

# VOICE of Compassion



**"Under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield  
and rampart." Psalm 91:4**

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

**"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL COME POWERFULLY UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL PROPHECY WITH THEM; AND YOU WILL BE CHANGED INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON." 1 SAMUEL 10:6**



**ANN EBBERT**

President

**H**aving previously worked in the health care industry has given me experience in the heart of transitioning individuals into stable housing. Health care gave me experience in those who need care, stepping out of shelter care into housing and independence. For each person it should not be a big leap but small steps forward, having ensured each path to home is unique for each person. At Cherry Street we continue to walk along side individuals who each have a different reason for why they have a need Cherry Street is fulfilling. In each life, Cherry Street is helping the individual craft their own unique plan to exit and walk into a stable life with income, housing and a continuum of care.

Over the past 70 years the needs of those we serve has changed. So our communication with the public- you, needs to reflect that. You will soon see a change in how we communicate, including the look and feel of pieces you might see. It's a risk to Cherry Street. For over 70 years we have talked to you, donors and the community about feeding people and providing a safe place to sleep. The community has always supported Cherry Street toward that goal of food and shelter. In this communication change, we are choosing to be bold. We are inviting you to see through our new billboards, commercials, social media, newsletters, etc. that people we are serving are hungry for more than just a meal.

The change doesn't mean we pumped more money into a marketing budget. In fact, we reduced the budget this year. It simply means we want you to know about turkeys at Thanksgiving AND that those we serve are hungry for something thereafter. Together we are *feeding futures*. That play on words speaks volumes to the work we actually do at Cherry Street.

As always, you are encouraged to schedule a tour or call if you have questions.

President,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Ebbert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Ebbert



# WALKING ALONG SIDE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SEEKING SAFETY

Family provides so many of us with a stable foundation to build upon; shelter and security gives us the freedom to grow, faith and fellowship become the rock upon which we build good and healthy character. Healthy relationships become the first and most essential aid when we are in distress and need loving care. Tragically, for the vulnerable in our community, family can also bring hurt, troubles, and despair. Family dysfunction can spread harm and take us down the wrong path.

When Russell was young, his grandparents gave him loving care and stability. Every morning, he would share breakfast with his grandmother over the kitchen table. One morning, he woke to find the kitchen empty. At first, he thought she had overslept. Sadly, his grandmother had passed on. Russell sank into despair and loneliness.

Losing his lifelong caregiver and source of hope and comfort, Russell turned to his

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**"THE LORD WILL  
RESCUE ME FROM  
EVERY EVIL ATTACK  
AND WILL BRING  
ME SAFELY TO HIS  
HEAVENLY KINGDOM.  
TO HIM BE GLORY  
FOR EVER AND EVER.  
AMEN."  
2 TIMOTHY 4:18**

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sister for help. His sister had her own struggles with despair, doubt, and demons. After conflicts with his sister escalated, Russell moved in with his aunt, but he would find no true shelter there. It was family that led Russell into addiction; he first tried crack cocaine at the urging of his cousins, who themselves had fallen into drug use. It was a means to steal money from Russell and take advantage of his kindness. Russell fell into danger, and had no one to turn to.

Russell sought recovery, completing a six month recovery program and getting clean. But now what? Where could he go? Left with nothing, where could he find shelter and support? Russell came to Cherry Street. Here he found community and compassion. "I need friends I can trust." Cherry Street provides Russell with safety, direction and purpose. Here, he has found friends that see him as more than an easy mark. The true friends he has found here now serve to keep him moving forward in life; together, they have found church communities and continue to support and encourage his recovery. Russell has found meaning in serving the Cherry Street community working in facilities and working on building a network of support for his future stability. You can help Russell toward his future when you make a donation to Cherry Street.

# PILLAR OF HOPE

Pillars of Hope are the vital foundation of our ability to better budget and plan how we will serve your community. As a monthly Pillar of Hope donor, you agree in providing opportunities for success. You make success possible by **investing each month** in the men and women that come to Cherry Street. For seven decades, investment from people like you makes it possible for trust and consistency to be built in the lives of your brothers and sisters who are hungry for change.

