"Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the Lord tests the heart."

Proverbs 17:3
On one of our more cold mornings, one of the men served through Cherry Street, showed me his tattered shoes and the pants he wore to go to work. My reaction, and members of the Cherry Street team to the condition of his clothing and shoes was swift.

Swiftness born of Faithfulness – that’s what you provide!

I wonder often in our daily service with people, if you realize how many times each day your gift of support is put to work in the biggest and smallest of ways. When you love, pray for and support your community through Cherry Street, you are expressing the way God is faithful and provides protection for others.

In this way, you and I keep our promise to one another and to our community. To be open 24 hours daily without fail, to be available to all who arrive at one of our doors and to express the very nature of God.

I love the promises we keep and the faithfulness we share.

PS. To connect with me for a tour, or any other question, please contact me at danrogers@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3007.
Chuckling, Cindy remembered the day she left the hell she was living in. She summed it up perfectly, “I had been living with a man for 13 years. He was very abusive, but I’d always say to myself, “Well, I don’t want to be homeless,” because I didn’t have anywhere else to go and I don’t have any family. It got to the point where I thought being homeless sounds better than that. So, I came to the [Sparrow’s] Nest. Since that time, I have more peace of mind than I ever had even though I’m in a shelter.”

Cindy smiled thinking about how she said she was going to the store with the clothes on her back and nothing more. At first she was in a haze and just trying to understand the magnitude of the decision she made and what would be needed for her to get better. Cindy sees a counselor every week in partnership with Cherry Street and she is working on moving to a new home.

She was pleasantly surprised by the staff and other guests. “The staff is so kind... the person who did my intake was just so sympathetic. She made me feel good for coming. She reminded me it took a lot of courage for me to go to the Sparrow’s Nest.” Cindy continues, “We have clashes among the guests sometimes but for the most part I get along with everyone.” While staying at the Sparrow’s Nest isn’t her ideal situation, Cindy is finding value in the ministry program offered at Cherry Street and opportunities, like vocational training, she has in front of her.

Cindy has been working on faithful Bible study and particularly likes the book of Philippians. “I think that’s cool because he [Paul] was a bad guy and then he turned into a good guy. It kind of shows you that God can forgive anybody and use - what you might need for bad, you use it for good eventually.”
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
Please join us for breakfast from 7am to 8:30am in Mac Street Cafe.

Sign up today at cherrystreetmission.org/volunteer

SPRING EVENT
SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
Attendees will learn more about what Cherry Street is doing everyday through testimonials, guest speakers and a ministry update from Dan Rogers, CEO and President; to share the impact your support and gifts have made and will continue to make in the lives of others

Contact Sam Guidry at 419.214.3008 or sguidry@cherrystreetmission.org for more details.

LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION IN THE MAIL COMING SOON!

PILLAR OF HOPE

"I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT CHERRY STREET USES MY FAITHFUL MONTHLY GIFT TO DO HIS WILL THROUGH THEIR WORK."

Zonnie Sell has supported Cherry Street through volunteerism and financial donations. “I went on a mission trip to Honduras. When I came back, God had given me a heart for the downtrodden. You don’t have to travel out of town to minister to the downtrodden,” explained Zonnie. “I live by the code that we are our brother’s keeper. My gifts were not given to me to keep but given to me to funnel out”. Zonnie became a Pillar of Hope because of her desire to provide consistent, monthly support and help lay a solid foundation toward redemption.

“I understand that annual budgets and how programming is planned is based on knowing where faithful, dependable cash flow is coming from. It’s just like at home — we all have a monthly budget. I appreciate the fact that Cherry Street uses my faithful monthly gift to do His will through their work,” she says.

Zonnie encourages everyone to become a Pillar of Hope monthly donor no matter how small the amount. “What’s so cool is that I don’t even miss the money,” she says. But Zonnie knows it makes a difference every day.

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.
Al Palmer has been a volunteer at Cherry Street for about three years in the Basic Skills Lab. “The goal of the Basic Skills Lab is designed to help folks acquire those basic skills like reading, math, locating information on the internet and how to use a computer like everyone uses at work. When they come in we start them on that journey, see where they are now and help them improve.”

