

CHERRY ST.
MISSION MINISTRIES

VOICE of Compassion



**"At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home."
Zephaniah 3:20**

**CHANGING PATHS
AND FINDING REDEMPTION
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

"FOXES HAVE DENS AND BIRDS HAVE NESTS, BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NO PLACE TO LAY HIS HEAD." MATTHEW 8:20

I wish my years of experience working within impoverished and homeless communities would allow me to believe for a moment that homelessness and poverty can be reversed by a home, a house, or an address.

Jesus made the startling contrast to his own living conditions by pointing out that animals have more access to stable housing than He did. In other words, it's not natural that someone, anyone, is without a stable home – a stable home.

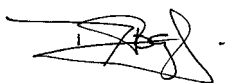
As a community concerned about poverty and homelessness we must breathe a single truth; housing is more than an address and home is more than shelter.

For example, it's often said; "There's no place like home".

But what if every other place is better than home? What if it's safer than home? More welcoming than home? What if the statement; 'there's no place like home', was negative? As if to say, every other place is more secure, more welcoming, more inviting, and even safer.

Your investment in lives at Cherry Street not only provides safe shelter for the wearied, your investment reverses the unnatural effect of being in unstable housing. It also allows for men like Ralph; who you will read about on the following page; to find a safe place of his own, made possible because of you. God, through your gift and through our partnership with you, does the rest.

Thank you for helping us serve on your behalf,

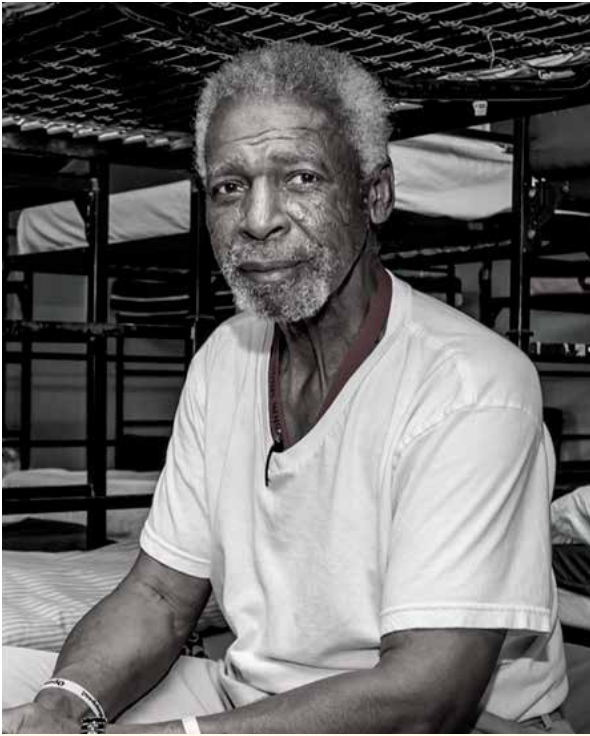


PS. To connect with me for a tour, or any other question, please contact me at danrogers@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3007.

DAN ROGERS
PRESIDENT AND CEO
CHERRY STREET MISSION
MINISTRIES



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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO EXPERIENCE LIFE TRANSFORMATION

Ralph would be the first to say that he's no spring chicken. He'd tell you that he's made mistakes in his life, and that he has learned a lot of lessons the hard way. In his own words, he was "a dog".

Winding up in Toledo, Ralph had made it through 35 harsh winters on the streets, except for the few he spent in prison. Finally, at the age of 74, he turned to Cherry Street for help. That was in June of 2015.

Now, at 75 years of age, he is making a fresh start. He explains, "To me, Cherry Street is a very helpful place. If you are homeless, and you want to make a change, Cherry Street can help you. But you have got to be willing and ready to change."

For the first time in decades, Ralph found good hot meals, clothing and a warm, safe place to sleep. With his physical needs met, he became hungry for the Word of God. "When I came to chapel, I started listening to what they were saying." He joined the Ready for Life program and opened his heart to God's transforming love.

"I've known my weaknesses for years," Ralph admits. "But I used to mask them. Now I admit them and have set boundaries to protect myself."

**"GOD HAS CHANGED ME –
AND USED CHERRY STREET
TO DO IT!"**

Ralph says that the love of the staff, the classes and Bible studies have helped him change the path he was on. He has learned God's word. He's learned how to budget his time and money. "My bills are paid. I have an apartment of my own now, and I'm clean. And I now have good relationships with my sons. God did that, and He used Cherry Street to do it! I wish I could tell donors how much their support is needed and wanted. And I can't wait until I can give back." One of the ways he's giving back already is by volunteering. Ralph started work on a floor in the Life Revitalization Center, and he's going back to finish it.

Ralph is grateful that it's never too late to change. "I have been clean and been paying my bills for over five months now. I have an apartment, my utilities are on, I have a TV and furniture. So, I'm all set! And I sure am grateful."



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GETS \$500,000 COMMITMENT

Cherry Street Mission Ministries announced in February that it has received a \$500,000 commitment from the Owens Corning Foundation to support its vocational education programming.

