

CHERRY ST.
MISSION MINISTRIES

VOICE *of compassion*



"...but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm." Proverbs 1:33

**...FOCUS IN THIS EDITION
HUNGRY FOR SAFETY**

Have you ever eaten a meal while driving?

Have you ever had a fender bender while eating and driving?

Ever run off the road a bit while eating and driving and needed to correct your direction?

I have done all of these risky moves - hazardous is a word that comes to mind.

Like most people, I have found over my life that these hazardous acts of 'busy' are not at all necessary and in very real ways, not at all safe.

Every man, woman and family at Cherry Street's Mac Street Café are provided a meal that is not only nutritious, but the meal is served in safety. Like me, they have eaten their meals on the run. And just like in driving and eating, are more apt to run into things, run off the road from time to time and have needed to correct their course.

The meal at Cherry Street is important because meals ought to be safe. A safe place to stop moving. A safe place where hazards are reduced and the meal can be leveraged to hope, home and life.

Your love and support of the hundreds of men, women and children each day at Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center provides stable, safe and hopeful places for everyone to see God in ways that incite change.

Thank you for providing a safe place for others,



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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Dan Rogers
CEO, *Cherry Street Mission Ministries*

**"IN PEACE
I WILL LIE
DOWN AND
SLEEP, FOR
YOU ALONE,
LORD, MAKE
ME DWELL
IN SAFETY."
PSALM 4:8**



HUNGRY FOR SAFETY, SEEKING INDEPENDENCE AND STAYING IN TOUCH WITH GOD

"I mostly keep to myself. It keeps the drama down. I don't really care what others think of me," says Norman.

Norman first came to Cherry Street from a local rural hospital. In his hometown there are not a lot of options for people living in poverty; nor those who find themselves to be homeless. Norman arrived hungry for safety and hungry for a bit of independence.

He was transported from the hospital to Cherry Street earlier this year. When Norman first arrived he was in a manual wheelchair struggling to get through the old, heavy doors at Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center. Others helped Norman get in and out of the building and access his needs.

On the work site Norman fell into a hole. He injured his foot which then turned into gangrene. The doctors noted the infection moving closer and closer to Norman's knee. Rather than risk further surgeries they decided to take the leg off just below his hip.

Through the partnerships at Cherry Street and in Cherry Street's philosophy of providing access to all services for ALL people; Norman was able to obtain a motorized wheelchair. He explained, "When this thing is fully charged it can really GO. Each night I am assigned a bed next to an electrical outlet so I can recharge."

Construction along Monroe St. has been a challenge for Norman; and others like him who struggle with mobility. "There is a little path between here and the gas station down the road that I have to follow through. During certain parts of the day it's not real safe for me to cross the street. I try to avoid those times," said Norman. When Norman was asked what his thoughts were about the arrival of snow he shrugged his shoulders and said, "It will be cold soon too. I'll do the best that I can."

Norman does think though about how he arrived hungry for safety and has been provided that by the staff and supporters of Cherry Street. "I get along fine at Cherry Street. Plus, since the elevator has been fixed at the men's facility I have been able to rejoin Bible study on the second floor," said Norman.

Norman starts each day in prayer and thanksgiving. He says he has always had a relationship with God. He is a man of few words, has a gentle smile and always a kind word. He likes to listen to other people share their stories.

**"IT IS DANGEROUS
TO BE CONCERNED
WITH WHAT OTHERS
THINK OF YOU,
BUT IF YOU TRUST
THE LORD, YOU
ARE SAFE."
PROVERBS 29:25**

A hunger for independence dwells within Norman as well. He says, "I just need to get approved for some low-income housing. I'd like to move back home so I can be closer to my baby sister. In my own place I'll be able to get along just fine in my new wheelchair or on a crutch and my good left leg." Through relationships built with Norman and partnerships within Cherry Street; Norman's hunger for intangible items like independence and safety are being provided through Cherry Street and through your support of Cherry Street.



