

CHERRY ST.
MISSION MINISTRIES

of VOICE of COMPASSION



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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

"GOD MAY LET THEM LIVE SECURE, AND KEEPS AN EYE ON THEM ALL THE TIME. " JOB 24:23

One year ago you helped us open the Mac Street Café at Cherry Streets Life Revitalization Center. On that opening day, I described the café as one of the rare places in our region where you could have a meal with someone you didn't know. I gave an open invitation, which still stands to this day, for anyone who wanted to drop by for a meal.

What I couldn't imagine would happen is the appearance of Annie.

Annie is an elderly woman who started showing up and having a meal. She is a very kind and wonderful person who pleasantly came through our café line, set herself up by one of our windows, brought her own condiments and enjoyed having a meal on us.

When we engaged Annie we found out she took my invitation literally. I was so happy. Annie was simply tired of eating in her apartment all by herself. At Cherry Street, Annie found belonging.

Look what your support does!

Thank you.



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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MINISTRIES



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A HEART FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND GIVING BACK

Alexus was attracted to the work Cherry Street does from the very first moment. “When I first came, I didn’t know what Cherry Street was because I’m not from here. I’m from Chicago so I’ve never heard of Cherry Street or understand what they did. Just when you realize that they’re trying to spread the Word of God and you know that that’s what you’re supposed to be doing, then it’s just best for you to hop on that bandwagon in any way that you can. My faith is the thing that keeps me going because without faith, you can’t prosper. Without faith, you can’t do what you need to do. Basically, I do my best to make sure that everybody would be able to come to God and when judgment day comes in, we’ll all have a party in heaven,” Alexis proclaimed.

While Alexis was in the Call Center Vocational Training at Cherry Street, she was getting better in other ways. When she reflected on what she knows now and how she handles life differently she says it’s easier since having had some training at Chery Street about handling conflict

and our emotions. Alexis explained, “If I get into an argument, then it’s easier for me to try to listen and understand what they’re trying to say, I know how to express what I’m thinking in my head.” I know how to handle things better than I could before. Emotionally, I’m better, but that’s also because of the way that I’ve been in Cherry Street, with the people that surround me, and pull me up, and make sure that I’m okay. That contributes to me being a little bit more confident.”

**"SO IN CHRIST WE,
THOUGH MANY,
FORM ONE BODY,
AND EACH MEMBER
BELONGS TO ALL
THE OTHERS."
ROMANS 12:5**

Alexis is grateful for those who support Cherry Street. She is grateful to those who those who have been helping her and others served at Cherry Street. She is especially happy when past guests who come back to offer encouragement to others and help new students feel as though they belong to a greater community. “Even if they may be going through their tough time now, but

when they get out of their tough time, then they’ll be able to look back and like, “Oh, that person helped me to be better, to make sure that I would be able to be taken care of while I was going through my tough time, so now, I can give back too.” Because I think there are some supporters of Cherry Street that used to live here but now, they’re doing better and they can give. They come down here and they talk to people.

Continuing, Alexis said, “For the people that give, I hope that they understand how much it means to the people that actually live here or even people that just got to eat here, that means a lot because trying to sustain this big, old building, trying to make sure there’s enough food for everybody to eat. It’s a lot of food. It’s a lot of money, so that money helps, just a little \$5.00 because \$5.00 from everybody in the world would be a lot of money.”

Alexis is a graduate of the Call Center Vocational Training and has been working in a call center. She returns to Cherry Street after her graduation to be a blessing to others through reassurance, inspiration and encouraging others into a sense of belonging.

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 providing a replacement birth certificate so the individual can start to receive benefits.

**\$50/
MONTH**



For example, those who donate **\$50 a month** could assist in providing a monthly buss pass for a guest to go to their place of employment while staying with Cherry Street and in plan development toward a better life.

**\$80/
MONTH**



For example, those who donate **\$80 a month** could assist in providing bus tokens for a guest to go to their place of employment while staying with Cherry Street and in plan development toward a better life.