In conjunction with partner agencies, vocational training is available to the men and women served by Cherry Street. The gift from the Owens Corning Foundation will be used in the already thriving vocational education programs, stabilization, and career preparation. The new space within Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center will be renamed the "Owens Corning School for Building Trades."

"The Owens Corning Foundation's generous donation of \$500,000 to Cherry Street's vocational training programs shows a commitment to providing hope toward a more productive life for those we serve," said Dan Rogers, President and CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries.

Owens Corning Foundation President Don Rettig said, "Cherry Street is revitalizing lives through a focus on shelter, health, and education. We're also excited about the collaboration of multiple organizations all coming together to make a positive impact."

AS PILLARS OF HOPE, THE DEAN FAMILY PROVIDES VITAL SUPPORT



Pillar of Hope partners make it possible to provide nutritious meals and so much more.

Jim and Edith Dean invested hours in prayer, asking God to direct their giving in 2017. Clear direction came when a serious burden for those who are homeless was laid on their hearts. "We both have had family members who were homeless. And an uncle of mine literally died in a gutter," Jim explains.

Seeing Cherry Street Mission Ministries' involvement in our community and commitment to spreading the gospel, Jim and Edith knew where to go with the direction God laid on their hearts. "We had donated food and other items to Cherry Street in the past, but becoming Pillar of Hope monthly donors was the next level for us," Jim adds. "If everyone does a little, we can help a lot. Edith and I believe that everyone deserves a second chance."

Jim and Edith agree that the fact that Cherry Street provides educational opportunities and job skill certification programs adds to the value of every dollar donated.

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 Craig Magrum at 419.214.4171 or cmagrum@cherrystreetmission.org



6:30 A.M. Tom M., Travis, Mike and Alex arrive at the Madison Food Service. Staff members have already started prepping food and firing up the ovens. These four volunteers will begin chopping, measuring, stirring, serving and cleaning.

7 A.M. Henry is a volunteer driver. He picks up men and women to transport to Madison Ave.

8 A.M. Laurene has arrived to help with administrative work within the Stewardship department.

9 A.M. Ernestine shows up to start breakfast clean up and prepares for lunch.

10 A.M. Gerald and Sue Ellen have begun their work in the donation support department helping to fill envelopes.

11 A.M. Ann, Anna and Ed are in full swing at the nurses clinic operating in Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center, ensuring medical needs are addressed.

NOON Volunteers and staff are working together to ensure everyone gets a full lunch plate.

1 P.M. Tom L. starts the second shift for driving the transport van.

2 P.M. Right now, the Cherry Street staff is praying for more volunteers at the

Madison Avenue Food Service as they are elbow deep in creating the next meal.

3 P.M. Peg is finishing up her shift in the warehouse. She takes in food donations and distributes food boxes.

4 P.M. Dinner preparations are underway and we only have one hour until those we serve start arriving.

5 P.M. Duane is the third shift for volunteer drivers of the transportation van. He is picking up people to drop off for dinner.

6 P.M. Mason, Hunter and John arrive at the men's facility to help with evening check in. They will have a chance to speak with each guest. Taylor shows up at the Sparrow's Nest at 6 p.m., as well. Taylor will greet each new arrival.

7:30 P.M. Sharon has arrived. Sharon is a licensed therapist who



IN 2016:

- SERVED OVER 15,000 HOURS
- OVER 2,000 VOLUNTEERS
- SERVED 600+ MEALS A DAY
- DISTRIBUTED 600+ FOOD BOXES A MONTH



donates her time to the women at the Sparrow's Nest. She alternates with Janell, who is a Chaplain. They choose to spend their talent with Cherry Street knowing there is a need for healing.

9 P.M. Most volunteers will be concluding their shift with Cherry Street for the day.

Correction to February's In Honor and Memory Listings

As some of our readers might have noticed, the In Honor and In Memory gifts listed in our February Voice of Compassion newsletter had errors. Unfortunately, there was a mishap with the computer causing names to be mismatched. For this we are quite sorry.

For those who donated, your name and gift has been corrected and can be found on our website in the Newsletter section:

www.cherrystreetmission.org/news/newsletters

Thank you for helping us transform lives every day, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please call Nikki Morey at 419.214.3410.

TO MEMORIALIZE AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

To give a gift in memory of a loved one, or to honor a special person or occasion, please use the enclosed envelope to list the name(s) of the person(s) being remembered or honored, and mail it along with your gift. We'll send a special card to the honoree or the family of the person being memorialized, to give them a record of your special and life-changing gift.

IN MEMORY OF:

(gifts received from January 2 - February 22, 2017) A memorial gift to Cherry Street Mission Ministries offers hope to those in need in the name of a dear friend or member of your family. Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost their loved ones listed here.

