

Winter Freeze

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Gathering the Generous Community



A Bargain for a Cause

Everybody likes a bargain. David and Judy Rose set out to buy items for the Winter Freeze Shelter guests at Kmart. As they added sweatshirts, knit hats, underwear, gloves, and jackets to their basket, they knew that they would get 80% off their purchase. The Roses headed to check out.

On the way, there was an announcement on the Kmart public address system. Shoppers in the store NOW would get an additional 10% off their purchases.

As their gifts of love were being scanned, the Roses explained their mission to donate the purchases to Youth Services System. The clerk gave them an additional 2% off.

David and Judy came to 87 15th Street bringing their story and their gifts to help others. David and Judy Rose set out that day to do good, and by doing that, they did well for those in need.

93% off meant \$88 for \$900+ of care & giving.

Dr. Tom Wack sharing the work of Project HOPE (Homeless Outreach Partnership Effort) at the Soup Social. This event celebrates those who make the Winter Freeze Shelter ministry a success. Photos by Noah Marshall.

During the 2016-17 winter, the Winter Freeze Shelter served 197 people, including 58 women, with one or more nights of shelter, food, and fellowship. Twenty-five people found housing. Another 15 people were reunited with family or loved ones, Shelter guests received medical and behavioral health services. Needs like medications, clothing, and foot wear were met.

As Dr. Wack noted in his remarks, fewer people spent the winter outside than in past years when Project HOPE made their rounds in the community. More than 30 churches, church groups or organization, 40 civic groups and businesses, and many individuals from the Ohio Valley came together for this year's Winter Freeze Shelter. Thank you from those who were guests this past season!



Lloyd and Margaret Walker, St. Paul Evangelical Church at the Soup Social.

To Love Others

—John Moses

Remarks made during the Soup Social

I want to say thank you to everyone sharing in this celebration of gratitude in honor of you and your faithfulness in serving the poor and homeless. That service starts with a choice.

The experiences of so many of our community's people who serve the homeless begin when they ask, "How can I help?" You may just embark on an unintended journey. You may just be challenged with satisfying a need beyond your resources. You may become acquainted with a depth of despair that leaves you speechless.

I had that experience on the morning we were saying good bye to our guests. I had just given Jeff a quiet but friendly guy a tent and sleeping bag. He asked if he could have a few bucks for smokes and I said sure. So while I was in the cash box I told him to stay in touch and he answered that he didn't have a phone. I told him I had a spare that he was welcome to have, and he said to my surprise who would I call? He then said something that has haunted me for days. "John, I've become other than human. I can't take this anymore."

Jeff's anguish says to me much needs to be done to end homelessness in our communities, and I am absolutely convinced that the generosity of this Ohio Valley will continue to be faithful in restoring the dignity and livelihood of our fellow brothers and sisters.

What I want to honor tonight is the faithfulness of our caring communities:

- To the faithful foundations, Hoffman, Stamp, Hess, Christian Fellowship, Ohio Valley Christian Soldiers and a few that wished to remain anonymous, thank you.
- To Dr. Mercer, Dr. Wack and their entire medical and outreach team who every Friday faithfully attended to the medical needs of our guests, thank you.
- To Wheeling Linen, whose faithful workers laundered over 10,000 sheets, pillowcases and blankets dignifying the homeless with clean linens nightly, thank you.
- To the volunteers who kept vigil nightly: Vicki,

Leonard, Travis, April, Banford, John, Carole, Kate, Marilyn, Michaela, Courtney and so many others. Thank You.

- To those who provided hot meals nightly: Steve, Michelle, and Michael Novotney, with help from Shawn Fluharty and David Rotriga of Miklas Meat Market, Quaker Steak and Lube, Avenue Eats, Margaret and Lloyd Walker, Soroptimist Group, River City, Pizza Express, Papa John's, Kim and our kids at the McCrary Center, our Detention Center staff, Marilyn Thomas, Shaney Faini, Janet Boyle, Chuck Knight, Galey Wilson, Elm Grove United Methodist Church, Warwood Women's Group, Sandy Pell and her family, Carole Wack, Lori Timmer, Marilyn and Kate, thank you.
- To those that made Christmas special for these folks too. Moundsville Church of the Nazarene, Vineyard Church, AEP Mitchell Plant employees, Christ United Methodist Church's King Unit, Carolyn and Wayne Smith, Christian Fellowship Foundation, thank you.

