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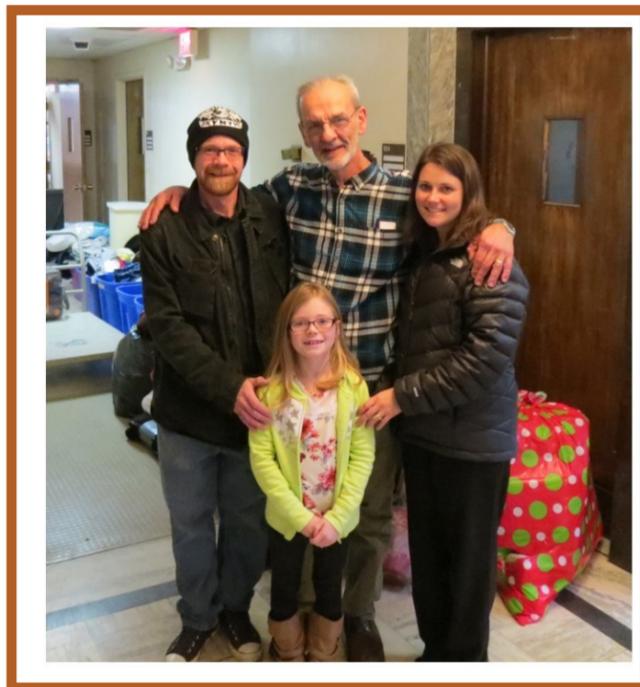
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## Katy's Birthday Wish

Katy Smith has a tradition for her birthdays. Instead of getting presents for herself, she asks people to donate to a local cause that she cares about. She has donated to Wee Bark and to others through the years.

This year, as Katy turned 8, she asked people to donate to the Winter Freeze Shelter. Here she is with her parents, Luther and Katrina and John Moses.

The gifts included pillows, blankets and much more. Thank you Katy, Luther and Katrina !



**Winter Freeze  
Shelter  
Ministry  
Newsletter  
8th Season**

## Overnight Volunteers Needed

Volunteers make the Winter Freeze Shelter the special place that it is. Overnight volunteers are needed!

Overnight volunteers work with shelter supervisors to take care of our guests. They arrive at 9:00 pm. At this point, they may help get the evening meal ready. Or with the shelter supervisor welcome our guests in from the cold.

At 9:30 pm, the guests and volunteers head to the 4th floor at 87 15th Street. Guests eat, find their bed and settle in for the night. Volunteers do bed checks, clean up after the meal,

and engage in conversation and fellowship with the guests. The presence of volunteers reassures these men and women of their safety and security.

Volunteers make coffee in the morning and wake the Winter Freeze Shelter guests so they can prepare for their day. Volunteers leave by 7:00 am as do our guests.

You can be a volunteer for the Winter Freeze Shelter, call Holly Fox , YSS, 304-218-2847 for an orientation and to be scheduled. Thank you for your help.

## December 15th—Winter Freeze Shelter Opens



For the past several years, members of Christ United Methodist Church have volunteered to prepare the dormitory rooms used by the our Winter Freeze Shelter guests. Above is a photo of those Christ United Methodist Church members who came to Youth Services System in November to make the beds.

Front row: on the floor from left to right; Brody Steele, Mila Smith and Marlee Smith.

Second row, Gary Bryant, Winnie Hurd, Cheryl Sprague, Linda Kerr, Linda Bryant, and John Moses, YSS CEO; Third Row, Left to Right: Tyler Bryant, Elijah Bryant, Pastor Jake Steele, Katherine Flaherty, Kaleigh Bryant, Amber Shepherd-Smith, Jason Smith.

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Pastor Chris Figaretti, on the right, presenting John Moses with a certificate celebrating the 2000 meals the Vineyard Church made for the 2017-18 Winter Freeze Shelter



## The Vineyard Church feeds Winter Freeze Shelter guests

The Vineyard Church chose to work with Youth Services System, one of several community efforts they support. "We like to solve problems," said the Vineyard's Rev. Chris Figaretti. The Vineyard Church members like to eat and they have a great kitchen, inspected by the Health Department to feed them. They thought that providing food for the Winter Freeze Shelter guests would be a way to help.

Donations, like a whole cow, were part of the Vineyard's plan. Cooking the meals was another part, but they wanted to cook all the meals at once. This is where Zigenfelder's enters the picture.

Allison O'Skibo contacted Zigenfelders to see if the East Wheeling Budget Pops company could freeze and store the meals.

Zigenfelder's agreed. Many of you know that Zigenfelder's makes an effort to hire individuals who are in recovery or who are rebuilding their lives after spending time incarcerated. The company works to take care of its neighbors in many ways! Freezing the Vineyard Winter Freeze meals is one of those ways for the Ziggy Tribe.

With their help, the Vineyard Church has prepared 2000 meals for the upcoming Winter Freeze Shelter. We will be able to get them, thaw and heat them for our guests. These meals will feed our guests for 50 nights during the winter!

The Vineyard Church has helped a lot as the Winter Freeze Shelter opens!

### Vineyard Meals for the Winter Freeze Shelter

Each meal should feed our overnight guests. They make take any leftovers with them in the morning.

- Goulash - 7 meals
- Rigatoni and Meatballs - 7 meals
- Vegetable Soup - 6 meals
- Beef Stew - 8 meals
- Chili - 5 meals
- Meat Loaf, buttered potatoes and green beans - 7 meals
- Salisbury Steak in gravy, Mash potatoes & Corn - 7 meals
- Ham, potatoes & candy carrots - 1 meal
- Lasagna - 1 meal
- Cream Turkey on Biscuits with stuffing balls and potatoes - 1 meal



Keeping an eye on the cooking that will feed many!



Much work, and love, went into the Vineyard Church's cooking, by many!

