

# THE FOUNDATION SHELTERS

**800 West Sixth Ave  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130**  
740 653 1960 or 740 503 2381  
[www.foundationshelters.org](http://www.foundationshelters.org)

## Board of Directors

Treasurer - Dave Dilger	Member - Will Beckwith
Secretary - Gerald Clum	Member - Jim Rauch
Member - Ed Clum	Member - Dan Roth

**DECEMBER, 2016**

We are a Gospel driven, non-profit, 501 c 3, tax exempt Ohio Corporation

## Another Homeless Story

I was located in Columbus, OH. I've been at The Foundation Shelters in Lancaster, OH. for about 24 days now. Through a series of unfortunate events, that has been going on since the birth of my son in February of 2015, I became homeless. During this time, I was in constant arguments, in and out of custody court, having to deal with harassment at work, by phone, made to lose three jobs, threatened everyday that I was never going to see my son again-just the works! All by my son's Father. This man went as low as to steal his son's WIC Card, the little and only help I had at the time. So of course when I would lose a job due to his harassment, my finances started to diminish. Formula, food, diapers, clothes for my son and the rest of just the simplest things became priority over things like bills for a time.

I had stayed with a couple of friends for a very short time but ultimately, since I've finally gotten away from my son's Father, it was time to start completely new-somewhere new. So I made the decision to move to Lancaster. The Foundation Shelters has kept me and my son safe and with a clean, warm bed at night. It has allowed me to not worry about where we were going to lay our heads at night so I could go out and do what I needed to do to get back on my feet. I am so thankful and appreciative beyond words This place and its volunteers are definitely here for a reason. And they help so many like me and my son. I am forever Grateful. Sincerely, Barbara

## NOVEMBER Support List

Tom & Leota, Catherine, Denyce, Joana, Tom, Steve & Connie, Roger & Melody, Doug, Jerry & Brenda, Charity Newsies, 5th Ave Ch. Of Christ Richard & Geraldine, Sharon, Heidelberg SS Class, Paul, Nancy, Deborah, Patricia, Faith, Donald, Ron & Barb, Donald, David, Lamplighters SS Class, Life Church, Jerry & Judith, Network, Dave & Pam, Dan, Roland & Janis, Jim & Jan, Barbara, Helen, Howard & Dorothy, Rose Hill Ch. Of Christ, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Robert, Dorothy, Mike, Warren & Tiny, James & Vera, Jana, New Horizons SS Class, Mary & Gerald, Mary & Gerald, Bob, Sam, Nora & Duke, Garold, Deborah, Patricia, Carl & Janice, Fairfield Fed. S&L, & 1st Presbyterian Church, Charity Newsies, Bill & Betty, Nancy, Ron & Barb, Helen, and Gary & Avis.

Thank you again to all of our supporters. We could not house all of these homeless without your support. Ed

THE  
DARKER  
THE  
NIGHT,  
THE  
BRIGHTER  
THE  
LIGHT.

## HOMELESS SERVED IN NOVEMBER

Women.....	5
Children.....	5
Men.....	22
Total Served.....	32

## NOVEMBER EXPENSES & DONATIONS

Total Donations.....	\$6,233.00
Total Expenses.....	\$5,212.00

## Wants & Needs List

Coffee, Sugar  
Powdered Cream  
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

## KATY'S KORNER

### GIFTS 365 DAYS

People obsess over money especially at Christmas. Here is a tiny list of intangible gifts we all received. Life and time to live it, health and a mind with aptitude, curiosity, and the ability to choose good or bad. Many are blessed with strong family, love and principles. These gifts are priceless. How much of that list are you willing to give away or share?

Play a game with yourself. See if you can deplete your "received" column to zero. Smile. Say hello to a stranger. Listen. Learn. Teach someone about what you know. These gifts last forever. Deeds count, dollars don't.

The best gift of all is in this math:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

Peace Katy

## Volunteer Schedule for December, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Joe Harrison	3 Greg Layne
4 Sharon Jacob & Mary Mitchell	5	6 Ethel Mugg	7 Maureen Fey	8 Ethel Mugg	9 Joe Harrison	10 Jeana & JDJohnson
11 Pam Catalan	12 Dave Dilger & Bill Ashton	13 Pam Catalan	14 Maureen Fey	15	16 Joe Harrison	17 Greg Layne
18 Sharon Jacob & Mary Mitchell	19	20 Ethel Mugg	21 Maureen Fey	22 Ethel Mugg	23 Joe Harrison	24 Jeana & JDJohnson
25 Pam Catalan	26 Dave Dilger & Bill Ashton	27 Pam Catalan	28 Maureen Fey	29	30 Joe Harrison	31 Greg Layne

We captured a new shelter volunteer recently, Jeana Johnson along with her son JD. She contacted us to see if she could help. What a great Community we have!!!! We want to capture a couple more according to our Schedule Calendar.....740 503 2381



**The WORD also  
has a place in  
our shoe.**

## COMMUNITY MERCY PROVIDED

Christmas gifts are a big part of Christmas. We can express our love and concern for our loved ones, children, spouses, parents, friends, acquaintances and fellow workers by giving Christmas gifts. It has become a large part of our culture. Santa Clause is a big role model in this. We can bring about a lot of happiness to a lot of people by showing them this sort of love. The Message Jesus brought to us is a similar demonstration of Love and Mercy. All of this sort of activity is important to demonstrate to our children the love we have for one another.

The gifts that agencies like ours receive from communities are a part of the Message Christ brought to us. The Foundation Shelters has operated for nearly 22 years on the gifts of the Community which come from the heart of the Community. Every year warm and safe sleeping environments have been provided to homeless men, women, and children on Lancaster's west side. This makes a great statement to the supporters who so generously provide the funding to pay our bills and many of the other needs such as blankets, sheets, clothing items and personal items that the homeless need. Continuously, people drop off items from churches, and businesses to help us maintain a Merciful environment for the homeless.

Jesus came to deliver the definition of Mercy. He brought the Message, but not only that, He demonstrated the Message by walking the roads and delivering Mercy to many suffering people along the roadside in many Ways. Just as we want to please our family members by sharing gifts, Jesus shared gifts of Mercy to those who need them the most. That is finally what Christmas is all about according to my eyesight.

We have had several months where our income has been short this year. But I know, from all the years behind us, that we will catch up by the end of the year. The Lord's Message is in a lot of hearts in our community areas and many have absorbed it and live according to it. Mercy is the greatest love we can provide to those who lack.

**The Foundation Shelters is an act of Faith**

**I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU TOOK ME IN**

MATTHEW 25:35