

CHERRY ST.
MISSION MINISTRIES

VOICE *of* COMPASSION



**"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path."**

Psalm 119:105

**...FOCUS IN THIS EDITION
ENDING POVERTY
THROUGH CONVERSATION.**

"FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST." LUKE 19:10

According to the book of Luke, Zacchaeus was a short fellow and because of the crowds who wanted to see Jesus, climbed a tree in order to get a better look. On that day, Jesus ended up going to the house of Zacchaeus for lunch where Zacchaeus had a huge turn around and gave back to the people all he had stolen.

This story of Jesus and Zacchaeus so fits the work of Cherry Street each day - where we use the opportunities that men and women offer us, to leverage every moment into a conversation and every conversation into a life changing moment.

Your loving support of the men, women and children standing out in their own crowded place, allows for conversations that create a moment, a powerful moment. God often just needs a single moment to turn lunch into redemption.

Thank you for loving people.

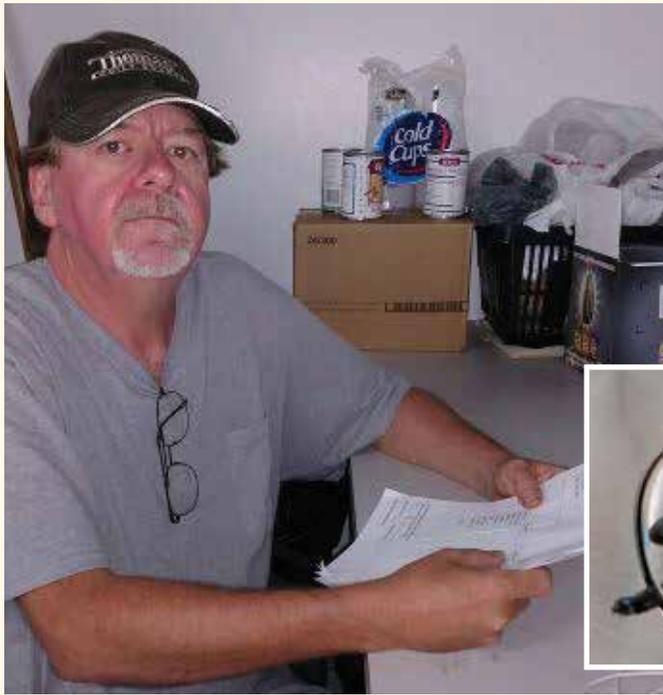


PS. To connect with me for a tour, or any other question, please contact me at danrogers@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3007.

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MINISTRIES



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RESTORED VISION THROUGH CONVERSTIONS



Glen found himself out of options and at Cherry Street Mission Ministries especially due to his vision limitations.

Glen started wearing glasses when he was 13 years old. Forty plus years later, Glen's cataracts grew progressively worse and worse to almost blindness. Glen had suffered with cataracts for decades. They were so bad he could hardly see at all, certainly not able to drive.

As a young man, Glen knew he had to wait until the last possible opportunity or else he would waste his only chance to regain his vision. As time went on, they grew thicker and Glen struggled. But in that time of waiting technology advanced and lasers became the norm for cataract removal. Using lasers meant cataracts could be removed multiple times in a person's lifetime.

While this was great news for technology, Glen still had to live with his cataracts because he could not afford the procedure. More time passed. Glen's vision grew dimmer and dimmer. Cherry Street Advocate, Amanda, encouraged Glen to seek help

again, continuing to have conversations with him. She thought perhaps enough time had passed that Glen's insurance might now cover the procedure. Amanda continued to cheer Glen on to make the call. Both Glen and Amanda were exhilarated when Glen discovered the surgery would be covered.

The very thick prescription Glen has worn since he was 13 are now a thing of the past. Cherry Street was there for Glen during his recovery and ensuring his safety. Glen convalesced at Cherry Street, experiencing the world around him with a new bright perspective. One day shortly after Glen was released from bed rest, he came for a meal and sought out Amanda.

"Here take these and throw them away. I don't need these any more", Glen said as he handed Amanda his old glasses. Today Glen only needs glasses for reading small print.

