

Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry

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Woodsdale Students Provide Tents

Delivering tents they purchased for the Winter Freeze Shelter guests are, front row from left to right, Woodsdale Elementary School fifth-graders Jaylah Hurt, Maddie McKee, Reagan Hughes, Kayleigh Whittington, Jada Ricker and Liam Waldeck. With them are, back row from left to right, Kate Marshall, shelter employee and House of Hagar Catholic Worker; shelter volunteer and retired teacher Susan Brossman; Woodsdale Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Heather Vickers and YSS Director of Development Tammy Kruse. The students raised enough money to buy 15 tents, and Bordas & Bordas Attorneys matched their gift.



Giving Thanks And Bestowing Blessings

By John Moses
Youth Services System CEO

The Youth Services System Inc. Winter Freeze Shelter served 197 different individuals this season, a 23 percent increase over last year.

Inviting our homeless neighbors to sleep in our administrative building during the winter was a matter of life and death when we started this ministry nine years ago, and the need has only grown. It took faith and a lot of hard work to make it happen, and it simply wouldn't have been possible — and could not continue — without the support of our Ohio Valley neighbors.

Since we opened in 2009, 1,300 people have spent a cold winter's night at 87 15th St. A need for shelter is the only prerequisite to be one of our guests. You provided your neighbors in dire circumstances with a warm bed, a hot meal, a kind word, a useful resource, a helping hand.

On behalf of them and all of us at Youth Services System, I thank you.

This is my prayer for all who have provided aid and comfort to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the first responders, police, fire, EMTs. Their professionalism and their caring were so welcome.

Blessed be the foundations, organizations, faith-based communities and scores of individual donors. Without their faithful generosity, the needs of the poor and homeless would have gone unmet.

Blessed be the soup makers, the meal makers, the dessert makers. Their loving efforts filled the bellies and warmed the hearts and souls of so many.

Blessed be the YSS team and volunteers. They kept vigil, formed friendships, offered hope.

Blessed be Project HOPE. Its doctors, nurses and medical team salvaged wounds, eased pain, saved lives.

Blessed be the launderers and bed makers, especially Wheeling Linen who provided dignifying hospitality.

Blessed be the children who gave and shared joyfully in this ministry. They are living the learned example of compassionate parents, teachers and pastors.

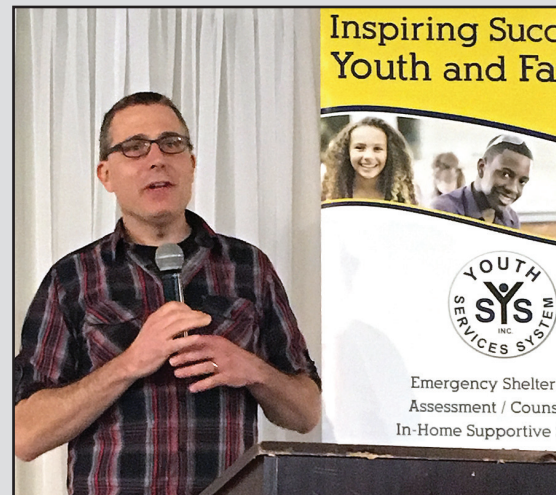
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Kim Leach, wife of YSS buildings & grounds manager Dave Leach, prepared enough scrumptious desserts to fill three 8-foot tables, courtesy of her employer, Sienna Hills Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



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Thanks also to our guest speakers: Erica Harley, Chris Figaretti, Matt Porter and Sarah Moore.