**\$100/
MONTH**

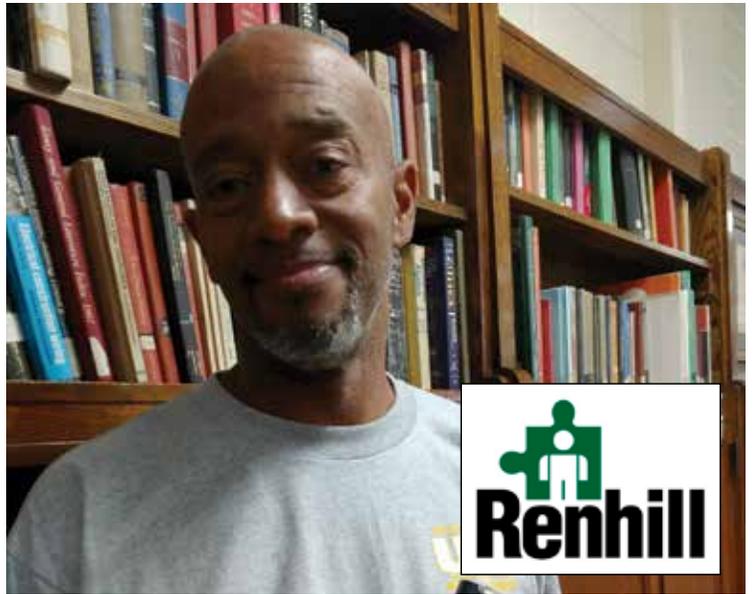


For example, those who donate **\$100 a month** could assist in purchasing replacement IDs for about 8 individuals staying at Cherry Street.

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.

DOING MORE TOGETHER



“How do I pay my bills while going to school?” is often a question prospective students ask when deciding to enter Cherry Street’s vocational training programs.

The flourishing partnership between Renhill Staffing and Cherry Street is how that common question is answered. In the last Call Center Vocational cohort, Dennis needed employment while he was in class. Dennis’ former job was the third shift, making it difficult for him to stay alert for classes. Mentors at Cherry Street connected Dennis with Renhill to find a more suitable job while Dennis was going to school.

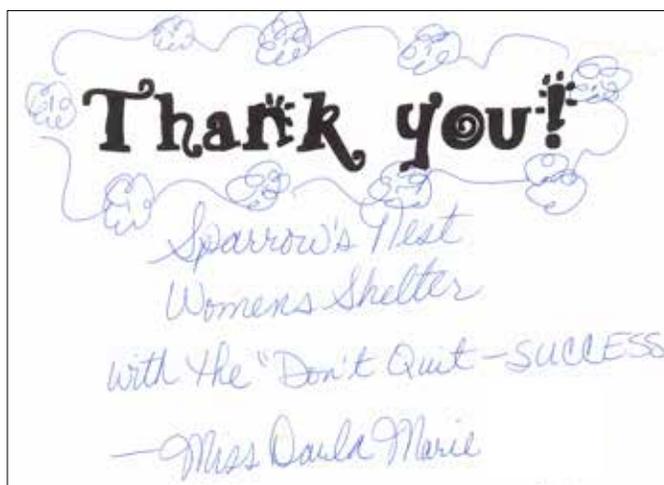
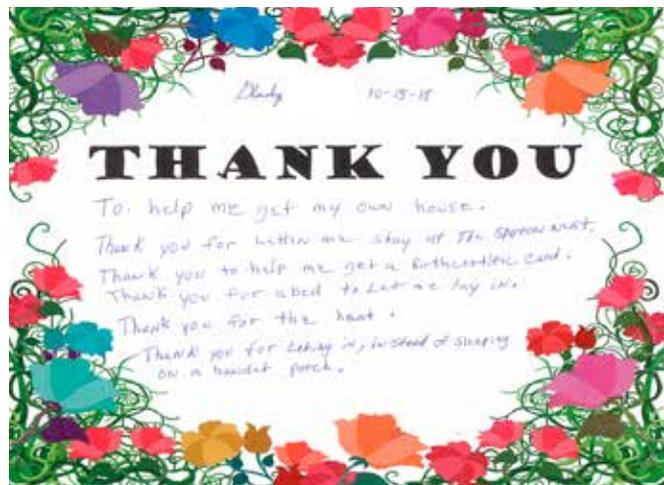
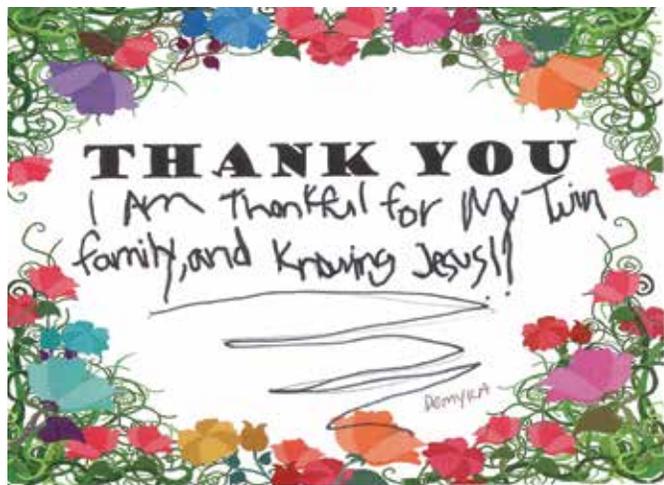
Dennis was able to complete the training and meet his financial obligations through the partnership between Cherry Street and Renhill.

