

# Good NEIGHBORS



THIS IS YOUR CITY. THIS IS YOUR MISSION.

SUMMER 2022

## FRANK IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given  
him new life!



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2 Show Them  
You Care

2 Our  
Summer 6

3 "I've come to  
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*“I’ve come to  
value myself  
again.”*



Frank sat alone in his apartment, hungry, sad, and frightened.

He’d struggled with depression all his life, but he’d always managed to work, take care of himself and find some joy in living.

Then the pandemic hit in 2020 and a mandated quarantine left him isolated and idle, sending his depression spiraling out of control. He stopped eating and caring for himself, compromising his health and threatening his life.

house,” he says, gratefully.

With his physical needs met, Frank has been able to focus on growing strong emotionally and spiritually through chapel services, Bible studies, Christ-centered guidance and life skills classes. “The Mission props you up until you can handle emotional and spiritual things yourself and get back on your feet,” he says.

He’s also rediscovered the things that used to bring him joy – worshiping the Lord, cooking and reading. And Frank blesses those around him with his

**“THE MISSION HELPED ME STAND ON MY OWN AGAIN.”**

Thankfully, one of his former landlords came by his apartment to check on him. He found Frank so severely malnourished that he had to be hospitalized. After 10 days of life-saving care, Frank was discharged and the hospital sent him to Buffalo City Mission.

We welcomed him with open arms and provided a warm bed, nutritious meals and health and wellness care – everything Frank could need to grow physically strong again. “Buffalo City Mission is a safe and inviting place, with all the necessary resources in-

joyful spirit. He’s now looking forward to finding a job, his own place to live, and becoming a productive member of society once again.

**Frank is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future.** “Before I came to the Mission, I didn’t think anybody had any use for me anymore, but now I’ve come to value myself again.”



*Leave a lasting legacy*

**Your generosity can impact generations to come!** Buffalo City Mission can help you make sure your estate plan or will reflects your heart to care for your neighbors in need. For more information on leaving a special gift to our ministry, please call Aubrey Calhoun at **(716) 854-8181, ext. 401**. Thank you and God bless you!

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$1.98!



## A Message from STUART L. HARPER

### Please Will You Love Your Neighbor?

*“Dear friends,  
since God so  
loved us, we also  
ought to love  
one another.”  
- 1 John 4:11, NIV*

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in Western New York. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

### ***That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!***

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it!

Stuart L. Harper  
Executive Director

## THESE “Summer 6” CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the “Summer 6”? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

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

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 100 E. Tupper St. in Buffalo, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!

## SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



### Your gift today provides:



24,645 meals



13,422 beds



hundreds of  
hygiene items



countless hours  
of guidance &  
education



life-transforming  
decisions for  
Christ



**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**

92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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

**Give now! [buffalocitymission.org](http://buffalocitymission.org)**  
Support our Summer Campaign now!

## How you can 'Shop with a Purpose' to strengthen our community

Your support of the **Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store** helps benefit your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives through the Thrift Store:

- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- You can donate gently used clothing, furniture or household items that you no longer need.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Store support the Mission's life-changing programs and services.

### **Everyone benefits!**

To donate items, visit 100 E. Tupper St., Buffalo, NY, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., or call **(716) 854-8181, ext. 424** to schedule a pick-up right from your home.

### **Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store**

Location: 510 Dick Rd., Depew, NY (in Dick-Urban Plaza)

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## August 17th is National Thrift Store Day!

Thank you for supporting our Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store!

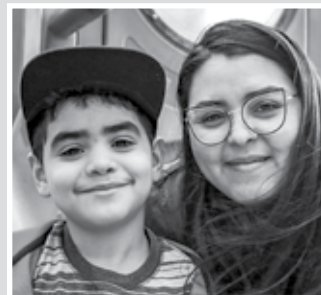
## Your monthly gift makes a HUGE impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a Monthly Hope Partner, Buffalo City Mission can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Giselle, that generosity transformed her family's life!

*"We didn't have anything when we came here and I felt lost. But the Mission staff said, 'Don't worry, Giselle. You're not*

*alone.' They did everything for us. An apartment... tutoring... school supplies for my son... job development classes... Bible studies. We're Christians now, and I've been empowered to do everything I want to do. They treated us like family and gave us hope."*



If the Lord is leading you to become a Monthly Hope Partner, simply visit **[buffalocitymission.org](http://buffalocitymission.org)** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!