## A BRIEF STAY



Your **\$25 monthly pledge** can purchase 11 meals. A fire or medical condition might make it needed for a person to need services at Cherry Street for a brief period of time. Those 11 meals allow the individual time to recover and get back home.

## ON SCHOOL DAYS



Your **\$50 monthly pledge** can purchase 22 meals for a Workforce Development student who eats a meal at Cherry Street on a school day. A nutritious meal at the Mac Street Café allows for that adult continuing their education to get fueled up for the brain work.

## ON THE WAY TO WORK



Your **\$75 monthly pledge** can purchase 33 meals for guests and those living in the community who have just started a new job, waiting for that first pay check. A hearty breakfast at Cherry Street's Mac Street Café and a packed lunch supports the individual's sense of dignity and abilities to work at peak performance.

## A LONGER JOURNEY



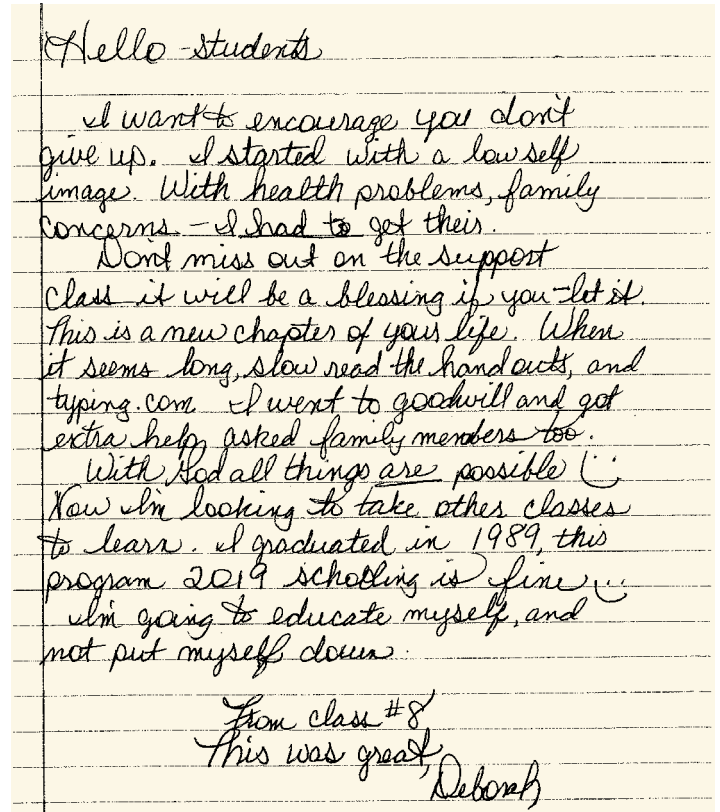
Your **\$100 monthly pledge** can purchase 44 meals for a woman escaping sexual trafficking and her oppressors. Her stay might be a longer one while she struggles with maintaining her safety, addressing her mental health needs and setting goals. Healthy relationships around stable meals is a key component toward an independent life.

For more information about how you can become a Pillar of Hope, contact Andrea Casteel at 419.214.3312 or [acasteel@cherrystreetmission.org](mailto:acasteel@cherrystreetmission.org).

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# DEAR FUTURE STUDENT:

Students of the recently graduated Call Center/ Customer Service cohort wrote letters to anyone who is considering continuing their education through Cherry Street. Anyone interested in Workforce Development can contact Cherry Street at 419.214.6776 for details.



# A GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING

In Memory and In Honor cards offer a way to add a personal sentiment to your donation to Cherry Street. With your donation, a card can be sent to those you are honoring or their loved ones. Making a donation is a unique way to remember someone in times of mourning, a wedding, retirement, **Christmas** or a special birthday.





