"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23

...FOCUS IN THIS EDITION
HUNGRY FOR WORK
"BUT AS FOR YOU, BE STRONG AND DO NOT GIVE UP, FOR YOUR WORK WILL BE REWARDED."
II CHRONICLES 15:7

The motto of Toledo is Laborare est Orare; To work, is to pray.

Our founders of this region believed there was value in daily effort. They saw, as many of you see each day in your work, that there is spirituality in working. To toil with ones hands, to rise each day with purpose, to participate in something greater than self – is spiritual at its very root.

At Cherry Street’s Life Revitalization Center, we take the framing of our spiritual foundation and the motto of our city very seriously. We believe fundamentally that God formed humans with purpose and with the innate desire to connect relationally.

We believe that not only should people work, but know factually people want to work. But in central city, like in most cities, there is a disconnect to the work that is available.

Your support of Cherry Street allows for the disconnected to connect.

Your support of the hundreds of men, women and families served each day through Cherry Street, means you’ve participated in securing the linkage that many need each day to establish meaningful relationships that result in honest wages for honest effort.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of God to a community longing to connect.

PS. To connect with me for a tour, or any other question, please contact me at danrogers@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3007.
David has had a decent career. He has lead teams, supervised others, managed full departments and been successful in those roles. David was well liked by his peers, was praised by his superiors and handled the responsibilities with professionalism and skill. Many of the jobs he felt were fulfilling. Throughout the years, David always thought he was experiencing life as he should, never realizing he was a person with mental health issues. David thought the extreme low times in his life and how he was feeling was the usual for everyone. “I didn’t realize I had been suffering from clinical depression. I just thought I had these weird mood swings. I thought everyone does. I actually am bi-polar. I go through ups and downs. But I didn’t realize my downs were so far down. I ended up getting really, really depressed . . . to the point I tried to commit suicide twice.”

“Everybody thought I was just a person coming to work”, he said. Even his family said David didn’t seem depressed to them. “Nobody knew. Nobody knew. As I was around them, no one saw any issues. It was when I was alone.”

David had been living in Erie County but couldn’t make positive movement forward without a homeless facility nearby. “Erie County doesn’t have any men’s shelters.” David decided to move to Toledo so he could get help from Cherry Street. As David worked through his new diagnosis, initially he had basic needs we all share. As Cherry Street walked along side David, he decided to develop himself and his career through the Call Center vocational training classes. In the two years he has been with Cherry Street, David has been working on himself, his situation and staying encouraged. Cherry Street understands that every human experiences isolation and in that isolation is when the night seems the darkest. Cherry Street makes relationships with others; like David; a part of the foundation for redemption.

David had two job interviews in the same week as graduation from the Cherry Street Call Center vocational training classes. He has learned to relax a bit more and to practice patience – very valuable in this time of transition. David has worked hard toward this new direction in his life. David plans to move back to Austin, TX when he has the ability and opportunity. He plans to have a regular full time job and work on his video game entrepreneur opportunities on the side.

When David was asked if he had final words to pass on to anyone who might see themselves in his story, he had this to share,

“Keep moving forward. Don’t look at your past. Don’t let your past dictate who you are today. Every day we are a different person. It’s based on the choices we make. For those who show up here with felonies you can look at it one of two ways. You are a felon or you have a felony on your record. Which way is it? Are you going to continue to be a felon – compounding those choices that lead you to that path? Or are you going to say, ‘I have a felony on my record. But my record isn’t me. It’s who I was then.’”

“DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD AS ONE APPROVED, A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED AND WHO CORRECTLY HANDLES THE WORD OF TRUTH.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

VOICE of Compassion 3
INTERVIEW OUTFITS AND CAREER WEAR MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

Vouchers for Shopping
Cohorts concluding their coursework and preparing for interviews find themselves optimistic for future opportunities and excited for what lays ahead. Preparing for interviews involves role playing, practicing best answers and preparing clothing to make a great impression.