"It definitely made me feel more confident to have been able to shop for myself at Goodwill, select a good fit for me and arrive at my interview looking professional."
 Dennis, a guest at Cherry Street

DOING MORE TOGETHER

Both Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio, Inc. and Cherry Street Mission Ministries are striving to create opportunities for those living in poverty to earn a living wage and reach prosperity through employment and the life skills learned to retain the employment. Within vocational training at Cherry Street, Goodwill Industries are a part of the curriculum to address life skills, household budgeting, resume building, conflict resolution and other soft skills.

As a partner with Cherry Street, Goodwill displays the same values Cherry Street holds. Both organizations offer on-the-job training as can be seen in the retail shops and within the Life Revitalization Center. "Our belief in the power of work and our ability to improve lives makes this partnership with Cherry Street more than just about clothes," says Amy Wachob, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries Northwest Ohio, Inc. Dan Rogers; CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries; echoes this sentiment when saying, "I couldn't imagine a more natural fit than Cherry Street and Goodwill working together to provide quality training while providing basic needs of clothing".



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

1st and 3rd Saturdays @ 10am
2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 5pm

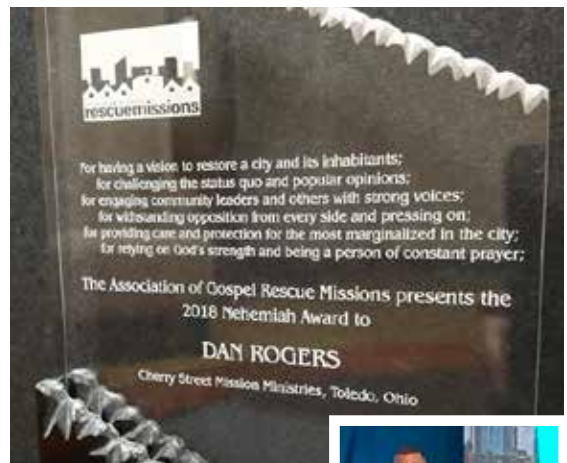
Life Revitalization Center
 1501 Monroe St 43604

Sign Up Today!
419.214.3419

cherrystreetmission.org/volunteer

Connect your passion
 with your purpose

Discover the various
 volunteer opportunities



NEHEMIAH AWARD

This Nehemiah Award was made possible because of the forward thinking citizens of NW Ohio and SE Michigan. Cherry Street is pushing the boundaries of innovation and this life-changing model is getting replicated across America. **But YOU are making it happen HERE before anywhere else.** Keep up the good work folks!



PIECES TO PEACE



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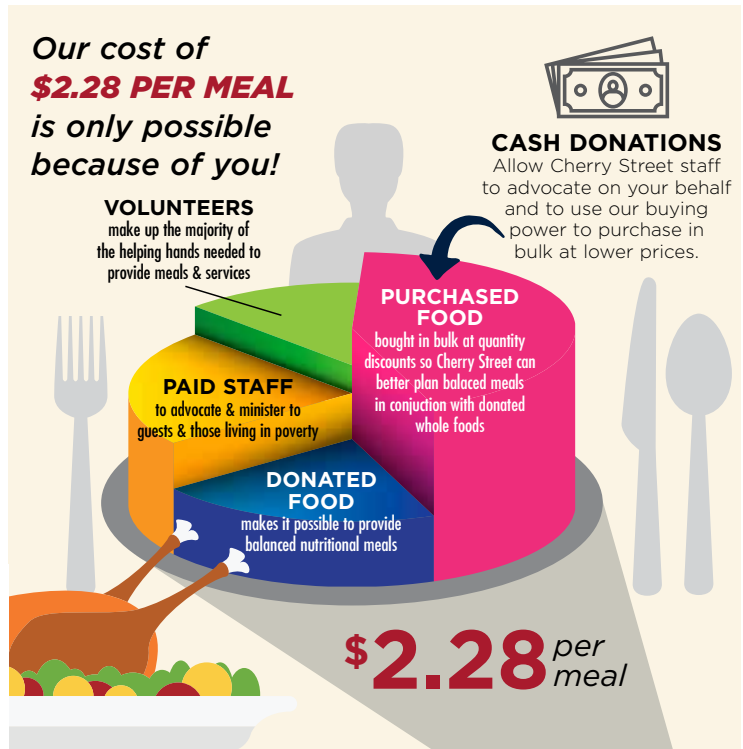
Toledo enjoyed a new art unveiling. The mosaic, located at the corner of Michigan and Adams was created by artist, Gail Christofferson. The glass mosaic is 20 feet by 20 feet called Pieces to Peace was dedicated on August 10, 2018 to a crowd of well-wishers and partners. It is comprised of tiny pieces of glass, showing a person near a window with light coming through it.

