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Buffalo City Mission Announces Donation Drive and \$5,000 Donation from Northtown Automotive Companies

Donated items were collected as part of Northtown's month-long clothing drive



BUFFALO, NEW YORK (December 17, 2021) – The <u>Buffalo City Mission</u> today announced a month long donation drive set up by <u>Northtown Automotive Companies</u>. This is the second year that Northtown has held a donation drive for the Mission and collected thousands of items that were delivered in two trucks to the Mission. Items were collected over the last month as part of Northtown's clothing drive to support residents in need. Additionally, Northtown presented the Mission with a \$5,000 check to support the Buffalo City Mission's Fall Campaign.

"The City Mission is extraordinarily grateful to Northtown Automotive Companies and the residents of this community who donated," said Aubrey Calhoun, Associate Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. "The generosity expressed by all those involved in the donation will help to continue renewing the lives of those who are struggling within Western New York this season."

Funds from the financial donation will support Buffalo City Mission's Fall Campaign — an annual initiative that advances critical programs offered to those in need. Items from the Mission's wish list were purchased by Northtown's base of more than 850 associates across Western New York. New, unopened items could be donated in person or purchased online and delivered through created digital lists. Items on the wish list included Christmas gifts for the Missions residents, cold-weather clothing, personal hygiene items, diapers and more.

"On behalf of the Northtown Automotive family, we are honored to give back to the City Mission," said Harold Erbacher, Chief Operating Officer and Co-Owner of Northtown Automotive



Companies. "The values shared between the Northtown family and the Buffalo City Mission allow us to help create opportunity for all by demonstrating the generosity found in the City of Good Neighbors."

Most recently, the Buffalo City Mission delivered more than 4,500 meals to the poor and homeless across Western New York as part of the Turkey Express. The Mission is currently seeking volunteers to assist with its upcoming <u>Christmas Hambone Express</u>.

To learn more about the City Mission and how to get involved, visit buffalocitymission.org.

About the Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization providing preventative, emergency, and transitional housing programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished every year. The Mission includes the new Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise and a Women and Children's Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), along with the Dick Road Thrift Store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit www.buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

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