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PARTNERSHIPS ... OLD AND NEW

By John Moses

One person with a goal to change the world might be hard-pressed to make an impact, but many working together, with the grace of God, can move mountains.

We are blessed to have many partners working to make the 12th annual Winter Freeze Shelter possible. Some are local foundations who faithfully have supported this mission from the beginning. Others began chipping in a few years ago and now have adopted it as their personal mission. And still more have come on board this year.

This year, the Winter Freeze Shelter was in jeopardy of having to scale down in size because of COVID restrictions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Instead, the City of Wheeling has loaned us the former Hillcrest space at the old Ohio



Winter Freeze Shelter guests relax in the common area just after the big snow in mid-December. They have space to spread out in the new shelter facility in the former Hillcrest section of the former Ohio Valley Medical Center, owned by the City of Wheeling and donated to YSS for use as a shelter. (Photo provided by shelter employee Nic Cochran with permission from guests.)

Valley Medical Center. We thank the City Council members, Mayor Glenn Elliott, City Manager Robert Herron and the residents of the city for allow-

ing us to continue operating this low-bar shelter for people experiencing homelessness in our community.

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Steenrod Elementary School Principal Mrs. Michelle Dietrich, left, displays the items students and staff collected through a PTA project to benefit the 2020-21 Winter Freeze Shelter. Shown with her are Steenrod first-grader Harper Crews and her mother, Terra Crews, YSS Special Events Coordinator.

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Lions Club

Ohio County Virtual Lions Club launched a towel drive on Facebook in December for the Winter Freeze Shelter, in light of the fact the new location offers showers.

Since then, they have been joined by several others. In addition to collecting towels, the club is using monetary donations to purchase any towels donated to the Warwood Goodwill -- "making YOUR donations stretch and help TWO great organizations" according to the Lions Facebook page.

The Lions also donated seven boxes of food to YSS this month.

Wheeling Towel Drop-Off Locations

- Touch of Amish, 1128 National Road
- Just Righ Homecare, 2197 National Road
- Warwood Kroger Pharmacy, 1241 Warwood Ave.

Paree Insurance



Chris Bucon, left, and Ryan Clutter, right, hand off Winter Freeze Shelter donations to YSS employee Savannah Hudson in the Hazel Atlas Building lobby. Bucon and Clutter are with Paree Insurance Centers, which held a drive at their Wheeling and Moundsville locations. At right, Felton CPA located in the Laconia Building in Wheeling set up a giving tree for winter gear.

Felton CPA



Winter Freeze Shelter guest Dylan brought along her furry Wookiee friend to stay with her to provide extra warmth during the mid-December snow storm! (Photo provided by shelter employee Kate Marshall with permission from Dylan.)



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We opened our doors on Dec. 14 and plan to be open every night through March 15. We are grateful to the Vineyard Church members — our 2020 Good Samaritan Award recipients — who again have prepared dozens of meals for our shelter guests. Thank you also to Bishop Brennan and the WV Catholic Foundation for their financial support this year.

Masks are being worn, but we are still able to provide our guests the dignity of looking them in the eyes and ensuring they know that no matter who they are, where they are in life or what brought them to our door, they are loved.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. May God pour out His blessing on you this Christmas and in the new year.

John Moses, YSS CEO

Northwood Health

Northwood Health Systems donated 120 new wash cloths and towels to the Winter Freeze Shelter. Additional towel donations are coming in from various individuals, organizations and businesses.



Monetary Donations Always Welcome

The [Winter Freeze Shelter](#) is a ministry supported by the community through Youth Services System, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Your tax-deductible donation helps your neighbors in need. Send checks — payable to Youth Services System with Winter Freeze in the memo — to:

Youth Services System, Inc.
P.O. Box 6041
Wheeling, WV 26003

Online donations may be made by texting YSSFREEZE to 44-321 or donating on our website or Facebook page.

Where to Drop Off Donations

Winter Freeze Shelter donations are still being collected at the Hazel Atlas Building, 87 15th St., Wheeling. They are not being taken at the new facility at the former Hillcrest/OVMC at this time. If you have questions, please call 304-233-9627.



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