Working in the warehouse is how Glen gives back to Cherry Street. He is very detailed and practically has the ever changing food inventory committed to memory.

**"THE SUN WILL NO MORE
BE YOUR LIGHT BY DAY,
NOR WILL THE BRIGHTNESS
OF THE MOON SHINE ON
YOU, FOR THE LORD WILL
BE YOUR EVERLASTING
LIGHT. -ISAIAH 60:19**

Glen likes to keep busy and never works less than 5 days a week in the food pantry at Cherry Street. When Cherry Street starts to get low on certain food items, Glen knows first and gives the alert. "We always have things we need: food, chicken, hygiene items and things like that." says Glen.

When the world was going dim for Glen, the support of the community allowed Cherry Street to have lasting significant conversations toward ending poverty in Glen's life and to shine a bright light on Glen's path.



TEAM BUILDING THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

This is Team Building at its best because it's with a purpose. Organizations can participate in worthwhile projects that build their teams through serving together. Projects are numerous and varied. Your team; be it church group, work colleagues, class cohort, union brother and sisterhoods or professional groups; will have served their community but will fill their own hearts along the way.

- Paint a room
- Prepare a space for new purposes
- Sort donated items
- Create your own donation drive
- Serve a meal
- Maintenance
- Special Events
- Sponsor a meal



Sign up today at cherrystreetmission.org/volunteer

PILLAR OF HOPE

CONSTANCY...

A Pillar of Hope is constant, like God, who is never changing.

Regular monthly support and ministry provides consistency and constancy to the people of our community through Cherry Street Mission Ministries. As we all know, the days do not stop, and the needs of our people do not cease.

I spoke with one of our guests named Jeff this month, and he recognized that your support is assisting him in finding his first apartment in 10 years. He has healthy friends and relationships at his new complex. While he is grateful for all of what Cherry Street has provided for him in temporary housing, small group ministry and meals, he is excited to move on. By Thanksgiving, Jeff will be celebrating in his new space and looking towards his Christmas with friends.

Jeff will also return to Cherry Street's Mac Café for meals while he enters his home life and stay a part of our small group ministry.

You, who are Pillars of Hope, have chosen to stand in the gap of support to the structure of community development. Others, reading this, who consider becoming a Pillar of Hope, will add to the stability and constancy of that structure.

If you are an existing Pillar of Hope partner, we have reduced the amount of mail coming to you. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your usual Pillar of Hope gift.

Pillars of Hope are the vital foundation of our ability to better budget and plan how we will serve our community. Will you consider joining this group of committed donors?

For more information, contact Max Lambdin at 419.214.3009 or mlambdin@cherrystreetmission.org.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Sparrow's Nest is the shelter operated by Cherry Street for women only. Joanne volunteers her time at the Sparrow's Nest as a chaplain. Prayer, encouragement and uplifting others is part of Joanne's ministry with others. Joanne knows suffering and can relate to it. She suffered from severe depression and addiction. "But God is so supernatural. He delivered me", says Joanne.

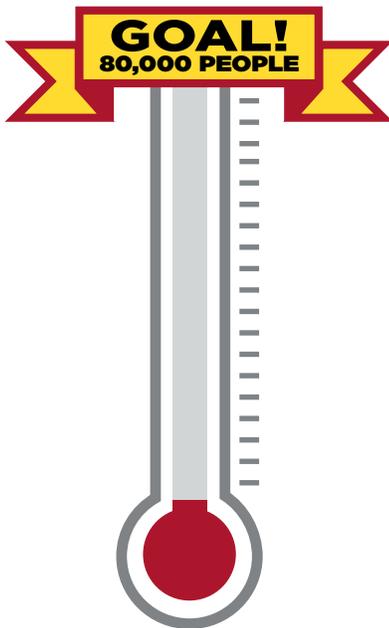
Joanne has been a chaplain with Sparrow's Nest for three years. She says she is not only witnessing to others but to herself along the way. Being a part of the week to week allows Joanne to develop relationships and can speak directly to the needs of others. She delights when she sees those served at Cherry Street experience change and get rid of the negativity. "It gives me such joy because I see God at work in that," says Joanne.