# VOLUNTEER & EMPLOYEE PICNIC



Connect your passion with your purpose.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THESE DATES:

### NOVEMBER 2019 Number of Volunteer Spots Available

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday | Thursday           | Friday | Saturday                                     |
|--------|--------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|
|        |        |                                             |           |                    | 1      | 2                                            |
| 3      | 4      | 5                                           | 6         | 7                  | 8      | 9                                            |
| 10     | 11     | VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 5p.m. 1501 Monroe St. | 13        | 14                 | 15     | VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 10a.m. 1501 Monroe St. |
| 17     | 18     | 19                                          | 20        | 21                 | 22     | 23                                           |
| 15     | 10     | 5                                           | 15        | 20                 | 10     | 10                                           |
| 24     | 25     | 26                                          | 27        | 28<br>THANKSGIVING | 29     | 30                                           |
| 10     | 15     | 10                                          | 20        | 106                | 20     | 20                                           |

### DECEMBER 2019 Number of Volunteer Spots Available

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                     |
|--------|--------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2      | 3                                           | 4                          | 5        | 6      | 7                                            |
| 20     | 20     | 20                                          | 20                         | 20       | 20     | VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 10a.m. 1501 Monroe St. |
| 8      | 9      | 10                                          | 11                         | 12       | 13     | 14                                           |
| 15     | 10     | VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 5p.m. 1501 Monroe St. | 5                          | 20       | 20     | 15                                           |
| 15     | 16     | 17                                          | 18                         | 19       | 20     | 21                                           |
| 20     | 0      | 20                                          | 20                         | 10       | 20     | VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 10a.m. 1501 Monroe St. |
| 22     | 23     | 24                                          | 25                         | 26       | 27     | 28                                           |
| 30     | 5      | 15                                          | 2<br>Van Driver Spots Open | 15       | 20     | 30                                           |
| 29     | 30     | 31                                          |                            |          |        |                                              |
| 20     | 30     | 25                                          |                            |          |        |                                              |

**Sign Up Today!** 419.214.3419 • [cherrystreetmission.org/volunteer](http://cherrystreetmission.org/volunteer)

# DOING MORE TOGETHER

*"It's important to Renhill to be on-site at Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center. We are able to fill open positions for our clients while meeting the needs for guests of Cherry Street and community members in the central city. The greater good of our community is a net positive when we open up opportunities to everyone, including those living in poverty."*

As a part of the "Under-One-Roof, Holistic Approach" Cherry Street believes a component to the success of others is to remove common barriers. As a part of this philosophy, Renhill Temporary Staffing has offices in the Life Revitalization Center, open 5 days a week. Having Renhill on site allows for guests and community members to utilize a resource in the central city for employment and a stable income.

Recently, Renhill had eight Cherry Street Mission Ministries clients scheduled to work a holiday event at Brandywine Country Club. All eight reported to work, dressed, trained, and ready to work. All eight employees, had been trained proper table etiquette, the introduction of oneself, and making a first and last impression while out working. The trainer's proudest moment was when the staff walked by with

the napkin tucked in the back of their apron, just as they had been trained. The trainer was on the receiving end of their service and was able to see that the partnership between Renhill and Cherry Street is working.

According to the trainer at Renhill, the employees were dressed in proper attire and pressed uniforms. They introduced themselves to the staff at Brandywine County Club, and at the end of the event, they even THANKED the chef. These steps are very important in the hospitality department and building their self-confidence. They are doing a great job!

**BARRIE HOWELL,**  
President,  
Renhill Temporary Staffing



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Volunteers, guests and staff have shared their Christmas memories and joys.





