

Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry

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Witnessing An Intervention

By John Moses
Youth Services System CEO

Does God really intervene in His creation?

Let me tell you a story.

Several weeks ago, a woman who has stayed with us during the past several years was moving slowly in the morning. After everyone left I sat down with her, and the flood gates opened. She was crying uncontrollably because her doctor told her she would be dead in a year if she continued to drink alcohol.

"I'm going to die in the streets," she told me.

Knowing her history, I could only hope some miracle would occur to change her trajectory.

I recently met with her again. I was awed to discover she's a new person. She entered a detox unit and is working a rehabilitation program. She is anxious to get a job and start a new life.

We often hear people use the phrase "by the grace of God" to describe a logic-defying change in their lives. Often, the miracle not only affects the person experiencing it, but also those who witness it.

I don't think it's a coincidence that the woman's name means "manifestation of God."

We've had more than 170 different people come through our doors since the Winter Freeze Shelter opened on Dec. 15 — the most we've ever had.

Every one of them has a story to tell.

"**FOOD** brings people together on many different levels.
IT'S NOURISHMENT OF THE SOUL AND BODY.
It's truly *Love.*"

— American Chef Giada de Laurentis



Volunteers from the Vineyard Church prepare to pack boxes with food they prepared for the Winter Freeze Shelter.



YSS employee Holly Fox checks the slow cookers in the Winter Freeze Shelter common room.

Community Prepares Meals

Many volunteers make sure our guests at the Youth Services System Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry don't go to bed hungry. In addition to providing the funds to keep the lights on and pay staff members, our volunteers and donors help provide a hot meal every night.

Every Monday throughout the 90 days the shelter is open, for instance, River City Restaurant cooks a meal and delivers it to our door.

There's also the Vineyard Church in Wheeling, which has chosen the Freeze Shelter the past two years as part of its annual Be the Blessing campaign.

"The Freeze Shelter fulfills such a need and makes a great impact on the lives of those that come through the door," said Vineyard volunteer Victoria Smith. "When discussions of who we would partner with in 2018

started, the Freeze Shelter was a must, and through many hurdles, our volunteers made just over 1,400 meals."

Vineyard head pastor Chris Figaretti added: "Special thanks to Cheryll Post and her team who did all the cooking at the Vineyard, and to the congregation at large who opened their hearts and wallets and donated the money to purchase the food. This project continues to teach us that it truly is better to give than to receive."

YSS's own Mulholland Juvenile Center and McCrary Center staff also provide many meals, as do several other local restaurants. Some of the money donated to the shelter goes to purchase bread, peanut butter, coffee, and paper goods.

It's a communitywide effort to ensure our neighbors without shelter feel nourished in body and soul.

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A LABOR OF LOVE



The Laborers Local 1149 Retirees Council delivered a trunk full of food and other donations for the Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry in January. Pictured are Larry Donato from the council with YSS employee Sarah Carpenter.



A COLLECTIVE EFFORT



Michael J. Iafrate dedicated "The Rebel Jesus" to YSS CEO John Moses.



YSS board member Robert Gaudio serenaded the audience with "Silent Night" in five languages.

On Dec. 15, members and friends of the Bridge+ Tunnel Collective staged a Christmas concert at Oglebay Institute Towngate Theatre to benefit the Winter Freeze Shelter. The sold-out show illustrated the power of music to unite people for a good cause.

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HONORING DR. KING



Second-grade students at Wheeling Country Day School spent time on Martin Luther King Jr. Day visiting Youth Services System Inc. to learn about our homeless guests and fill gallon bags with necessities and snacks for them. Said CEO John Moses: "Thank you, WCDS, and the compassionate adults shaping their lives!"

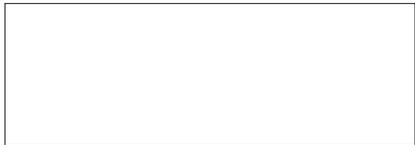


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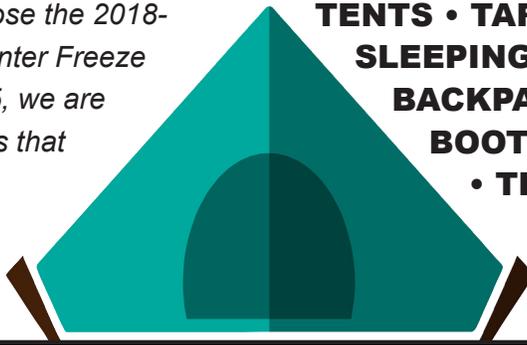
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- TENTS • TARPS
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- BACKPACKS •
- BOOTS • SOCKS
- THERMALS
- COATS

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Free Store is
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