

# Good NEIGHBORS



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FALL 2022

## DENISE IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

*because of your support*

You've given her hope and  
new life this holiday!



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2 Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun!

3 "The Mission showed me love."

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# “THE MISSION SHOWED ME COMPASSION AND LOVE.”

Denise stood on the median strip, looking at the twisted wreckage in the street, thankful she'd survived, but wondering where she was going to sleep that night. “A woman ran a red light, plowed into me and totaled my car. It was my home, so now I was homeless.”

She'd found a job in childcare right after relocating to Buffalo, and she loved her work. But she hadn't been able to find a place to live. “I spent all my savings on hotel rooms and, when the money was gone, I ended up staying in my car.”

For five months, she drove to work and, in her free time, looked for affordable housing, but to no avail. Then the accident took

everything she had. “I had no place to go and it was starting to get very cold outside. I went into panic mode.”

That's when Denise's church referred her to our Women and Children's shelter, Cornerstone Manor, where she found food, shelter and the support of our compassionate staff. “They made me feel safe and gave me a bed and a warm place to stay.”

Then she entered our Transitional Housing Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and life skill classes have strengthened her faith and equipped her with the emotional tools to face whatever challenges lie ahead. “They've encouraged me in my walk with the Lord and now I've

drawn closer to Him,” Denise says. “I've also learned how to deal with change and move forward in my life.”

With our employment assistance, Denise will soon be looking for a job, and after graduation, we'll help her find an affordable home of her own. “I'm very encouraged about my future.”

**Denise's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave her the confidence and support to rebuild her life.** “The Mission showed me compassion and love and encouraged me to seek God, set goals and strive to reach them. I'm so thankful.”



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They're helping  
me reach for my  
dreams.

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Would you like to continue caring for those in need beyond your lifetime? When you remember Buffalo City Mission in your will or estate plan, you'll ensure that your spirit of compassion blesses others tomorrow and beyond.

For information on planned giving opportunities, please call Aubrey Calhoun at ☎ (716) 854-8181, ext. 401.

*Thank you for your giving heart!*

# Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



## A Message from Aubrey Calhoun

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During

Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

*But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?*

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed and lives are restored thanks to you. God bless you!

Aubrey Calhoun  
Executive Director

## 2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

# 28,166

### Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... substance abuse. But you can change that!

**Just \$1.98 provides a hot, nourishing meal.** Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Life skill classes



Faith-based guidance



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [buffalocitymission.org](http://buffalocitymission.org).**

*Read Denise's story – a life you helped change!*



# Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Heather Mattiuzzo** at **(716) 854-8181, ext. 407**

Email: [volunteer@buffalocitymission.org](mailto:volunteer@buffalocitymission.org)

Or visit [buffalocitymission.org](http://buffalocitymission.org) to find out more or sign up now!

# Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a donation drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at **100 E. Tupper St. in Buffalo, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Or, call **(716) 854-8181, ext. 407** for more information on how to hold a donation drive!

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

Turkeys

Hams

Sugar

Cereal

Condiments

Pasta sauce

Gravy mix

Coffee

Canned fruits  
and vegetables

Instant mashed  
potatoes

Peanut butter  
and jelly

Dry pasta

Macaroni and  
cheese



*Thank you for making these meals extra special!*

## Are you connected yet? Be the first to know what's going on!

Want the inside scoop on what's happening at the Mission? It's easy...

**Follow us on social media!** Every post shows you how your partnership is transforming lives and healing our community.

**Sign up for our emails!** You'll hear about urgent needs, special events and more.

And when you tell your friends about us, they can join the celebration this Thanksgiving, too!

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