

Good NEIGHBORS



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SUMMER 2019

From Pain and Pride to the Power of

God's Love

Because friends like you
give where you live, Lee
and others like him are
rebuilding their lives.

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92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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A Message from
STUART L. HARPER

Help Meet the Challenge Here at Home

While many in Western New York are enjoying summer rest and relaxation, those who are homeless have no escape from their physical discomfort, mental anguish and spiritual despair... without our help and yours.

So here's the challenge: As temperatures soar and needs increase, our donations typically decline. Yet the meals and nights of shelter we will provide throughout June, July and August cost nearly \$397,440 alone!

I'm so grateful for your partnership – and during this critical time, I pray you will continue to stand alongside us. Please *give where you live* through our summer campaign, which is underway now.

Your generous gift will provide nutritious food, cool shelter, addiction recovery and care in our DREAM Transitional Housing Program and faith-based guidance to people who have lost all hope. Your ongoing support will relieve burdens and rebuild lives right here at home.

God bless you for remembering those who are hurting this summer. Your

compassion lets them know they're not alone.



Stuart L. Harper
Executive Director

Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gifts will provide...



33,535 meals



17,965 beds



8,748 items
of clothing



heartfelt &
life-transforming
decisions for
Christ



countless hours
of counseling &
education

Give Where You Live!
**Our 92-Day Summer
Campaign is underway now.**

✉ Send your gift today.

🖨 Give online at buffalocitymission.org.



This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!

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PLEASE HELP WITH OUR



SUMMER



Our "Summer Six" are items we need all summer long to provide our guests with a comfortable environment and life-changing assistance.

Due to construction, please drop off donations at the side of the Mission on Ellicott Street, Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Or visit 150 E. North Street to drop off donations Mon. – Sat., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. We're grateful for whatever you can share.



1. Hand sanitizer
2. Toothpaste
3. Toilet paper
4. Deodorant
5. Body wash
6. Shampoo/
Conditioner

**“The people
I thought
cared about
me didn’t, and
I just broke
down.”**



Lee grew up in a rough neighborhood, where fighting was just a normal part of daily life. He adopted that attitude in all areas of his life and spent years trying to do it all on his own.

“I was overly confident. I thought I could fix things that I couldn’t, and it led me down a bad road. Next thing you know, I’m homeless. Sitting under a bridge getting ready to sleep because I had no place to go.”

Lee wanted to help others who were hurting or being bullied, but trying so hard to fix everyone else just left him broken. “When I lived on the streets, I couldn’t tell you the last time I actually ate three meals in a day. I realized how alone I was... and I didn’t want my story to end that way.”

That’s when Lee heard about Buffalo City Mission and everything changed.

“The Mission has afforded me the opportunity to rediscover who I am. To be the person I was meant to be.”

Through God’s love and the guidance he receives in our DREAM Transitional Housing Program, Lee

is learning how to surrender his pride and humbly submit to God through faith.

“I’m thankful to the Mission for their support, and making me feel I’m not alone.”

“My life is dramatically better because of the support and the structure here at the Mission. I was trying to be the perfect little soldier, fighting my way through life. Now I put it into God’s hands.”

Lee enjoys the daily routine of classes, working around the Mission to help keep things clean and spending time with his new brothers and sisters in Christ.

And he’s thankful for caring friends like you who continue to support the Mission: “I’m very grateful. This place has dramatically turned my life around. We’re like one big family.”

A heartfelt thank you to **ANTHONY BALDI & ASSOCIATES!**

Anthony Baldi & Associates is a full-service financial planning business that assists clients with their retirement planning. In the words of CEO and CFP Anthony Baldi, "We put people in the best position to have and maintain a confident retirement."

Baldi and his team live and work by a set of core values including faith, family, integrity, excellence and service. "Anthony Baldi & Associates believes in a sustained, dynamic workplace that is passionate about helping our clients pursue... a more confident retirement and making a positive impact in our community," Baldi says.



Anthony Baldi & Associates serve the community through various charitable outlets. They first partnered with Buffalo City Mission in 2005, when they sponsored the Motorcycle Ride for the Homeless.

Since then, they have continued to support the Mission. They hold annual clothing drives, serve meals in our kitchen, and volunteer their time during the holidays and special events. Baldi is even committed to serving into the future, with the construction of the new Men's Community Center.

"Buffalo City Mission is one of my favorite places to sow into," says Baldi. "We're sowing into good soil to help an organization that's making a difference in our community. This good soil bears good fruit, and I see the good fruit of Buffalo City Mission."

As it says on their website, "Anthony Baldi & Associates focus on helping individuals struggling to meet basic needs achieve economic stability by funding efforts to solve domestic hunger, end homelessness, and build strong and active communities."

Here at Buffalo City Mission, we are grateful Anthony Baldi & Associates has become a cherished, lifelong partner to assist those who come seeking refuge and help. **To find out more about the services offered by Anthony Baldi & Associates, visit their website at ameripriseadvisors.com/anthony.j.baldi/ or call (716) 626-3296.**

I'll Give Where I Live!

Stuart, here's my special summertime gift to provide meals, shelter, care – and hope!

- \$25 \$50
- \$75 \$150
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

BCMR

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