The Basic Skills Lab is part of the continuum of care offered at Cherry Street’s Life Revitalization Center. The aim is to prepare people for the job place. In many cases it involves the Work Keys exam, which is a national exam, certified by Ohio Means Jobs. Skills needed range from reading literacy to building words per minute in typing. Al and other volunteers work with guests of Cherry Street to help them master skills they will need in their employment. Students of the Vocational and Career training courses offered at Cherry Street also use the Basic Skills Lab to complete course work or practice.

“We do most of our training on the computers, using rather up to date testing modules,” says Al. Al is excited about some other developments coming in 2018. “We are introducing some direct one-on-one tutoring for reading and preparing to do the same thing with math tutoring.”

Al loves to be around people, keep busy and keep his mind working. That’s the personal reason why Al is volunteering at Cherry Street. The other reasoning is more altruistic commenting, “this is a valuable thing to do. We are required as members of this community to be helpful to one another.” Al goes on to explain how he selected to work with Cherry Street. “It was clear the leadership had a vision. That vision has been transferred to every staff member. Everyone knows the vision, it’s a clear vision, I knew what it was and we all work toward the same goal.” Progress is measured against the vision and that’s what Al gets excited about.

16 GRADUATE VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Cherry Street Mission Ministries celebrated the graduation of the third cohort from the Call Center vocational program on Friday, December 29, 2017. After the ceremonies, a reception was held immediately thereafter, which will included a tour of the call center training classrooms.

This nine week course provides a certificate to each graduating student. Sixteen students graduated, of which 10 already have obtained employment.

Cherry Street hosts this call center in partnership with Northwest State Community College. Graduates from this cohort and other cohorts in the past have also been hired by other partners; such as Credit Adjustments, Inc - a locally owned and operated call center; with Cherry Street. In addition to Call Center classes, Cherry Street offers tutoring and job readiness classes for enrolled students- setting them up for success.

The next cohort has started already and are scheduled to graduate by Mid-March.
BOX OUT HUNGER, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS WITH CHERRY STREET AND THE COMMUNITY.

In Partnership with

- 2,000 food boxes were delivered. Families received everything needed to prepare a Thanksgiving meal in their own homes.
- 24,000 pounds of turkey and 8,000 pounds of food were distributed
- 374 volunteer hours were logged
- 1,000+ volunteers
- 31 different churches supported and/or participated
- 400 delivery drivers
- 500 square miles of homes delivered to

Box Out Out Hunger

University of Toledo students lead teams and constructed the majority of the boxes

Food for Box Out Hunger was made possible through donations from the public

Dry goods were packed to be delivered to 2,000 homes

A truckload of turkeys was delivered allowing for a turkey to be provided in each box to feed a family

Box Out Deliveries

Volunteers delivered all across the area and multi-counties for Box Out Hunger

Map Addresses A.csv

Map Addresses B.csv

University of Toledo

WTOL 11

The Klar Leadership Academy

UnitedHealthcare

BOX OUT HUNGER

#Thanksgiving419

6 VOICE of Compassion
Life-changing differences would not be possible without the support from our community. For the Thanksgiving season, Cherry Street provided a staggering **55,611 meals** and another **20,741** just around Christmas. Your support of Cherry Street Mission Ministries helps neighbors come for the meal, which is leveraged into a relationship leading toward hope, healing and a future! Thank you for your concern for others in our community and taking action to ensure everyone had a warm meal and companionship for the holiday season.
YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

God crafted these youth for great things. The future leaders of our community are a promising group of giving and thoughtful young people who have put considerable time into how they can lift up others by making donations to Cherry Street.

Peyton Fischer created a Food Drive for CSMM
Charlotte Cedoz hosted a lemonade stand to raise money for CSMM

Regina Coeli schools sponsored Festival of Trees on behalf of CSMM
Spring Elementary School canned food drive was a weighty success
Ellie Stombaugh donated over 200lbs of goods and $500 cash.

Regina Coeli schools festival of trees on behalf of CSMM
Autumn donated her tooth fairy money to CSMM

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.