

THE HEARTBEAT

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Grateful and Blessed

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is fast approaching with Thanksgiving just weeks away, but we are abundantly reminded of God's faithfulness at every turn as He continues to send opportunity after opportunity for us to reflect Him to a community that desperately needs hope and help. We have had precious new lives born into our family here at Soulutions with two baby boys to add to our brood; still other expectant moms have found their way to us for help preparing for their little ones arrival. It is such a blessing to be a part of families' journeys in these moments when their little ones enter the world. We count it a blessing to be able to be a constant support throughout the years to the families God has called us to envelope in the warmth of love, acceptance and consistent care. Please pray over the opportunities you will see in this newsletter as the Holidays seasons provide special opportunities for generosity and graciousness. In the days head, may they know we are Christians by our love and may the power of kindness do more than we could ever imagine. To the God Who is Love be honor, glory, majesty forevermore. -Abbey Ballard, Ministry Director.



Gifts for Life

That time of year is fast approaching with our "Gifts for Life" program soon to be underway; this effort provides your church, workplace, civic group, circle of friends, whatever group you are part of, with tags that have specific needed items written on the back. These items are generally small such as hygiene items, socks, and other essentials that we generally need an abundance of to meet the needs of our community. If you would like to be part of this important effort, feel free to email us at lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com or call the office at 518-725-5777 and we will send you the number of tags you would like so you can place them on Christmas trees or promote in any way you'd like. Thank you for considering being part of this important effort as it means so much to so many!

Fall Fundraiser

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE!

We are currently \$10,000 away from our \$20,000 goal; we welcome you to give toward this important piece of our overall funding with individual gifts or special churchwide offerings as you see fit. God continues to provide through His people and we trust He will continue to do so and the Fall Fundraiser will conclude on November 30th. Thank you all for your steadfast support in so many ways!



SUPPLY DRIVE ON THE ROAD!

We had the privilege of sharing the ministry at a partnering church, South Appalachian Baptist Church, who has supported Life Saver Ministries for decades; their congregation had a supply drive and provided us with a bounty of needed items (pictured below) to help keep us stocked to meet the needs of families who come through our doors. It is such an honor and encouragement to have fellow believers supporting these efforts from hours away but united in the Holy Spirit.

A huge "Thank You!" to our friends in Appalachian!



WARMING HEARTS

Recent years have presented a greater need for coats for both children and adults in our immediate community and beyond so we are reaching out to our supporters and community partners who may have gently used winter coats to donate so that we can be prepared to meet these needs. It is astonishing how many families are struggling to provide the basics for their children in these times and we count it a privilege to be part of ensuring that they are kept warm this winter and know that there are people who care. If you would be interested in conducting a Coat Drive, please know we welcome that and are in need of toddler sizes through adult, or if you have coats to drop off, please know we have a donation box at the back of our building at 16 East Pine Street or you are welcome to drop off between 10- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and between 3-6 on Wednesdays. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer!



Please pray for our state that we can see meaningful change that better addresses the hopelessness that so many families feel; we are in times of mental health and addiction crises that are horribly evident in every community. Join us in praying that God will move mightily in ways that point to Him and point to the value of every human life. May God do more than we could ever ask or imagine and may we lead the way in pointing a state in desperate need of hope and healing to the Author of Life; may God grant us a period of revival that is the only hope for a hurting state, nation and world.



As we gather...



This month will bring with it opportunities to share food and fellowship with the ladies and children of the Soulutions Center family; we are so fortunate to have a beautiful facility that allows us to gather for brunches and activities such as the one that one of our newest members (pictured below) attended with his mother recently. Your generosity makes possibilities like this a reality and we are so very grateful for the ability to be an extended family to so many who desperately need to know they are loved and feel they belong.

Thanks to you...

Our days tend to be very full here at the ministry and are often filled with requests for diapers, formula, clothing and all sorts of needed items for families ; we are so honored to be able to continue a pattern of faithfulness in providing tens of thousands of diapers annually to parents in need, hundreds of clothing care packages and countless hours of conversation, counsel and classes. It is a beautiful ministry that exists to be a resource to families and it is a beautiful hope that we have to share with those who come through our doors for a variety of different reasons. Thanks to you, we anticipate these opportunities will continue and for that, we are so very grateful.

