



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

GEARING UP FOR FALL



Although we brought this up in our last newsletter, it's important to mention again – Hearts would like to give a huge thank you to each of you that donated bottled water over the summer. We've been sharing posts of our bounty on Facebook. Our clients were truly blessed. Each night they looked forward to receiving the water that our crews handed out. Over the years, Hearts' clients have learned that when we promise to do something, we make every effort to follow through. It is only through your generosity that we can make good on our promises. So, we owe you many thanks. And, because you gave so generously, we will be handing out bottled water, as an extra beverage, well into the fall season.

As we look to the fall season, we begin to restock our food pantry with the needed canned goods that we use in our hot meals and sandwiches.

If you'd like to have a successful food drive for Hearts, choosing only 2 - 3 items from the list below makes it easy for donors to remember at the store, and it generates a large quantity of same food items.

- CANNED: BAKED BEANS, BEEF STEW
CHILI, CHICKEN, MAYONNAISE
POTATOES, KIDNEY BEANS
- SMOOTH PEANUT BUTTER, GRAPE JELLY
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PARMESAN CHEESE
SANDWICH COOKIES
- ZIPLOCK SANDWICH BAGS

There are times, we need specific items more than others; currently our greatest need is spaghetti sauce; cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup (no other soups needed); and baked beans. Each month, you will find highlighted in the lower portion, front page of the newsletter our Immediate Food Needs.

 **IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS** 
**CANNED CHICKEN, BOTTLED WATER
FOR FALL, HOT MEAL START UP -
SPAGHETTI SAUCE**

Many people ask on a regular basis what supplies are needed for our homeless clients. You will find those items listed below. There are winter items we run out of frequently during the cold months that we try to build up a good supply – it's not too early to start collecting warm winter gloves, warm socks, and face masks.

- TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES
BAR SOAP, WASH CLOTHS,
DEODORANT, RAZORS, SHAVING CREAM,
SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, TISSUES
COMBS, CHAP STICK, CHEWING GUM
(SMALL OR TRAVEL SIZES WORK BEST)

- NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING,
SHOES/SNEAKERS/BOOTS
ALL KINDS, ALL SIZES,
FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
CLOTHING SIZES NEEDED MOST –
MEN'S LARGE, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X
CLOTHING DONATIONS SHOULD BE
CONCURRENT WITH THE SEASON

- 2018/2019 FALL-WINTER SEASON
SHIRTS (FLANNELS, THERMAL, SWEATSHIRTS)
SWEAT PANTS, JEANS AND OTHER PANTS
HOODIES (FLEECE, SWEATSHIRT)
WARM OR THERMAL SOCKS
WINTER COATS & JACKETS
FACE MASKS, KNIT HATS
WARM GLOVES
BLANKETS & SLEEPING BAGS

**WE REPURPOSE ALL OF YOUR
CLOTHING & TEXTILES**

Hearts' "Free" Clothing Pantry provides seasonal, gently used jeans, sweats, hoodies, t-shirts, jackets, shoes/boots, blankets, and backpacks to our street clients. Your x-large and plus size men's clothing is our greatest need as 90% of our street clients are men. Please mark on the outside of the bag if the donation is for the homeless.

Hearts Thrift Shop sells gently used and new men's, women's, and children's clothing, shoes, and small household items and décor. The profits from the thrift shop sales go back into feeding the poor and homeless.

Hearts Recycle Program offers you ways to help and restore lives of others by recycling your unwanted clothing, shoes, and textiles – new, used, torn, or tattered.

We 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
READY FOR YOUR FALL SHOPPING?**

Fall clothing is now out in the store. Each year, Hearts has been a go to place to shop for back to school clothing and supplies for many of the families in our community. Hearts Thrift Shop has clothing and shoes in all sizes for children, teens, and adults.

We love to see the kids come in with their parents and receive double or more in clothing than they would if they shopped at other stores, for the same price. We also love to see the smiles on their faces from genuine satisfaction because the clothing they purchased is stylish and of good quality. This also makes the parents very happy too.

