

THE FOUNDATION SHELTERS

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

Another Homeless Story

I am 22 years old. I have made mistakes in my life. I am not a drug user. I am not a criminal. Just made mistakes.

I was asked to leave a local agency for failure to find employment. I was offered a pb the very next day. They still wouldn't let me stay.

I tried staying with a friend, but my probation officer had other plans for me. I was ordered to stay in the shelter. So now I am struggling more than ever. I am also separated from my two boys. They are nine months and four years old.

Katherine

Another Homeless Story

I was raised by my Dad. Mom left when I was five. I dropped out of school and left home at fifteen. I worked in the construction field. I have been married twice and have four kids.

Here recently I caught my girlfriend in bed with a friend. So I left and have been homeless since. I plan on getting a job and a place as soon as I can get my ID and SS card and go from there.....Bart

The homeless stories we provide are good examples of the breakdown of the family institution, which is the foundation of our society.

August Support List

Tom & Leota, John & Dixie, Steve & Connie, Jerry & Brenda, Charity Newsies, Richard & Geraldine, Sharon, Paul, Heidelberg SS Class, David, Lamplighters SS Class, Harry & Joann, Life Church, Ron & Barb, Jerry & Judith, Duane, Fairfield County Foundation, First Baptist Church in Carroll, Teresa, Tim & Teresa, Network for Good, Dan, Pat, Jim & Jan, Howard & Dorothy, Dave & Pam, Rose Hill Ch. Of Christ, Warren & Tiny, James & Vera, Jana, New Horizons SS Class, Ron & Dakota.

It takes a great Community to support an agency that supports the desperate homeless. Thanks to all who participate in this effort.

*He that has pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again.
Proverbs 19:17*

HOMELESS SERVED IN AUGUST

Women..... 9
Children..... 3
Men..... 36
Total Served..... 48

AUGUST EXPENSES & DONATIONS

Total Donations.....\$3,745.00
Total Expenses.....\$7,154.00
We will catch up!

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
Financial Donations

A PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH

Most businesses and organizations will not admit to the public about the infestations of bed bugs and other intruders. But we will since all of our finances come from public donations. For the second time in our 21 years of operation, the bugs started peeking at us. A sighting of several bed bugs prompted us to call in the experts to tend to them. The cost came to \$1,200.

We keep zipper closed plastic covers on all of our mattresses. This works pretty well. However, our clientele comes from all kinds of areas. Under bridges, in the woods, from park benches, from unruly households, in storage buildings, or anywhere they can find some friendly person to put them up.

These situations provide bugs of all kinds to take advantage of our shelter. We feel very fortunate that they have not caused us more concern than they have up to this time. Their visitation causes some serious concern for our Innkeepers. These creatures are not the kind of thing they want to carry into their own homes. The Innkeepers must sleep at the shelter all night. They are exposed to these pests just like the residents. Please pray for us that this never becomes a major problem.

Another ongoing problem that we must deal with occasionally is food sneaking its way into the shelter, inside and out. When food is brought on to the outside smoking area it brings cats and all kinds of pests into the outside area since it is left lying on the ground or in the trash can. When it is brought into the shelter it is many times stored and hidden in the resident's locker. It also is sometimes left under a bed. This invites many kinds of bugs into the shelter also. We have a rule therefore that no food or drink is to be brought onto the shelter property. The drinks are spilled and hardly ever cleaned up, and the food rots leaving the residue and providing a path for the bugs.

We have found that there is no ongoing solution for this problem. Our residence is not like an ordinary home residence. The misbehavior of some residents is the problem. Please pray for us that we can deal with it in a loving and Christian Way.

A TIME TO VOLUNTEER

Fall is coming along with its cooler evenings. When October arrives we will be opening the shelter at 5:00p instead of 8:00p as it has been since April 1. We enlist volunteers to supervise the shelter from 5:00p to 8:00p. every other week. This will provide the residents access to the shelter right after dinnertime at the Foundation Dinners. Its purpose is to open the shelter early during the six colder months, October through March, providing comfort from the cold for the residents of the shelter.

Last year's volunteer InnKeepers will be contacted shortly to find out if they want to join us again this year. A calendar will be a part of next month's Newsletter providing information on who is working and the days they are working.

This program has been in place for several years and has provided many people with a contact with the homeless element of our society that they would not otherwise have.

NEWSLETTER ACCESS

Another way to view our Newsletter this month is to go to our Web Site. Foundationshelters.org We plan to publish it on there also as well as mail you a copy. Another plan is to place it on Face Book. Merely go to Facebook and type the name Foundation Shelters. This month and future month's copies should be available, on both our Web Site and Facebook, as they are produced. I hope to have this all set up before this Newsletter is mailed to you.

Please share this information with your friends or relatives who might be interested in what we are doing at the shelter.

KATY'S KORNER

To wear out the shoes rather
than the mouth delights the
Lord. And you sleep better.....
Brendan O'Malley

The Foundation Shelters is an act of Faith

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

MATTHEW 25:35