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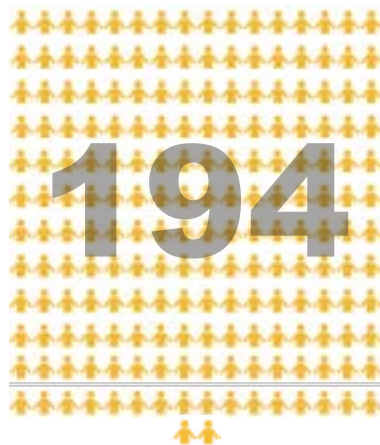
THANK YOU!

By John Moses, CEO

The 12th season of the YSS Winter Freeze Shelter was one of the calmest, most successful seasons ever. We served 194 individuals, bringing our 12-season total to 1,773.

It is no secret this year's shelter went so smoothly in part because of the City of Wheeling opening up the space in the former Hillcrest facility to us. One cannot underestimate the impact separate bedrooms and bathrooms with showers can have on a person's dignity and overall attitude and health.

We also want to thank our dedicated staff and volun-



teers, who provide companionship and genuine care and concern for these folks. They also kept the shelter clean and safe during the pandemic. We were fortunate to have only one guest test positive for COVID-19.

We have worked this season to place 17 people into housing, with nine more on waiting lists. We have provided transportation for 16 of our guests to live with relatives or friends out of town.

You, our donors, are the only reason we can provide these life-saving, life-affirming services. Our generous community never lets us down. Year after year, you prove that you see your unsheltered neighbors, you care about

their well-being, and you act on your convictions. For that, I personally want to say: Thank you.

TEAM WORK

On the morning of March 16, Winter Freeze Shelter guests were presented with sleeping bags, tarps, tents, garbage cans for their camp sites and other items. In addition to donations from YSS supporters, the items included donations from our partners, Trash Talkers and Street MOMS. Pictured from left are Trash Talkers John Wagner, Paula Riethmiller and Amanda Humes, Street MOM Susan Brossman (kneeling), Trash Talkers Michael Watson and Brad Craig, Street MOM Lynn Kettler and, on the floor, Trash Talker Mike Waugh.



VIRTUAL LIONS SURPASS ACTUAL GOAL, DONATE 1,025 TOWELS



The Ohio County Virtual Lions Club set a lofty goal of collecting 1,000 new and gently used towels to the Winter Freeze Shelter. With the help of a generous community, they surpassed their goal! The Lions and their partners — including Touch of Amish, Kroger Pharmacy, Just Right Home Care, Goodwill Industries and countless individuals — ensured our guests had a clean towel to use while staying at the shelter. We have enough towels for next season’s shelter, too! Pictured from left are Virtual Lions Club members Marisa Scott, who is also a YSS employee; Jennifer Berdine; Matt Rafa and Touch of Amish owner Kevin Carroll.

REALTOR GIVES SHELTER



Dave Robbins, a new real estate agent at Paull Associates in Wheeling, was looking for a way to give back to his community, so he called Jess Rine. As executive director of the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley, Jess knows a thing or two about the local nonprofits, and together they landed on providing exit kits for YSS Winter Freeze Shelter guests. Dave donated two kits, each containing a duffel bag, tent, sleeping bag and pillow. Pictured with the kits, from left, are Paull Associates president and broker Lee C. Paull IV; YSS Director of Communications Betsy Bethel-McFarland; Rine and Robbins.

Sophie Moses Free Store is NOW OPEN



The Sophie Moses Free Store is now open to the public for shopping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays by appointment only. Patrons may call 304-233-9627. During the past year of COVID-19 safety measures, we still served people in need by taking their requests and having staff pull the items they needed. People then simply picked up their orders at the front desk. Thank you for all your donations! We will continue to accept them from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 87 15th St., Wheeling.

EGGS-TRA SPECIAL BREAKFAST



Thank you to Lauren Farmer’s family and their chickens who graciously donated 128 eggs to serve guests and staff on the final morning of the Winter Freeze Shelter 2020-21 season.

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