

THE FOUNDATION SHELTERS

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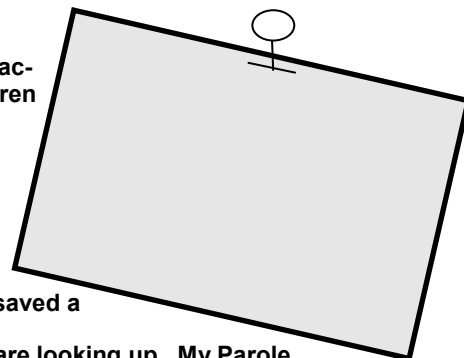
Another Homeless Story

A Homeless Story from a Homeless Man

Due to bad decisions and the lack of God in my life I have led a life of interactions involving the courts, probation, prison, you name it. I have five children and nothing to show for 33 years of work. Went into business on my own last year, another run in with alcohol caused me to go to jail, losing everything again. I look around at all the experiences along the way, and all the people I have let down, and realized my way was not working. Until a guy crossed my path that had a path I have not taken. This guy's name is Tom Underwood. A lot of people know this God sent guy.

Looking back I always had a gut feeling that I need to move more of my energy towards the Lord. Five minutes before being released last week, I saved a man's life from an overdose. That said my kids and my life had to change.

Since being released I attend Cornerstone Church, follow God and things are looking up. My Parole Officer wanted me to have stable housing. The Foundation has given me exactly what the name says. They really do care and guide you along a positive way. God has allowed me to keep my business, see my children and set goals. I hit my last bottom, pray with me now! This too shall pass. Luke



Another Homeless Story from another Homeless Man

A man in his mid-fifties dealing with being laid off, making bad decisions to a life of petty crimes. One minute successful with house, car, job, and wife. Next minute lose job, house foreclosure, car repossessed, and separated marriage. Relocated from Columbus to Lancaster, homeless. But God has a ram in the bush. (Gen 22:13) The Foundation Shelter and Foundation Dinners. God blesses those to bless others. Godly men like Ed and his God fearing helpers operate the facilities based on Christian principles. Their example of unconditional love is an example for the community on how to walk in the Spirit of love, being a doer and not just a hearer (James 1:22) make Lancaster a better community to want to live in.

Wayne

March Support List

Joana, Steve & Connie, Jerry & Brenda, Herman & Pat, Wendall, Fidelity Charitable, Roger & Melody, Doug, Richard & Geraldine, Ron & Betty, Doug, Fidelity Charitable, David, Lamp-lighter's SS Class, Harry & Mary, Life Church, Helen, Ron & Barb, Teresa. Donald, Sharon, Paul, Heidelberg SS Class, Jerry & Judith, New Horizon SS Class, Dan, Pat, Dorthy & Raymond, Dave & Pam, Rose Hill Ch. Of Christ, Ed & Darlene, Tracy & Jill, Warren & Tiny, David & Margaret, Gary & Avis, James & Vera, Mike, Robert, Jana, Ed & Dorothy, Light Up Your Life, Matt, and Roger & Victoria.

Thank you every one, for making it possible for us to go.... Ed

*The "L" (Lust)
must be re-
moved from
the WORLD
and be convert-
ed into the
Spirit of The
Word*

HOMELESS SERVED IN MARCH, 17

Women.....	6
Children.....	6
Men.....	34
Total Served.....	46

1st Qtr Donations & Expenses

Total Donations.....	\$17,016
Total Expenses.....	\$18,917

THANK YOU COMMUNITY

Wants & Needs List

Coffee, Sugar
Powdered Cream
8 oz. foam coffee cups
Plastic Spoons
Washing Machine Detergent
Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
Bleach and Cleaning Supplies
Financial Donations
Trash Bags, large heavy duty
Single bed sheets & blankets

KATIE'S KORNER

Spring is here. Don't we all love green things growing?

Farmers plant the fields to feed bodies.

Christians plant in hearts and minds to feed souls.

Both hover and watch for the little signs of new life, like sprouts.

It is so exciting. So just plant, plant, plant. Good seed overcomes weeds.

Katie

GIFTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Foundation Shelters operates totally from financial and personal gifts from the great surrounding communities. We can be described as a Comprehensive Community Agency. We now have 22 years of support and expansion.

We started out the Men's Shelter in what used to be a Marathon Station and then The West Side Foreign Car on the corner of W. Sixth and Harrison Avenue. In 1998 the community built us a brand new building on the corner to enable us to serve homeless women and children.

Even this month we have received many needed personal products for the homeless who use our facility. Blankets, pillows, coffee, paper towels and toilet tissues, womens personal items, socks, underwear, coats, and all sorts of clothing keep coming in, plus financial support to pay our bills every month. The most important thing that has come into us is the four Innkeepers who so diligently oversee the place every night. Thank you all. This is the same path Jesus walked as He served the poor. This is an important part of the Living Word, to walk His Walk of Mercy. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. What a great place. A merciful heart is the key to the Kingdom.
by Ed Clum

THANK YOU, JIM

Jim Rauch, one of our board members for years and years, has removed himself from our operating board recently because of some very serious health issues. Jim has always been 100% in favor of all The Foundation Shelters has done for the homeless population of our area. Never has he objected to any of our efforts to serve the homeless, a serious expression of his Faith. Please put him and his wife in your prayers. He is the kind of help we all need. He has been a dedicated Christian for many years and most certainly there is a great place for him. Ed

Homeless Day Current Information

Our plans for a HOMELESS DAY in Lancaster is progressing. We have had two meetings to plan the event. We have established a date, subject to change if needed. We plan for a Saturday night on the 9th of September, 2017. We are discussing three locations. We have not yet received a definite OK yet for any of them, but we are working on it. This Newsletter will keep you informed as to the final plan. The three present locations talked about are The Rising Park, The Fairfield County Fairgrounds, and Cincy Park. The public will be invited to join us in sleeping outside for one night to experience a homeless environment.

Enthusiasm is growing as we get more people involved in the planning. A Fairfield Medical Center group has raised \$600 to hire police surveillance for the night. The local Chamber of Commerce is showing a lot of interest in the event. We are planning a bedtime snack and early morning coffee before we depart the next morning. We hope you will join us for quite an experience in the open air. The Lord will be with us I know.

The Barbee Group from Community Church

We received a phone call recently from the Barbee Group requesting to provide us with some work. We never imagined what would develop. Three women, five men and nine kids came into our shelter house and did a deep clean like it had never seen before. They scrubbed the walls down, they cleaned under all the furnishings like beds, lockers, cabinets and desks. They cleaned all the corners and base boards, they cleaned the shower rooms and fixtures and the rest rooms. When they left the place smelled brand new again. They acted like they really enjoyed the experience and even said they wanted to come back and do it again in a few months. Thank you Community Church for this great gift, with a great spirit, you have presented us with. This truly is God speaking to the Community.

The Foundation Shelters is an act of Faith

I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU TOOK ME IN

Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me.

Matt. 25:35

Matt 25:40