



June 2017

bright horizons

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Friends, please join me in welcoming guest columnist, Ms. Kelly Jeffers, our New Initiatives Director, as she writes about her time spent at Cass Community Social Services, a ministry similar to the Urban Mission in Detroit, Michigan. – Rev. Ashley

Greetings! On May 9th – 11th, I was blessed to be a part of a Ministry with the Poor training that took place at Cass Community Church in Detroit, Michigan. Cass Church operates a Christian Social Service Agency that serves inner city Detroit. Over the years, Cass has developed a variety of ministries focused on housing, redevelopment of the community and empowering those in need. It is a thriving and growing mission!

One of the things I found so exciting about Cass is their desire to activate people living in under resourced areas in the city by providing opportunities for them to be employed. They do this through a non-profit venture they call, Green Industries.

An incredible aspect of Green Industries is their tire repurposing program. Volunteers go out and collect illegally dumped tires and bring them back to a warehouse. From there, the tires are repurposed into mud mats, key chains and shoes which are assembled by formerly homeless individuals who are now employed through this training program.

To provide a long term solution to poverty and homelessness, Cass is also building Tiny Homes on their property. This program provides formerly homeless individuals with the opportunity to become homeowners and build equity with low risk.

As I reflect on the ministry taking place at Cass, I realize this is the kind of impact we strive to make at the Urban Mission. My colleagues and I came away from this visit filled with possibilities and purpose of how we can implement some of these same concepts in our ministry at the Urban Mission.

Our hearts remain wide open, seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit as we serve our guests and plan for the future. Thank you so much for your continued support and stay tuned for some exciting new developments at the Urban Mission!



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fighting poverty, creating opportunity

You are amazing!



The 2017 Amazing Raise came to a close at 11:59 p.m. on May 2nd.

It was an exciting 24 hours that culminated in an impressive \$415,630 (through 2,457 gifts!) raised for the benefit of nonprofits serving our communities.

111 nonprofits representing interests and causes of all types took part in the event and brought awareness to the great work occurring all around us!

The Urban Mission was one of those organizations, and through your generosity, we exceeded our goal and raised \$8,525!

Additionally, we won a \$250 prize for having the most donors give within a certain time period. Wow!

Thank you to everyone who gave during this special day of giving! Your gift to the Urban Mission goes a long way in bringing life change to local families in need.

Summer Food Program to Begin

Kids Eat FREE!

Ohio Summer Food Service Program

- No Registration
- 18 or Younger



The Urban Mission is committed to seeing that children receive a nutritious meal during the summer months while school is not in session.

The Urban Mission will administer meals to students locally as a second-year sponsor for the Ohio Department of Education, USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be served beginning June 5 – August 18; youth ages 1-18 can visit one of four area sites to receive a lunch meal. Individual's ages 19 through 21 with a mental or physical disability may also be eligible for free summer meals.

Free Summer Meal Sites:



Martin Luther King Center

905 Market Street, Steubenville
Meal Time: 12:00 pm -1:00 pm



Sacred Heart Center of Hope (Simpson United Methodist Church)

430 Slack Street, Steubenville
Meal Time: 12:00 pm -1:00 pm



Murphy's Field

1700 Plum Street, Steubenville
Meal Time: 12:00 pm -1:00 pm



Ridgewood Place

601 Two Ridges Rd, Wintersville
Meal Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

We are still seeking additional assistance from the community to cover the costs of the program to ensure that no child goes without a meal during the summer months. **A gift of \$10 will sponsor a week's worth of meals for one child.**

We are also in need of **volunteers** to organize site activities for each site. If you are interested in donating toward the program, volunteering or have questions, please contact Cynthia Lytle, Summer Food Program Director at 740.282.8010 or clytle@urbanmission.org. Donations can be sent to the Urban Mission "Summer Food" Program, 301 North 5th Street, Steubenville, OH 43952

27th JOSHUA Season Kicks-Off

We are excited to kick off the JOSHUA Home Repair Program for the summer of 2017! Our groups this summer are traveling from Illinois, New Jersey, Missouri, Minnesota, and throughout Ohio. As we prepare to welcome our groups, we'd like to introduce some new staff members with the JOSHUA Program.



Our Construction Director this year is Mr. Terrence Rainbow, who has been active in the Steubenville community for many years, especially in youth ministry activities such as "Off da Hook." He loves

working with youth and encouraging them to express their gifts and talents and use them for the Lord. Terrence also spent 12 years working in the construction industry for the federal government. This combination of ministry, youth work, and construction makes him an ideal JOSHUA Construction Director. Terrence is very excited for this opportunity and is looking forward to getting started. We are very blessed to have his leadership this summer.