To all my good help at YSS and to all whose names I failed to mention, on behalf of 197 men and women you served. Thank you.

I am proud that because of your generosity:

- More than 25 are now in their own home;
- 15 or more have been re-united with family or friends;
- More than 40 have been connected with medical or mental health treatment.

Thanks to the community's generosity all year long we now have a store, so to speak, where clothing, small appliances, and furniture, when we have it, is available to our neighbors in need. We open Wednesdays and Fridays and welcome 60 -80 people. Everything is free—even though we joke with our visitors that shoplifters will be prosecuted. It always gets a good laugh.

In closing, I want to share a quote from the Trappist Monk Thomas Merton, that my good friend Bill Hogan share with me some time ago. "Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether they are worthy. This is not our business and in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy, if anything can."

Thank you good people for letting us be the instruments of your charity, your humanity and your love.

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Mayor Glenn Elliott speaking at the Soup Social



From the left, Sr. Mary Clark, Sr. Mary Palmer, Sr. Kathleen Deskins, and Sr. Christine Riley, Sisters of St. Joseph.



Dr. William Mercer and Crystal Bauer, Project Hope



Lisa Smith, Wheeling Hospital, and Tammy Kruse



Jo Hickman-Moses, John Moses, and Wayne Hardy

Thanks to all who supported the Winter Freeze Shelter guests through gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

