

Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry 2014-15

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The Wheels of Love Keep On Turning

By John Moses

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!"

This is the beginning line of a prayer attributed to St. Francis. It speaks reverently to the loving acts of the many people of the Ohio Valley towards the poor and homeless.

The daily parade of people sharing clothing and shoes, and bedding to ensure their brothers and sisters were warm and dry is an act of love. The chefs in their kitchens cooking and baking to offer nourishment and hospitality are acts of love. Those who opened their wallets and checkbooks for the unmet needs of our 165 guests this winter were acts of love.

And all those loving acts express to those who have so much less that they are welcome, that their need is visible to us all.

Our volunteers who choose to do the unexpected...drive guests to jobs, assist in filling our applications, buying minutes for phones, accompanying to appointments, visiting the hospitalized ...all are acts of love.

And those who did the unexpected are examples of love. The First Presbyterian Church's "Community of Joy" opened their doors for warmth and hospitality when all other doors were closed. So did Kate, our neighbor, whose home welcomed many for warmth, food and companionship. Dr. Mercer and his band of medical professionals chose to visit on weekends and minister to the sick. Northwood Health

Systems did the same for those struggling with addictions and mental health needs.

When I think of the students from over a dozen schools who wanted to reach out with their clothing, food, and money drives, I am overwhelmed. When I think of all the parishioners of over 30 faith-based communities and groups, I know we are blessed.

You, my friends, are the spokes in the wheel of the Winter Freeze Shelter. But as a Chinese philosopher once said, "We join together in a wheel, but it is the center hole that makes the wagon move..." and I submit to you that the center is filled with much love.

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The Novotneys: Soup becomes Love

Michelle, Michael and Steve Novotney spent their Sundays, 18 of them, this winter making soup for the Winter Freeze Shelter.

Steve is a modest man. He has told the story of how he started making soup to feed the homeless guests at the Winter Freeze Shelter on the air and online at weelunk.com <http://weelunk.com/soup-good-food-homeless-yss-winter-freeze-shelter/>. We talked with Steve about this.

Six years ago, Steve saw a man picking through his garbage. Steve said this about the homeless man.

"He found a pizza box that I had put out, several days before. He was going to eat the leftover pizza in it. I didn't want anyone to get sick from that."

Steve went up and introduced himself and asked the man his name, "When I did that his eyebrows were going toward the sky, but that's what I do. I'm not a 'hey, you' kind of guy." The homeless gentleman's name was Stanley, but as is true of many living on the street, he was used to being unseen and nameless.

Steve invited Stanley into his house, and made him a sandwich. Stanley said that he

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was staying down the street at the Winter Freeze Shelter. Steve Novotney had a conversation with John Moses and offered that his family would make soup once a week.

River City has opened the doors of its commercially-licensed kitchen for this effort. Michelle, his wife, runs errands to gather ingredients on Friday and Saturday. Steve walks down to River City early Sunday morning to start making the stock. He carries two backpacks with him, one with stock making items and the second one with his work. Once the stock is simmering, he sits down and works. Michelle and son Michael arrive around eleven, and the soup-making commences.

All of the ingredients for each soup are natural. The stock is made fresh and the Novotney family spends all day to prepare 7-8 gallons. This is more than cooking, this is family time as well. They have a bowl of that day's labor of

love and prepare its delivery to the Winter Freeze guests. The soup might be Chicken Tortellini, Kill the Chill Chili, or Chicken Cheese Tortilla Soup or another one of his great recipes.

The Novotney family doesn't think what they are doing is special. "It's something that needs to be done" Steve adds.

When asked about why they choose to do this, Steve's reply is simple, and modest. "We want to be part of the solution. The question you have to ask yourself is what part of the puzzle can you be? This is what we can do, but everyone can do something."

Do something—we have heard that before. We will hear it again.

Thanks to Michelle, Michael, and Steve Novotney and to those who support them and their soup-making—Miklas Meat Market and Shane Mallet for being a piece of the puzzle that is the Winter Freeze Shelter.



"It's not the ingredients, it's the love that goes into making the soup."

Winter Freeze Soup Social 2015



Chris Mullet with Rhonda Lindsey speaking at the Soup Social

Chris Mullet, Executive Director of the Clarksburg Mission with Rhonda Lindsey, Deputy Director of the Clarksburg-Harrison Regional Housing Authority joined us on March 19 at the Winter Freeze Soup Social. They shared their work with Clarksburg's homeless people.

As part of the National 100,000 Homes Campaign, Chris and Rhonda worked with dedicated people in Clarksburg to house their chronically homeless people. Fourteen months into their work, 42 men and women are now in permanent housing with support.

They encouraged those attending to keep working and vowed to be a resource for us.

"We still have people who are without homes, but we do not have anyone sleeping under bridges anymore. You can do this too, Wheeling." Chris said.

Greg Smith from Christ United Methodist Church spoke about how their congregation was made stronger from their work with the Winter Freeze Shelter.

Ed Nolan from Northwood Health Systems talked about the dedicated overnight volunteers for the Winter Freeze Shelter guests.

Thanks to the Giving Community for making the Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry Possible !

Overnight

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John Alonzo
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John Moses
Sarah Moses
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Ed Nolan
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to any-
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we may
have
missed !*



Thanks for all of your gifts—of time, of talent, and of treasure

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From the Soup Social 2015



On the right, Pastor Mike Ream with Judi Ream and other Prayer Hill volunteers



Andy Vdovjak, center with the light on him, Marleah Donahie and children



Ed Nolan , standing, shares the experiences of Winter Freeze Shelter volunteers



Prayer Hill Church of God youth: top row, from the left Noah, Windy, Kaci, Bobby, bottom row, left , Nic, Dylan, Nate.

Nightly Meals, Chefs, & Food Donors

- Avenue Eats, Phillip Kendall
- Marlyn Campbell
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- Gretchen Figaretti
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- Shane Mallett
- Renee Marchese
- Pastor Adam Mick
- Miklas Meat Market, David & Laura Rotrigo
- Ed Nolan
- Michelle, Michael & Steve Novotney
- Panera Bread
- Papa John's Pizza, Richard Swisher
- Prayer Hill Church of God, Judi Ream
- Quaker Steak & Lube, Mike Howell
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On the left, John Moses with David Contraguerro, center, and Michael Contraguerro. Sr.



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Making a Difference

When Michelle, Michael and Steve Novotney are making their soups at River City, they have collaborators.

Shane Mallet has known Steve for many years and he was more than happy to donate groceries for the Novotney family's act of love. "I like being able to do things for people who are less fortunate. I know where it is going, it's local and a great effort too." Shane adds, "I can't imagine the fear that people feel living on the streets."

As a customer of the Miklas Meat Market, Steve got to know Dave and Laura Rotriga. The Rotrigas like to be able to donate, and over time, they and Steve have talked about the causes that

matter to them. Laura says that it is good to have someone like Steve on your side.

When the Novotney family decided to help with the Winter Freeze Shelter. Dave asked how he could help. So the Miklas Meat Market began working with Steve to make sure he had the meat he needed. So, with Shane Mallett and Dave and Laura Rotriga's support, the Novotney family soup making effort has a strong foundation.

Each was able to add a piece to the warm act of feeding the Winter Freeze Shelter guests.

Laura says that Hines Rotriga is doing better. Hope For Hines has been the major focus for the Rotriga family. Laura thanks everyone for their prayers and support for him.

The wheel keeps turning in the Ohio Valley, and the fuel is love.

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