Christofferson used space within Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center to work on the giant mosaic mural. The artist has explained the mosaic was to help reduce the stigma of mental illness. Residents of Cherry Street and other organizations assisted in the creation.



MACOMBER'S CLASS OF 1963

Thanks to these three gentleman who graduated from Macomber in 1963 for the recent donation and a peek at their yearbook. Pictured is Bernie Welniak, Max Lambdin (Cherry Street Senior Vice President of Mission Advancement), Ron Przybylski and Ed Ujvagi.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



The purpose of all positions at Cherry Street is to help create an environment that promotes redemption in a person's life. When you are hired at Cherry Street, we all have the same job title: Minister of Redemption. Those working at Cherry Street has a passion to affect change and to work in God's Word.

■ Minister of Redemption - Cook

Your primary function of this position is to assist in the operations of the kitchen and cafe; to develop and prepare menus and large quantities of food items on a day to day basis.

■ Minister of Redemption - Advocate

Your responsibilities will be to provide excellent customer service to our guests, assisting in the daily operational needs of the facilities, and maintaining an atmosphere that supports life transformation.

■ Minister of Redemption - Facilities

Your primary duties will be to complete work orders, provide operational needs of the facilities, trouble shoot and act as a liaison with outside vendors.

Go to cherrystreetmission.org to apply.

PILLAR OF HOPE

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?

**\$25/
MONTH**



For example, those who donate \$25 a month could assist in the cost associated with **GED testing**. Each test has a cost of about \$25.

**\$50/
MONTH**



For example, those who donate \$50 a month could assist in the cost associated with **ACCUPLACER testing**. The result helps place a student in classes that match their skill level or ascertain what areas of study the student needs further tutoring on. Each test has a cost of about \$50.

