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***Buffalo City Mission Receives \$75,000 Grant  
From the John R. Oishei Foundation for Basic Human Needs***

**Buffalo, NY** – Today, the John R. Oishei Foundation awarded the Buffalo City Mission a \$75,000 grant to support basic human needs, including food, clothing, and shelter. Last year alone, the Mission served over 187,547 meals and provided over 82,947 safe night of sleep.

“The effects of homelessness on individuals and families who are struggling due to poverty are far reaching. People experiencing homelessness are unable to acquire and maintain adequate, safe, secure, and stable housing. This includes people who are staying in shelters, transitional housing, on the streets, in a vehicle, “couch surfing”, or in any other unstable or transient housing situation,” said Stuart Harper, Executive Director and CEO of the Buffalo City Mission.

“Here at the Mission, our focus is helping people with the complex challenges they face while meeting their basic needs to survive right now and over time and to develop long term solutions to help them stabilize their lives once and for all. It doesn’t matter how long it takes, if the client is committed to changing their lives in a positive way, then we stand along side of them, period.

With over 30.7 percent of people in Buffalo living below the poverty line, the need is still great! Through this essential grant from The John R. Oishei Foundation, we can continue to help

support the needs of this community by providing nutritious food, a secure and safe place to sleep, and basic human necessities. We thank the Oishei Foundation for their commitment to improving the lives of homeless Western New Yorkers” said Harper.

“The John R. Oishei Foundation is proud and honored to support the Buffalo City Mission in its work in the basic needs services. We consider the Buffalo City Mission one of our key partners and a valued relationship. We hope this commitment of valuable resources has a broad impact on the Buffalo community as a whole,” said Larry H. Cook II, Vice President of The John R. Oishei Foundation.

### **About The John R. Oishei Foundation**

The John R. Oishei Foundation strives to be a catalyst for change to enhance economic vitality and quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region through grantmaking, leadership and network building. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation. <http://www.oishei.org/>

### **About the Buffalo City Mission**

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization that provides preventative, emergency and transitional programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished. The Mission includes a Women and Children’s Shelter (Cornerstone Manor); Men’s Community Center; and Dick Road Thrift Store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit [www.buffalocitymission.org](http://www.buffalocitymission.org) or call (716) 854-8181.

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