

The Meeting Place Mission Makes A Difference

Small Town

Living in a small town has rewards. It also has a tendency to put life under a microscope. Community is important. Where we have come from and where we would like to go are tied inextricably to who we are now. It is the now, that exposes our core, and in doing so we often come across the unexpected.

There is always room to improve and become better than our history. The good old days, filled with sentimentality and nostalgia are no longer realistic for the community we now inhabit. In order to move forward successfully we have to glean the best parts of our history and incorporate present success while constantly looking toward the future - anticipating community needs and how we can best fill in the gaps.

Our present directs our future and the claim we stake on our place and our life matters.

We are an active participant in the present as it unfolds in our community. We tackle challenges with an intentional sense of compassionate responsibility. John Mellencamp's song, Small Town, contains this verse: *No I cannot forget where it is that I come from I cannot forget the people who love me Yeah, I can be myself here in this small town And people let me be just what I want to be*

The beauty of our small town is that we do love, we do allow, we do care about our past, about where we are going, and about how we get there.

Our work is important. We help people off the street and out of their car into homes. We shelter mothers, children, fathers, even grandmothers. We do this knowing the future for these people, because of people like you, is full of promise and light.

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Calendar

November 13-19
Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

November 19
Give Cheese A Chance

November 28
#GivingShoesDay

December
Christmas Tribute Cards



#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

This year The Meeting Place Mission would like to ask you to give specifically on #GivingTuesday to help purchase shoes for homeless children and adults. Shoes are so important, but especially so in the colder months. Help us turn #GivingTuesday into #GivingShoesDay.

Get Involved:

- *Donate directly on November 28 and 100% of your gift will be used to purchase shoes.
- *Host a Walk A Thon with friends and family. Get pledges of ___ dollars per mile walked in honor of #GivingShoesDay and then give that money to The Meeting Place Mission toward the purchase of new shoes.
- *Collect pocket change all month in November. Encourage your besties to collect with you. On November 28 bring your stash to The Meeting Place Mission, take an #Unselfie post it to our Instagram (mtgplc) and help buy shoes!
- *There are so many ways to be part of #GivingShoesDay. Post your favorite ideas to help inspire others!
- **We do not have a PHYSICAL Location planned for this event at this time. We want to encourage you to give, so we can purchase shoes for those in need.



GRILLED CHEESE COMPETITION
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19
NOON 'TIL 3
@
FONTA FLORA BREWERY

Tickets \$12

Ticket price includes tasting & judging tickets & homemade tomato soup

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SHELTER

\$12= THE COST TO HOUSE ONE PERSON OVERNIGHT



WE ARE BUSY

Have You Seen Me?

November 13-19 is National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. We believe that solution is impossible without awareness. Look around town the week of the 13th, for our silhouettes and encourage others to 'see' what homelessness looks like in our community.



Hope. Opportunity. Home.

'My family and I were living with my dad. He came home one night drunk and looking for a fight. Needless to say, by the next night, we were homeless. We got help for a motel room for a few nights, but those funds were limited. My fiancée and I were at our wit's end wondering how we could keep our two children under shelter.

We prayed to God every night to see us through, then someone referred us to The Meeting Place Mission. We were eligible for their Rapid Rehousing Program. Together we found a place to live and the mission paid our deposits and first month rent. After that day, everything has slowly fallen into place. So thanks to our faith in God and The Meeting Place Mission, we all have a home to lay our heads down at night.

Needs List

We really need you to help spread the word about The Meeting Place Mission so this quarter our biggest need is for you to share. Share us! Talk about us to your friends, family, colleagues, classmates, and club members. Share what we do and why you think it is important. Thanks and have a great Thanksgiving!

We gratefully accept monetary donations in order to purchase items as the needs arise.
To donate online: meetingplacemission.org
To donate by mail: PO Box 2861



Where Hope Meets Opportunity

NEWS FROM THE MEETING PLACE MISSION

NOVEMBER 2017

Maximum Effort Amazing Results

On September 4th 2017, the Suzy Fitzgerald Shelter provided shelter services to fourteen (14) guests. This, unusual for September and with warm weather, revealed homeless situations are still ever-present regardless of expectation. During high census times, the Shelter never declines services to any person. Maximum effort by our House Managers to adjust to unexpected high census circumstances ensures exceptional services are provided to every guest entering the shelter.

Case management is provided by our Case Worker who understands the immediate need of assisting guests in obtaining permanent housing. Our Case Worker works with guests to identify and help resolve any barriers preventing guests from obtaining permanent housing of their own. These barriers may include credit history, rental history, criminal history, financial limitations, mental health and/or substance use concerns, etc.

During September and October, our House Managers worked diligently to provide home-cooked meals, clean linens and bedding, laundry services, etc., to every guest and provide a safe environment for all. Our Case Worker also worked to assist the guests in obtaining permanent housing. Of the 14, a mother and her four children are now living in a safe and spacious apartment, another mother and her daughter are living in a modular unit close to town, and 5 single individuals were helped obtain permanent housing.

One of these clients specifically was an accomplishment, as she was chronically homeless and had received shelter services multiple times in an attempt to obtain housing, but the barriers for her were too great then. We were able to overcome the barriers with her dedication to changing her situation and she is now working full-time and living a mile from work. She has reinstated her driver's license and bought a vehicle. It takes effort in changing a situation and motivation is a focal point of case management, showing that things can change and the opportunity is there to do it.

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