, shirts, pants). A man was thrilled to get an attaché case! **6/15:** Served 34. **6/16:** Served 37. **6/19:** Served 54; asking for razors. **6/20:** Served 74; all went well. The clients really enjoyed the extra bottle of cold water. **6/21:** Served 66. **6/22:** Served 80. **6/23:** Served 41. **6/26:** served 50; 2 prayed the prayer of salvation. **6/27:** Served 52; asking for backpacks. **6/28:** Served 72; grateful



for the frozen bottled water with the high humidity! **6/29:** Served 42. **6/30:** Served 38; clients asking for book bags, underwear, and socks.