Since having become a regular part of the Life Revitalization Center, Renhill Staffing has increased their presence and assistance to the central city and those staying at Cherry Street. Currently, Renhill Staffing is seeing **8 to 12 individuals a week.**



GRATITUDE TO YOU

Your generosity throughout the year is appreciated by those served by Cherry Street. Please accept these words of gratitude for remembering others in your community.



"I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; I WILL SING THE PRAISES OF THE NAME OF THE LORD MOST HIGH." PSALM 7:17

A PLACE TO BE

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCE OPENS AT CHERRY STREET



“Dan said this is the last nine months in the making. But I will tell you that the first time I came to visit the Cherry Street Mission, Dan said We want to put a library in this space and that was several years ago. This has been a long time in the making. And I’m really glad we were able to partner with the Cherry Street Mission. The Library’s mission is to engage ALL of our community. And that means everyone, regardless of your socio-economist status, where you come from or where you are headed,” says Jason Kusma, Deputy Director from Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. “We are engaging all of our patrons, providing space for them to just be. When we had those conversations about what happens when we closed down the Main library [due to renovations]... we talked to people at the Main library about what they used the Main library for; obviously people were using it for information access, entertainment and a lot of people were using it to just to be. Be by themselves or be in a community of people.



“We’re thrilled to have a part in this learning center, the library to help out others and to preserve it,” said Pat Appold



“Out of a challenge comes a lot of creativity” says Lucas County Commissioner, Pete Gerken. “This is a great day for Toledo, a community that cares.”



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS WITH CHERRY STREET

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday is one full of family, food and love around a dining table. But for some in our community it is a day like all the other days in the year, one full of loneliness, hunger and hopelessness. To meet the needs of the community, special holiday meals were celebrated on Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Located within the Life Revitalization Center, Mac Street Café served a pineapple ham dinner with all the traditional sides, linen table cloths and live music.



As the biggest marathon in Toledo, runners in the Turkey Chase raised awareness and funds for Cherry Street on Thanksgiving morning.



For breakfast, the Mac Street Café served pumpkin French toast bake, maple syrup and bacon.



The Real Seafood Company located at The Docks closed down on Thanksgiving just to serve an elegant meal prepared for those in the community and in poverty of relationships with other people.



Notes of encouragement from donors are shared throughout the Mac Street Cafe.





OPEN HOUSE

SAVE THE DATE

**MARCH 28, 2019
3-7:00PM**

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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 2:00 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 max@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3009.

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SPRING EVENT HAS SPRUNG AHEAD TO AUTUMN

An event to benefit redemption and the transformation of lives

Attendees will learn more about what Cherry Street is doing everyday through an insight on vision, projects on the horizons, testimonials, guest speakers, and a ministry update. To share the impact your support and gifts have made and will continue to make in the lives of others.

COMING SOON AUTUMN 2019!



Cherry Street guests **THANK YOU**...see more on page 5.