"We all are teachers in some way. We all have been through something. It's our opportunity to share that with others," Joanne thinks. "I look at life like an hour glass. As more grains of sand drop down, we can see through the top of the glass more clearly. As we get older, life gets clearer. That's why I choose to volunteer."



COUNT DOWN TO THE HOLIDAYS

A meal can change everything. Hope begins with a meal and is leveraged into a conversation to create change and transformation. With over 80,000 meals to serve this fall, it will cost \$2.28 per meal or \$182,400 from now until the end of the year.



Our cost of \$2.28 a meal is only possible because of YOU:

- Volunteers at meals to offset costs and to allow staff to engage in meaningful conversations.
- Food donations to help us stock the pantry.
- Monetary donations to purchase the supplies needed.
- Each gift from you helps offset other costs associated with each meal.

\$25 = 11 MEALS

\$250 = 110 MEALS

\$2500 = 1,096 MEALS

In Partnership with



Give now at cherrystreetmission.org



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CASH DONATIONS

Allow Cherry Street staff to advocate on your behalf and to use our buying power to purchase in bulk at lower prices.

VOLUNTEERS

make up the majority of the helping hands needed to provide meals & services

PAID STAFF

to advocate & minister to guests & those living in poverty

DONATED FOOD

makes it possible to provide balanced nutritional meals

PURCHASED FOOD

bought in bulk at quantity discounts so Cherry Street can better plan balanced meals in conjunction with donated whole foods

\$2.28 per meal



SUMMER MATCH GIFT

This summer we asked a few of you to help Cherry Street meet a match challenge. We were offered \$45,000 by an anonymous donor if we raised \$45,000 on our own in the months of June, July and August. Cherry Street serves as many meals and ministers to as many people in those summer months

as we do in the rest of the year. As you and other ministry partners take much-needed vacations; **we thank those who helped us meet the match challenge!** Through the match challenge \$90,000 was raised to help Cherry Street continue to serve those living in poverty.



GOLF OUTING

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Masters

A GOLFING FUNDRAISER

The day dawned a bit rainy on August 28. By the time the Cherry Street Masters golf outing kicked off, God had open the clouds and created another perfect day for golfing. Twenty teams gathered to support our great cause at an excellent location making for a successful event. Special thanks to Brandywine for being our gracious hosts. The participants enjoyed testing their skills on this ordinarily private course. Dinner, awards and prizes followed the 18 hole, four-person scramble. We'd like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers, donors and golfers for making this event a wonderful time of fellowship, support and learning about the work of Cherry Street Mission Ministries.

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and

ONE SPIRIT GOSPEL QUARTET

present

THE ANGEL'S GIFT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

with host & emcee
Denny Schaffer
of Q105FM

Doors open at 6:30pm
Show starts at 7pm

100% to benefit
Cherry Street
DONATION \$25

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Donate Food

Your donations of food enable us to provide homeless and near-homeless men, women, and families with over 600-800 meals each day, in the form of hot meals. Food donations must have been prepared in ServSafe® method or donated as a whole, uncooked food.

Please bring your donations to:

Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center Building
1501 Monroe Street (former Macomber School)
Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Donate Non-Food Items

Your donations of non-food items provide dignity to our guests 365 days a year. We accept donations of toiletries, winter gear, socks, scrubs and underclothing for both men and women.

Please bring your donations to:

Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center Building
1501 Monroe Street (former Macomber School)
Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Call **419-214-3007** for more information.

Donate Assets

Cherry Street accepts stocks, bonds, trusts, jewelry, real estate, boats, RVs, and other vehicles. If you would like additional information on ways to donate, contact Max Lambdin at mlambdin@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3009.

For more information about Cherry Street or the *Voice of Compassion*, contact Max Lambdin at mlambdin@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3009.

A NOTE TO CHERRY STREET MISSION MINISTRIES:

In 1953 you gave me 1 nights sleep and
2 meals. That really helped me a lot.
Because I was broke and homeless.
I just wanted to thank you.