A Call Center Training cohort recently took a field trip to two Goodwill outlets to shop for career wear. Having the freedom to make those choices elevates feeling good about yourself and students are more likely to present their best selves during interviews. Once they have obtained a position, new hires will need clothes for every day in their new career.

Participants in Cherry Street programming earn vouchers given to them by Cherry Street to shop for their essential needs at Goodwill retail locations. Your donations are turned into a shopping trip for students so they might select clothing that suits their tastes, appropriate for the position, fits their body type, and affords the shopper freedom to make their own choices. Thank you for your support and donations toward improving the lives of individuals in the community.

Your Donation Translates Into Vouchers
Often Cherry Street has abundance. When that happens, clothing donations are reallocated to Goodwill Industries. For example, when we have racks upon racks of winter coats in the heat of August, the value of the coats and the intent of your donation is lost. When someone donates clothing, they want to see it worn! Rather than going to waste or laying dormant donations are reallocated to Goodwill and turned into vouchers for Cherry Street guests.

In instances when clothing or bedding is too damaged to be used, Cherry Street transfers the items to Goodwill. Those items get a second life by getting turned into insulation and reducing waste in our community landfills and dumps. Those donations are also turned into vouchers for Cherry Street to use. Nothing goes to waste and each donation is handled and sorted by a person in the community needing employment and job training.

This is just one more way your valuable gift to Cherry Street become so much more through the power of partnerships.
Supporters of Cherry Street met the challenge and made a difference in TWICE as many lives. Gifts from the matching challenge raised $137,000.

The Matching Gift Challenge allowed for:
- A holistic approach to restoration and life-skills necessary for success
- Bible studies, with a strong emphasis on discipleship
- Classes focused on changing long-established mindsets
- GED classes and tutoring
- Hone computer skills
- Create resumes and practice job interviews
- Educational & vocational opportunities that results in livable wage careers

October 1, 2018
Highland Meadows Golf Course

- Shotgun start at 12:30 pm
- Light lunch incuded
- 4 Person scramble $250 per golfer
- Hole-In-One contests • Gift bags
- All - inclusive dinner after golf

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Act fast to be included in all advertising considerations
- Event Sponsors $5,000 • Hole 1 & 10 Sponsors $3,000
  • Team Sponsors $1,750 • Hole Sponsors $1,000

Space is limited! Register online at www.cherrystreetmission.org/masters or by calling Sam Guidry at (419) 214-3008
The Cherry Street experience is unlike anything else - no other group can match the breadth and scope of services and methods to End The Line To Poverty. Which means, no matter who you are, you can find something Cherry Street is doing that will inspire you, touch your heart, expand your understanding of what it means to live in poverty, and to make a significant impact on the community. Delivering that experience consistently demands consistent support. And now more than ever, we rely on people like you to make that happen.

- **$25/ month** - Cherry Street can provide tutoring and services to complete GED or competency testing
- **$50/ month** - Cherry Street can provide financial training to include household budgeting, managing credit and developing life skills.
- **$100/ month** - Cherry Street can provide comprehensive programs and services for vocational training
- **$500/month** - Cherry Street can remove common obstacles by housing multiple agencies and services in one facility.

As a monthly Pillar of Hope donor, you agree in treating people with dignity and opportunities for success. You make success possible by investing each month in the men and women that come to Cherry Street. For 71 years and counting, investment from people like you makes it possible for trust and consistency to be built in the lives of your brothers and sisters.

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.

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**LOWERING OVERHEAD COSTS**

Playing a major role in the master plan for the Life Revitalization Center is that of creating energy saving opportunities and operating in a more sustainable manner.

To that end, Cherry Street invested in switching all incandescent and fluorescent lights to LED lighting over a 4 month process for both the interior and exterior of the building.

The estimated cost savings to the switch is over $60,000 in 12 months due to lowered electrical usage.

