

Good NEIGHBORS



THIS IS YOUR CITY. THIS IS YOUR MISSION.

SUMMER 2021

YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING JESSE A SECOND CHANCE

and he can't
thank you
enough!



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Mission,
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Standing in a line for food was the last place Jesse wanted to be during the pandemic.

“Everything was shutting down,” he remembers, “and it really affected me because I was running out of food.”

After 10 years in Niagara Falls, Jesse returned home to Buffalo, hoping to reconnect with his daughter and make a fresh start. “I came here with just a suitcase... I wasn’t eating right or getting proper rest.”

For a little over a month, he moved in with his 13-year-old daughter and her mother. “I came back to raise my daughter... but it didn’t work out as planned.”

Jesse started to feel unwelcome in their home. The disappointment and isolation sent him spiraling into depression... until he remembered Buffalo City Mission.

Years before, when an accident left him unable to work, he’d found the support he needed here to rebuild his life. **Jesse knew the doors of Buffalo City Mission would always be open to help him in his time of need.**

Through spiritual classes and guidance from the Case Management team in our Transitional Housing Program, Jesse has overcome his recent struggles and is starting to dream about his future. “Since coming to the Mission, I’m not depressed anymore... Now I’m cheerful. I’m here to see another day, and that’s something to smile about.”

He has even reconnected with his daughter, and with the support of Mission staff, he is working to gain joint custody. “I’m trying to get housing where I can have my daughter come stay with me.”

Jesse is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “Before I came to the Mission, I was lost,” he says. “But now, I’m at peace... trying to live by God’s will instead of my own.”

“Thanks to the Mission, I’m reaching my goals... It just takes time and patience.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$1.98!

A Message from
STUART L. HARPER

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or substance abuse. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals and nights of shelter we provide during June, July and August require \$253,219 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Stuart L. Harper
Executive Director

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



25,836 meals



14,547 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
education and Job-Skills
training



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
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98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! buffalocitymission.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Do you know our **SUMMER 6?**



Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all summer long.

We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items!

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 100 E. Tupper St. in Buffalo, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a great way to care for our guests at the Mission this summer!



1. Bottled water
2. Men's short and T-shirt sets
3. Travel-size deodorant
4. Hand sanitizer
5. Men's new underwear (L & XL)
6. Fresh produce



DON'T PATCH TOGETHER YOUR LEGACY

During an appointment, a patient indicated frustration with his medication patch. When the doctor asked why, he replied, “The nurse told me to put on a new one every six hours and now I’m running out of places to put them!”

Sometimes important details get lost in translation and can put us at risk... like how often we should update our will.

Did you know nearly 70 percent of Americans do not have an up-to-date will? Good estate planning may help you avoid:

1. Legal risks. Your will could help loved ones avoid delays in receiving an inheritance or property.
2. Relational risks. Many families have fallen into stress and strife over a disputed will, but a parent who ensures their “affairs are in order” creates peace for their loved ones.
3. Financial risks. Ensure your loved ones are provided for and keep your estate from becoming tangled up in expensive probate proceedings.
4. Legacy risks. Take time to consider your estate plan in light of your values. Your will can be a great place to communicate a legacy of personal faith.

Is it time to create or update your will?

To learn more about including Buffalo City Mission in your estate plans, contact Aubrey Calhoun at **(716) 854-8181, ext. 401** or **acalhoun@buffalocitymission.org**.