We are also blessed by the assistance of Kent Stallcup, a missionary through Global Ministries. Kent will be coming all the way from Texas to join the JOSHUA team as Site Supervisor this summer! He brings with him experience in contracting and a passion to serve the Lord in the ministry setting. We are excited for Kent's arrival and thank him for his openness in listening to God's call in his life.

Please keep our staff and all our traveling groups in your prayers as we prepare for another great summer of the JOSHUA Program!

Urban Mission Food Program Re-Registration

Each year, the Urban Mission must "re-register" families seeking food assistance through our food pantry. Throughout the month of June, re-registration will take place. If you know of someone who is need of food, please ask them to visit the Urban Mission and bring the following items:

*** A form of identification**

(Driver's license - SS card - State ID card)

***Written verification of address**

(Utility bill - Lease agreement - Rent receipt)

***Names, birthdates, and ages of everyone in the household.**



Emily Sheetz!



Emily Sheetz is a junior at Indiana Wesleyan University and serving this summer as ministerial intern. Emily writes, "I'm excited that summer 2017 will be filled with opportunities and possibilities to work and serve alongside the people of the Ohio Valley. Through the Summer Food

Program, various JOSHUA groups, serving alongside Ms. Joyce in the Unity Kitchen, assisting Ms. Pat in the Clothes Closet, and working with the staff as a whole to plan various events and explore new opportunities are all things helping me discern my call to ministry. In his book, *Community: The Structure of Belonging*, Peter Block says, "The transformation we seek occurs when these two conditions are created: when we produce deeper relatedness across boundaries, and when we create new conversations that focus on the gifts and capacities of others." As someone who comes from the Cleveland area and a small Indiana college, I am looking forward to finding deeper relatedness across the boundaries and bringing new conversations to the Urban Mission. This summer is going to be filled with deepening relationships and new questions and conversations. Thank you for welcoming me into this community and I look forward to learning from you all!"

Back to School... Already?!

School isn't even out for the summer, but we're already planning for the 2017 Back to School Bash. **The date is set – August 17th, 2017!**

This year's event looks to be our biggest yet! With more than twenty different community agencies participating, and close to 1,700 children who plan to attend, we are looking for special donors and volunteers who believe strongly in helping children start the school year off right!

How can you help? Start collecting new school supplies, book bags, toiletries, and bring them to the Urban Mission. You can also get on the volunteer list as we'll need close to 50 volunteers to make this event as success.

For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please call Ms. Cynthia Lytle at 740.282.8010 or email: clytle@urbanmission.org.

Clothes Closet

Our Clothes Closet continues to grow! Since the beginning of 2017, we have distributed over 9,000 articles of clothing. This past week, we saw a record number of shoppers (over 90) and collectively took home 926 items.

The Clothing Closet would not be possible without your generous donations, for which we are so thankful. However, we have received so many donations recently that what we really need are more volunteers! As you can imagine, the large volume of items we receive and give away requires a lot of work to sort through, and our Clothes Closet is operated entirely by volunteers. We are so thankful for our regular volunteers who put in many hours in order to keep the closet restocked, but we do need more volunteers who can commit to helping out on a weekly basis. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Ms. Cynthia at 740-282-8010.

Right now, we are trying to prioritize volunteering over accepting new donations, so if you are thinking of donating, we ask that you consider volunteering with us as well! We are running out of storage space, so we can only take summer items that are gently used and washed. At this time, we have an overload of hangers, so please remove all items from the hanger. We are also in need of donations of garbage bags, masking tape, and markers. Please bring all donations to the War Memorial Building located at 423 North Street from 9-3 during the week. The War Memorial office can be reached at 740.314.8274.

Talking Turkey

It's heating up outside but at the Mission we are already planning for Thanksgiving. Yes, that's right, we're talking turkey already! We anticipate helping 1,600 families this November and we invite you to help.

Each year we issue a challenge to the community to help us collect items for our Holiday food bags. From now until November we will collect a different item each month that will go on our shelf.

Here's a list of needs for this upcoming season!

Month	Item Needed
June	Chicken Noodle Soup (1,600 cans)
July	Canned Peaches (1,600 cans)
August	Sweet Potatoes (1,600 cans)
September	Vanilla Frosting (1,600 cans)
October	Yellow Cake Mix (1,600 boxes)

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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	6 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	7 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	8 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm	9	10 Mission Rejoice 5pm
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