Lowered overhead costs will also be an attractive aspect to those considering a partnership and shared use of space.

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**DONOR DEVELOPMENT**

Cherry Street is pleased to welcome Alicia Wagner to the team. Alicia will be focused on developing relationships with our donors in the community, discovering and developing new connections with companies and organizations so we might best serve the community. Alicia will be working with donors, local farming companies, professional organizations and corporations.

She and her husband; John; and their children; Jack (2) and Olivia (4), are a long time Northwest Ohio family. Alicia brings the same dedication to work that she has shown to family and the community throughout the years. That is why she has created so many enduring friendships within our community. Her vast connections will be an asset to the aspects of business within Cherry Street. More importantly, Alicia’s desire to serve God and to do His work, is the biggest asset to the ministry of Cherry Street.

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**PILLAR OF HOPE**

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TO MEMORIALIZE AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

To give a gift 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 April 30 – June 7, 2018)

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!

Mr. Robert P Laflche
Alice Laflche
Mr. Richard E. Appleby
Allen C. Foster
Mr. John Glinka
Allen Foster
Ms. Cindy L Burdo
Alvin Lewis
OmniSource
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tuschman
Andrew John McCarthy
Mrs. Ann M. Ahrens
Andy McCarthy
Mr. Thomas Degnan
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Arthur Miller
Rivercrest Farm
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Betty M. Henline
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Mr. Larry & Jayne E Smith
Marilyn McAlear
Mr. David Boardman
Marilyn McAlear from: Dave, Candy & Boardman Family
Ms. Marilyn Joy MacLeod
My Mom, Sherron Kern
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crocker
Our Grandson, Sean Nolan
Mrs. Betty Kime
Our Mom’s on Mother’s Day, Emogene Johnson & Beverly Kime Engard
Mr. Joseph J Widman
Our Son, Andrew Widman
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Mrs. Margaret Sutton
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IN HONOR OF:
(gifts received from April 30 – June 7, 2018)

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.

Ms. Patricia A. Stimson
William H. and Kay Hilker
Mosser Construction Inc.
25 years of service with Mosser Group, Paul Szakovits, Jr.
Richard Fernandez
Anthony Wayne High School Band
Mr. Steven Hammer
Barbara Hammer
Ms. Jane Hoeffel
Cindy Berg
Ms. Julia Weiler
Cotina Simmons
Miss. Marene Fondessy
Dad, PVT Emerson M. Fondessy
Mr. Constance Schall
Deanna Funderburg
Ms. Lori Kiser
Dick Kiser
Mrs. Kay Szymanowski
DJ Tucker’s Birthday
Mr. Roland Terry
Fred Koester & Ron Tanner
Ms. Amy Merrill-Wyatt
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Ms. Jermaine Griswold
God the Father and God the Son
Ms. Carol Whipple
God, our Father
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Jan Cart
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My GrandMom
Mr. John Krysiak
Raymond Rybka
Ms. Julie Amadio
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Wernerts Corners Civic Assoc.
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Ms. Patricia A. Stimson
William H. and Kay Hilker
ATTENTION TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

During the summer season our usual volunteers take family vacations and travel. This leaves empty spots in our regular schedule. Those who have the summer off, like teachers, administrators and college students; are invited to help provide respite to the other volunteers and to ensure there is no break in the services provided.

CALL US TODAY at 419.214.3357!

Would you like to learn more about volunteering? Check out the videos on our website. These new videos highlight opportunities in volunteering and what you can expect to experience when you join us.

Learn more at: www.cherrystreetmission.org/get-involved/volunteer

A NOTE WITH A GIFT FROM THE HEART

Recently, Cherry Street received a kind note from a long time donor. Along with her donation out of her limited funds, while living on a fixed income, the donor took the time to express her thanks for the work done at Cherry Street Mission Ministries.

In this gift, we recall Luke 21:3 and the gift that means so much to Our Lord when it comes from the heart and not from our wealth.

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 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.