## NEW ACCESSIBLE DOORS AT THE LIFE REVITALIZATION CENTER

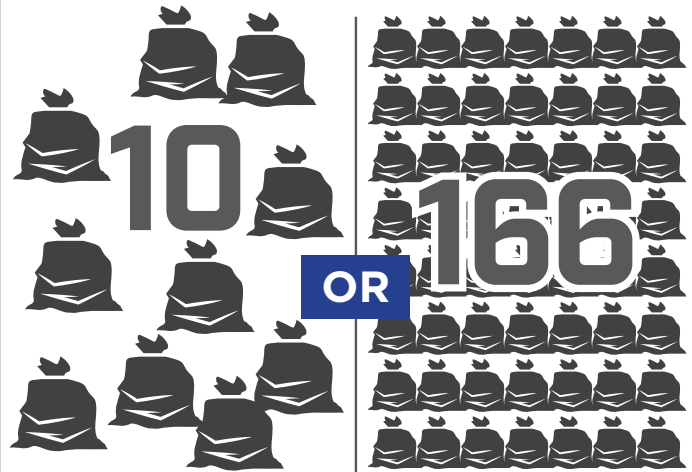
Through a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation an entrance in compliance with the American Disability Act (ADA) was installed at the Life Revitalization Center.

Cherry Street needed an entrance to allow for independence and ease of use for those with disabilities on the main entrance for the Life Revitalization Center building. Cherry Street is a valuable asset to our community in a facility built before such considerations were made. While the building has been grandfathered out of the requirements to provide these accommodations, Cherry Street recognized the immediate need.

Those using wheelchairs or walkers had to negotiate over multiple flooring surfaces and thresh holds. The doorways were narrow, often not allowing for the guest to independently operate their wheelchair through. Further, the exterior doors were antiquated, made of heavy steel and glass. The previous doors were an obstacle, too heavy and difficult to open, for anyone with a variety of disabilities, regardless of wheelchair or walker use. The new ADA entrance includes a push button to open a mechanical door, wider doorways, lighter materials, consistent flooring, and removal of thresholds.

Having the building accessible and at full capacity for all citizens, regardless of ability, allows Cherry Street to move forward with future plans and use the building to its fullest. The new ADA entrance is one step in the right direction. The next major step is toward an elevator. By addressing the needs Cherry Street is meeting the other goals of providing people access to a myriad of services at the Life Revitalization Center.

## WITH \$20 YOU CAN...



AT YOUR FAVORITE STORE, PURCHASE **10** 55 GALLON TRASH BAGS, AT APPROXIMATELY 47¢ EACH.

DONATE \$20 TO CHERRY STREET FOR US TO PURCHASE **166** 55 GALLON TRASH BAGS USING OUR QUANTITY DISCOUNT, MAKING THE COST APPROXIMATELY 12¢ EACH.

**WE USE 55 GALLON TRASH BAGS FOR MEAL CLEAN UP, CONSTRUCTION & FOR THOSE MOVING OUT.**

Give now at [cherrystreetmission.org/give](http://cherrystreetmission.org/give)

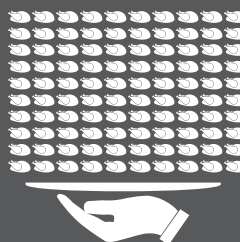
\$25 = 11 MEALS



\$250 = 110 MEALS



\$2500 = 1,100 MEALS



## MEALS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Located within the Life Revitalization Center, Mac Street Café will be serving lavish meals with all the traditional sides, linen table cloths and live music for the upcoming holidays. Meals are open to the public and reservations are not required. Fueled by supporters like you, donations allow Cherry Street to provide a fine meal for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

You can provide towards meals at [www.cherrystreetmission.org/donate](http://www.cherrystreetmission.org/donate).

# SIBERIAN SOLSTICE

*A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute Band*

presents

## THE ANGEL'S GIFT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

Doors open at 6:30pm  
Show starts at 7pm

**100%** to benefit  
Cherry Street  
**DONATION \$25**

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MISSION MINISTRIES

**Life Revitalization Center**  
1501 Monroe Street  
Toledo 43604

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

The seventh 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 8th 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 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 Cherry Street at **csmm@cherrystreetmission.org** or 419-214-3007.

For more information about Cherry Street or the *Voice of Compassion*, contact Nikki Morey at **nmorey@cherrystreetmission.org** or 419-214-3410.