Anonymous	Church of the Nazarene	Holly Fox	Missy Huff	Paula Lucas
AARP Chapter 824	Audrey E. Ciripompa	Nick Frangos	Dr. Brennan Huls	Mary Ellen Lurty
AEP Mitchell Plant	Sr. Mary Clark	Diane Fredericks	Jennifer Imer	Rev. Jerry Mann
Jim Adams	Peggy Clark	Donald Free	Cecilia Irvin	Marshall County CEOs
Steve Aldridge	Cherri Lynn Clawson	Kathy Fugate	Jim & Marsha Irwin	Kate Marshall
Tonette Alward	Kelly Clemons	Rev. Deborah Gabbie	Jackson Family Foundation	Noah Marshall
Appalachian Outreach, Inc.	Christa Clifford	Joyce Geer	Pam Jeffers	Greg & Lisa Marquart
Avenue Eats	Elaine Cole	Genesis Health Care, New Martinsville	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Jepson	James Matysiak
Greta Baker	Grant Coleman	Gersting Family	Karen John	Nancy Mayo
Carla Barris	Brady & Lora Conner	Lloyd Gill	Larry Johnson	Steve & Carol Mazure
Wayne Barte	Christie Contraguerrero	Bo & Jan Gillenwater	Katie Jones	Kathy Mazzotti
Rhonda & Rumer Beazel	Carrie Corbin	Jim Gilligan	Richard A. Jones	Jay T. McCamic
Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church	David & Lanny Couto	Vince & Mary Gioia	Mel & Karen Joseph	Jeremy McCamic
Jeanne Bischof	Covenant Community Church C3	Judith Giovengo	Sr. Mary Joseph	McCamic, Sacco & McCoid. PLLC
Ed & Sally Bise	Chris & Kristen Cox	Richard & Donna Glass	Vickie Joseph	Robert McCoid
Jeannie Blake	Amy Crook	Michael Goclan	Heather & Jean Kalb	Suzanne McCormick
Joseph Blalock	David Cross	Ronald I. Goddard	Keith Kaczor	Shirley McCloskey
Kathy Blomquist	David & Patty Cunningham	Shannon Greathouse	Terry Kay	Sharon McCutcheon
Dave Blazer	Ken & Derek Dearth	Steve & Theresa Gretchen	Mary Jo Keim	Charles & Patty McFadden
William Blazier	Betsy Delk	Rosemarie Griffith	Rev. Theresa Kelly	McCrary Transitional Center
Martha Broomfield	David Denham	Grow Ohio Valley	Lori Kenamond	Marlene McGovern
Bonnie Bonar	Casadie & Missy DiBetta	Daniela Gummer	Phillip Kendall	Jeanee McKeets
Jim & Linda Bordas	Anelda Dietrich	Paula Haddon	Dana Kendorski	Raquel Welch McLeod
Paul & Kathleen Boron	Bill & Cindy Dietrich	Sharon Hall	Donna Kendzerski	Susie McMullen
Margaret Bosold	Pastor Ted Dodd	Hampton Inn, Wheeling	Lynn Kettler	Becky McNeely
Erin Bowers	Megan Doyle	Nikki Harder	Nikki Kiger	Christine McNickle-Thomas
Rita Bowers	Linda Duffy	Brenda Harris	Calvin Kimmins	Karen Mead
Janet Boyle	Russell Dunkin	Denise L. Harris	Carol A. Kinder	David & Diana Melko
Marilyn Brady	Sherrie Dunlevy	Harris Law Firm	Robert & Barbara Kinnick	Bob & Pattie Mengeu
Joyce Brak	Heather Dunn	Wayne Hardy	Dena Kinsey	Dr. William Mercer
Bridge Street Middle School	Suzie Dupke	Wayne Hardy	David Kirker	Miklas Meat Market
Bridgeport Food Pantry	Charlene Durbin	Rose Hart	April Kish	Daniel & Martha Michael
Brooke-Hancock-Ohio-Marshall Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	Robin Eaton	Mike Hartman	Nancy Kish	Bonita Milbauer
Harold Burech	Bill Edge	Robin Harto	Debi Klempa	Brenda Miller
Patricia Butler	Galen Edwards	Mike Hartman	Shelby Konwalski	Jason Miller
Jay Byrum	C.E. & Sharen Ehler	Rev. Ken Hardway	Mary & Yvonne Klug	Ron Miller
Thomas G. Byrum	Doris Eller-Hall	Sharon Hawkins	Chuck Knight	Sharon Miller
Catholic Charities	Doris Eller-Hall	Barb Haverford	Debra Krantz	Shirley Miller
Kenneth Campanizzi	Elm Grove United Methodist Church Women	Bill & Sherry Hearne	Susanna Kress	Sylvia Milonovich
Karen Cappone	EM-Media	Adam Heinemann	Bill Krieger	Mt. Hermon Baptist Church
Becky Carey	Emmanuel United Church of Christ	Hess Family Foundation	Tammy Kruse	Edward & Marylou Monroe
Carl Carenbauer	Edward & Mary Kay Evanko	Paula Hess	Connie Krzysiak	Bill Moon
Cedar Club-Our Lady of Lebanon Church	Summer Evans	Andrea Hicks	Dave Kuckuck	Andrew Moratz
Marianne Cermak	Banford & Terri Exley	Jack & Erin Hill	Debra Krantz	Susie Mullenbach
Ann Charanak	John & Shaney Faini	Maggie Hill	Barb Lahey	Megan Mowery
Whitney Charleton	Monica Farnest	Hilltop Elementary School, 4th graders	Peggy Laing	Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Daughters of the King
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fairview Church	Kristi Higgs	Pastor Chuck LaPlaca	Connie Murray
Christ United Methodist Church	Peggy Ferguson	Bob Hitchman	Lansing United Methodist Church	Carol Myers
Christ United Methodist Church Women	Carol Findley	High Meadows 4-H Club	Stacie Laudermilt	Eva Marie & Angela Nagem
Christian Fellowship Foundation	First Christian Church	Hoffman Family Foundation	Rev. Cheryl Lawson	James Nagy
	Dave & Brenda Flaker	Mitch & Patty Holmes	Julia Lawson	Susan Nally
	Kim Florence	Lewis Honaker	Elizabeth Lehmkuhl	
	Del. Shawn Fluharty	Matthew Horvath	George & Judy Lewis	
	Fort Henry Capital	Libby Hoskins	Jenn Lewis	
	Ft. Henry Piecemakers/CEOS	Mike Howell	Limestone Presbyterian Church	
			Jeremy Lowe	