**\$100/
MONTH**



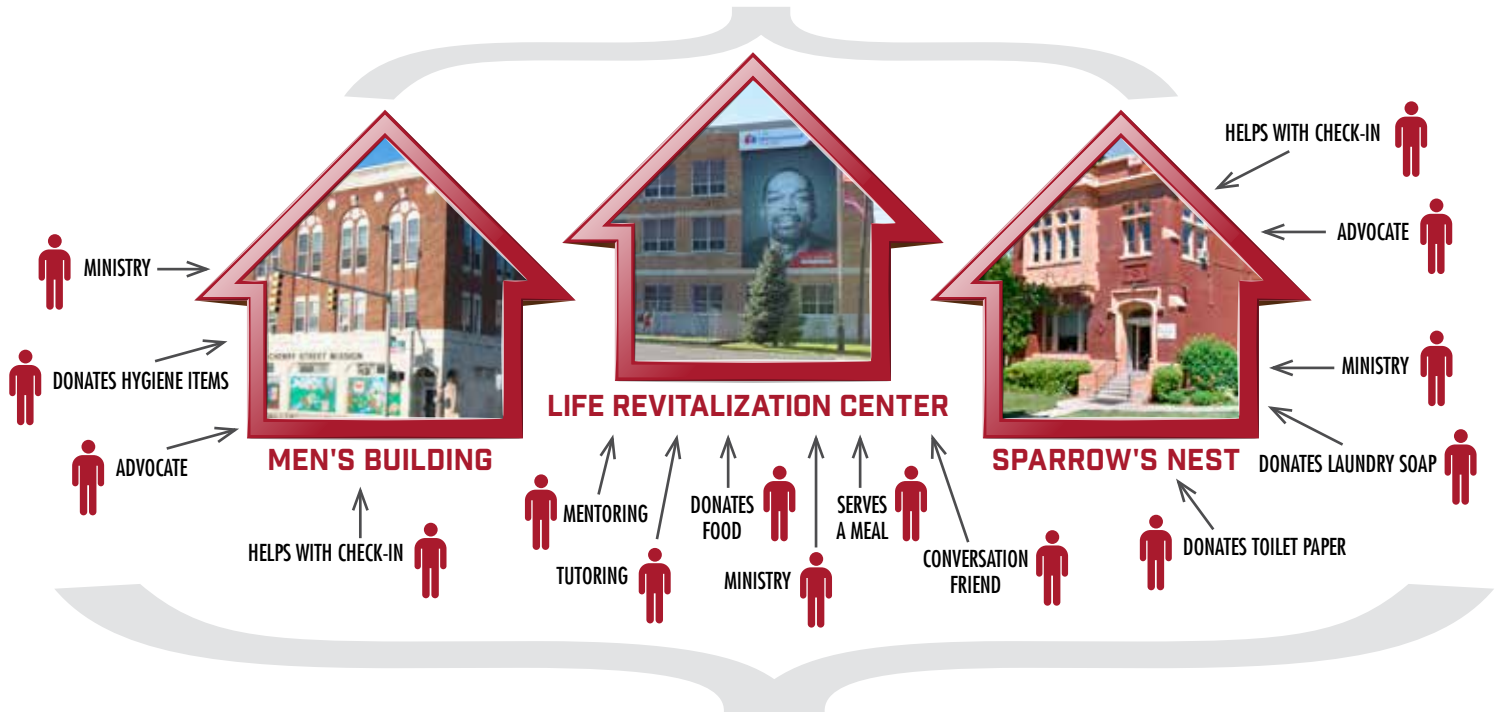
For example, those who donate \$100 a month could assist in the cost associated with **Hardware and Software**. The computers, access to the internet and software at the Basic Skills Lab within Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center allow people living in poverty to gain life skills needed in their pursuit of a career.

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.

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

WHAT 3,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME CAN ACCOMPLISH

3,000 hours/week from staff



\$79,000

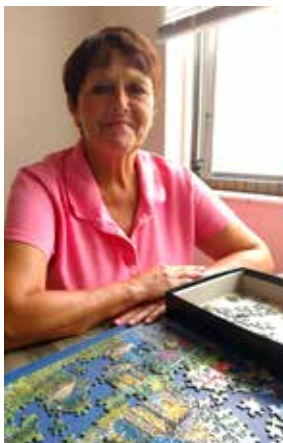
Hours of Volunteer opportunities a week

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\$611,608*

Total value of Volunteer hours to Cherry Street for 2017

*Sources: Independent Sector and Bureau of Labor Statistics



In March's Issue of the *Voice of Compassion*, Cindy was featured as a guest story. Cindy spent many years in an abusive relationship. She left him and spent 15 months at Cherry Street while she and advocates at Cherry Street worked on

getting her life stabilized. Cindy now has a home of her own, continues to engage with Cherry Street in her stability and is really enjoying her new life.

>> more about Cindy in the next issue of *Voice of Compassion*.



UNIQUE THANK YOU DISPLAY

As a display of gratitude, the Life Revitalization Center now prominently exhibits a distinctive listing of the capital campaign leaders. The display was crafted from materials within the building and was installed just outside of the Mac Street Cafe.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Performances by

Ramona Collins
Pat Lewandowski
Kim Beuhler
Chuck and Elyse Hagge
One Spirit Gospel Group

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
7-9 pm. • \$25

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

Call 419.214.3008 for details
Buy your tickets today at cherrystreetmission.org

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH!

The sixth annual Christmas Concert to benefit Cherry Street will be presented by the Owens Community College Concert Band. This event is always a wonderful time of celebrating the season of our Savior's birth. You can count on an amazing performance!

There is no charge for the concert. Donations will be accepted and complimentary refreshments will be served following the concert. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 9th at 2:30 p.m. You won't want to miss this fun and festive Christmas event!



Owens Community College
Center for Performing Arts Theater
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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 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.