Our mission at Hearts Thrift Shop is to be able to provide quality clothing at the best prices. We will also be providing free school supplies this year thanks to the generosity of the Golden Eagles group at The Chapel at Crosspoint Church.

May you be encouraged that when we changeover a season, the clothing donations that don't sell get bagged up and donated to the Buffalo Dream Center. They take them on their mission trips to Honduras, Pakistan, and other countries, giving them to needy families. The families are in great need, some newborn babies come out of the hospital with no clothes on and families are in desperate need. The airlines allow the clothing aboard the plane without any extra baggage cost!

**NEW & GENTLY USED
BALLET SLIPPERS & TAP SHOES**

**We received a large donation,
currently in the thrift shop for purchase.**

 **HEARTS THRIFT SHOP
CURRENT SPECIALS** 

**Ladies Sleeveless shirts BOGO
Curtains Buy One Get One 50%**



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

Lives Touched Last Month

JULY, 2018

Total Clients Served: **1,118**
 Homeless: **464**
 Male: **805**
 Female: **273**
 Seniors: **56**
 Children: **40**
 Total Volunteer Hours: **152**



“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

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

205 Longmeadow Rd.
 Amherst, NY 14226

Amherst Audubon Library

350 John James Audubon Pkwy.
 Amherst, NY 14228

Lakeside Furniture

1688 Lake Rd.
 Youngstown, NY 14174

Melloni Market Place

200 Lockport Rd.
 Youngstown, NY 14174

Zack's Wheatfield Car Wash

3509 Niagara Falls Blvd.
 N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

Gaines Electrical

4701 military Rd.
 Niagara Falls, NY 14305

EAST/WEST & SOUTHTOWNS

Drexel Hill Apartments

203 Evans St.
 Williamsville, NY 14221

Whale of a Wash

11 North America Dr.
 West Seneca, NY 14224

Grapevine Banquets

333 Dick Rd.
 Depew, NY 14043

Just Be Charmed Boutique

4756 Broadway
 Depew, NY 14043

Noe Place Redemption Center

708 East Second St.
 Jamestown, NY 14701

Lancaster High School

1 Forton Dr.
 Lancaster, NY 14086

Hope Lutheran Church

2 East Main St.
 Arcade, NY 14009

CITY

AC Lofts

136 North Division St.
 Buffalo, NY 14203

Gulf Minitz

1770 Seneca St.
 Buffalo, NY 14210

El Pueblo Corner Mart

279 Virginia St.
 Buffalo, NY 14201

Gold Star

1126 Genesee St.
 Buffalo, NY 14211

Stuyvesant Plaza

224-234 Elmwood Ave.
 Buffalo, NY 14222

TALK FROM THE STREET & HEART:

7/3: Served 49; 4 prayed the prayer of salvation.
7/5: A very hot humid night, served 60; glad to be giving each client frozen water bottles; thank you to John's son, Walter for helping out tonight. **7/6:** Served 33. **7/7:** Served 36; asking for razors. **7/10:** Served 52; 5 prayed the prayer of salvation. **7/11:** Served 72. **7/12:** Another hot & humid night, served 59; everyone was blessed to receive ice cold water bottles; but, asking for blankets. **7/13:** Served 55. **7/14:** Served 53. **7/17:** Served 56; 3 prayed the prayer of salvation. **7/18:** Served 44; in addition to the ice water, we handed out bags of trail mix to each client. We are grateful to our volunteers from WNYDDSO for putting together the trail mix. **7/19:** Served 63. **7/20:** Served 50, **7/21:** Served 42; asking for back packs. **7/24:** Served 62; 5 prayed the prayer of salvation; clients asking for razors and underwear. **7/25:** Served 59; it was a good night; everyone was rockin' & rollin'; we all had fun making our own music. **7/26:** Served 56. **7/27:** Served 50. Thank you to Donna and the Zion Global Ministries Mission Outreach Team for joining us tonight. **7/28:** Served 45. **7/31:** Served 67; 3 prayed the prayer of salvation.

**We continue to praise God for our volunteers.
 They are vital to keeping the
 Mobile Soup Kitchen going!**