Bob Neidhardt	Libby Shepard	Warwood Veterans Association	Shelter Volunteers
Patty Neis	Elaine Simon	Ladies Auxiliary	
Susie Nelson	Rebecca Sinclair	Deborah Watt	
Julie Neumann	Nancy Singer	Wayman AME Church	
Dorothy Newmeyer	Sisters of St. Joseph	Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church	
Marjorie Nichols	Allison Skibo	Robert Weisner	
Shandi Nordurft	Linda Sleeth	Sharon Filberto Welch	
Michael Novotney	Brenda Smith	John Weitzel	
Steve & Michelle Novotney	Joan Smith	Judy Weitzel	
Joan Nugent	Kevin Smith	Jody Warner	
Robert Ochsenbein	Mary Ellen Smith	Wesbanco Insurance Services	
Ohio County CEOs	Rev. Sean Smith	West Liberty Christian Church	
Ohio County 4-H All Stars & Leaders	Soroptomist Women's Club	West Liberty University Toastmasters Club	
Ohio -Marshall Co. CAC/NOD WV DRS	St. Clairsville Sunrise Rotary Club	Wheeling Country Day School 2nd Grade	
Ohio Valley Christian Soldiers	St. James Lutheran Church	Wheeling Fire Department	
Tess Paetzold	St. Michael's Church	Wheeling Health Right	
Jean Palmer	St. Michael Parish School	Wheeling Island Hotel	
Papa John's Pizza	St. John Catholic Church	Casino & Racetrack	
Pat Patterson	St. Joseph Cathedral	Wheeling Linen Service	
Julia Payne	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Wheeling Nisshin-Steel	
Matt Peoples	St. Paul Evangelical Church	Wheeling Police Department	
Sandy Pell	Betty L. Stern	Wheeling Rental	
John & Roberta Petrella	Denise Stevick	Paul & Gail Whitecotton	
Barbara Piko	Danielle Stewart	Jamie Whipkey	
Pizza Express	J. Edward Stewart	Jennifer Wildpret	
Jackie Polivka	Stamp Foundation	Becky Wilmoth	
Promised Land Compassionate Ministry	Steenrod Recycling Committee	Jim Williams	
John Przelenski	J. Edward Stewart	William & Galey Wilson	
Jess Puglisi-Sanders	Shelby Straub	Andrea Witzgall	
Quaker Steak & Lube	Jim & Greta Swan	Joyce Wolen	
Marilyn Rasz	Carmella Szymialis	Women of Ash Avenue Church Of God	
Roberta Raymond	John & Peg Taylor	Marsha Woods	
Tim Reed	Mike Taylor	Woodsdale Elementary School	
Rolling Hills Rehab Center	Michael Tenley	Joe Wright	
Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center	Jared Thompson	Ye Olde Alpha Club	
River City Restaurant	Edward Thurmond	Donnie Yeager	
Laura Roberts	Lori Timmer	Paul & Julie Zogg	
Cathy Robinson	Emily Toland		
Darr & Stephanie Robinson	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	Memorial Gifts	
Elwin Robinson	Tri State Petroleum	Nancy Kish in memory of Robert Kish	
Dave & Laura Rotriga	Joe Tsyk	Megan Mowery sock drive in memory of Mary Alice Romshak	
Nina Rosenthal	Union Local School District	Women's Prayer Group, Warwood	
Janet Roset	David Valentine	Christian Church in memory of Debbie Miller	
Craig Rustile	Carlos Valladares		
Bill & Linda Sandiford	Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church Deacons		
Michael Saporito	Dr. Diane Vargo		
Barbara Scanlon	Annie Vopal		
Alvin & Carolyn Schafer	Linda Wade		
Dave Schaffer	Mary E. Walicki		
Charlie Schlegal	Lloyd & Margaret Walker		
Becky Schmidt	Becky Walters		
Schrader, Byrd & Companion PLLC	Bruce Warren		
Matthew & Brittany Schunn	Warwood Christian Church, Women's Prayer Group		
JH & JE Seibert	Warwood United Methodist Church		
Ralph Sheldon	Warwood United Methodist Church Women		
Rev. Virginia Shelhammer			

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Winter Freeze Shelter including those who we may have missed here. It takes a community to make a ministry like this endure !

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Dessert at the March 22 Soup Social came from YSS' McCrary Center youth and staff in our Transitional Living Program.

Spring is Here !



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Dec 15, 2017

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March 15, 2018