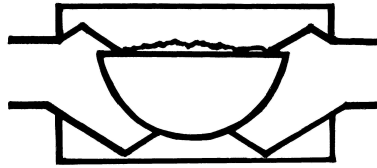


GOOD SAMARITAN HUNGER CENTER

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Celebrating over 25 years of service in Summit County

Dear Friends,

As the Akron man sat in his apartment and began to taste his hot soup and even dunk a piece of crusty bread into his bowl, he felt the desire to stop eating and make a phone call. He called Nan Bartlett, executive director of the Good Samaritan Hunger Center, to say how blessed he felt.

“Thank you for this wonderful meal,” he said.

Thankfully, many Americans have never experienced true hunger. Their cupboards and refrigerator are well stocked and a trip to the grocery store never has to wait until the next payday or check in the mail.

For 25 years, the Good Samaritan Hunger Center has responded to the needs of those who are less fortunate in Summit County and that need has been growing. Today, Good Samaritan, which is based out of St. Sebastian’s Byrider Hall, provides hot meals at three Akron locations. A typical hot meal, served after school between 3 and 4 p.m., includes an entree, fruit, salad, hot vegetable, milk, juice, bread and dessert. Also offered are pantry bags, with enough food for four meals and a 32oz. container of fresh homemade soup, at two locations. “The pantry sites are another important part of our mission,” Nan said. “They afford clients the dignity of preparing nutritious meals in their own homes.”

“We’re a Band-aid, an emergency food resource,” said Nan. “It’s a wonderful thing to help a mother who has no milk for her children. We prepare our meals in the Byrider Hall kitchen and move them to the other locations. All are welcome.”

Altogether, the Good Samaritan Hunger Center provides up to 1,500 meals per week. At some locations, the center mostly feeds children. At others, it feeds couples, the working poor, and the elderly.

About 96 percent of Good Samaritan’s funding comes from individual donors and churches. Grocery stores such as Giant Eagle, Acme and West Point Market also donate items such as bread, baked goods and fresh fruit and vegetables on a regular basis.

There are several ways you can help the Good Samaritan Hunger Center. You can make a cash donation or donate food – non-perishable items as well as fresh baked goods. The hunger center also uses hundreds of plastic grocery bags each month so your recycled bags will be put to good use. Volunteers are needed to cook, help transport food, and work at the various hot meal and pantry sites.

You can also attend "Soup for the City," the Good Samaritan Hunger Center's largest fundraising event. This year's dinner, featuring soup and appetizers from 20 area restaurants, as well as a silent auction, will be held at Tangier Restaurant Oct. 3rd from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This year's goal is to raise \$35,000.

We are interested in you! To get involved and/or to be included in our mailers, please respond with attached information card. Summit County's hungry appreciates your support.

Sincerely,

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