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

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
In 2016:

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

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 transportation 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 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.
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 Loc
Ms. Sophia Balasz  Dennis Richardson  Michael Overall
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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!

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C. Duane Callender  Mrs. Marissa Snoaks
William Alvin Mettie  Ms. Bonnie

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 mismatch with the computer causing names to be mismatched. For this we are quite sorry.

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.
Join the Celebration!
Thursday, April 27, 2017
a fundraiser to benefit redemption and the transformation of lives

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- Hosted by Dan Rogers
- Limited seating
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- Refreshments, appetizers and sweet treats
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June 12, 2017
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Call 419-214-3007 for more information.

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