Rose Smith
Ms. Katherine Allen

Howard Loo
Ms. Sophia Balasz

Dennis Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartell III

Michael Overall
Ms. Nancy Beckmann

Robert G. Begell
Mr. James Begell

Mike Bercher
Mrs. Debbie Bercher

Jerome Hock
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bernardo

Lonnie Bingham
Mrs. Carolyn Bingham

Myra Missler & Loretta Bodette
Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Bodette

Louis Rossman
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Kristi Grimm

Matthew Glen Stacy
Mary Hands

Greg Wulczak
Mr. Drew Hanna

Mary Hatfield & Delores Sedlak
Mr. and Mrs. John Hatfield

Connie Lake
Mary Heffelfinger

Betty Henline
Mr. Luther Henline

Richard Holmes
Mr. Jeffrey Hepner

Marcia Tietjen
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holzer

Marcia Ann Tietjen
Ms. Karen Ilstrup

Elizabeth Gallagher
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jankowiak

Peggy Wheelock
Mr. Keith Johnson

Clyde E. Snow
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones

Leonard Lechlak
Mrs. Elsie Junga

Rev. Frank P. Ellis
Ms. Patricia Keller

C. Duane Callender
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knake

Bunny Stump
Ms. Janice Koralewski

Michael McGarahan
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kutchenriter

Cathy Larnhart
Mr. L.D. Larnhart

Sam Zunk
Ms. Helen Leiser

Richard Gary Loth
Mr. Richard Loth

Helen Boise
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Madalinski

Marcia Tietjen
Ms. Arlene Mankowski

Angela & Sal Macheitelli
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Martin

Marcia Ann Tietjen
Dr. and Mrs. James Mayer

Clem, Irene & Mary Plenzler;
Glen, Mary, Jerry & Tim Jameson;
Bill & Rose McCluskey
Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCluskey

Mary C. McNutt
Mr. and Mrs. John McNutt

Robert Steely
Mrs. Marilyn Metti

Dale Vaughn
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Michelsen

Carl Pawloski
Ms. Doris Pawloski

George Lewis
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Marcia Tietjen
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reno

Richard Ross
Ms. Michelle Ross

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Ms. Ruth Schaffer

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Ms. Bonnie

IN HONOR OF:

(gifts received from January 2 - February 22, 2017) A gift to Cherry Street Mission Ministries is a great way both to say "I Care" and to remember a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion!

James Rose
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Aronson

Frederick and Virginia Bavin
Ric Bavin

James Rose
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James White
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Our children, Rachel and Bobby
Mr. Rodney Morris

Maxine Nighswander & Delores Jones
Mr. Robert Nighswander

Our Savior
Mr. Norman Richardson, Jr.

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Mark Switala
Ms. Marcia Schoen

Mike Geier
Mr. and Mrs. David Shenofsky, Sr.

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Mr. Robert Smith

C. Duane Callender
Mrs. Marisa Snook

William Alvin Mettie
Mr. Richard Tursich

Rebecca Richardson
Mr. Kyle Wooten

OUR PRAYER REQUEST

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Pray for our staff and volunteers who pour encouragement into the lives of people experiencing hunger and the condition of homelessness, that they would be uplifted and strengthened.

Pray that God would continue to provide the resources to help individuals who turn to Cherry Street for emergency services and life transformation.

*Join the
Celebration!*

**Thursday,
April 27, 2017**

*a fundraiser to benefit redemption and
the transformation of lives*



Options for the Evening

Dinner Package

- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Hosted by Dan Rogers
- Limited seating
- Three course, plated meal
- Includes the Mixer Package

**\$50 INDIVIDUAL TICKET
OR**

\$400 TABLE OF 8

RSVP Online or Call

Go to www.cherrystreetmission.org/springevent2017 to purchase tickets or a table. Or call Sam Guidry at 419-214-3008.

Mixer Package

- Doors open at 6:30
- Auditorium lobby
- Refreshments, appetizers and sweet treats
- Entertainment in Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- University of Toledo Gospel Choir

\$15 INDIVIDUAL TICKET

RSVP Online, Call or Mail

Go to www.cherrystreetmission.org/springevent2017, call Sam Guidry at 419-214-3008 or mail in your payment to:
105 17th St., Toledo, OH 43604

At Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center • 1501 Monroe St., Toledo, OH 43604



"Playing golf in the Cherry St. Mission Outing brought great joy for me personally and professionally. To be able to give back and fellowship with like minded individuals all while playing the greatest game there is was easily one of the highlights of the summer. To cap it off, we played extremely well and we're fortunate to win the outing. Although winning is always nice... seeing the joy it brought to this great cause was the real trophy."

- Kyle Hunt, J&R Contracting

June 12, 2017

JOIN US FOR THE

CHERRY ST.
MISSION MINISTRIES

Masters

A GOLFING FUNDRAISER

- At Brandywine Country Club
 - Shotgun start at 1pm
- 4 Person Scramble \$125 per golfer
 - Hole-In-One contests
- Join us for dinner after finishing the 18th hole



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- Event Sponsor \$5,000 • Meal Sponsor \$2,500
- Bronze \$1,000 • Hole \$700 • Foursome \$500

Space is limited! Register online at www.cherrystreetmission.org/masters or call Sam Guidry at (419) 214-3008



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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, either in the form of hot meals or via food boxes.

Please bring your donations to:

Madison Food Service and Community Center
 1919 W. Madison Street
 Daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 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
 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.

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