



January 2015

Paying it forward

The warehouse is empty, the food has been distributed, the decorations have been stored for another year, and we've tallied our statistics for Operation Holiday. This year we distributed toys, coats, food, and vouchers to more than 12,000 people over a three-day period. It was a whirl of activity and an amazing coordination of volunteers, donated items, and help from unexpected places.



We are thankful for every one of you who showed up to help. Whether you helped sort coats, distributed vouchers, served with a church group, came with your classmates on a bus, donated your company's time and resources, or helped us get the word out on television and radio, every one of you made a difference. We are also deeply grateful for all of you who supported Operation Holiday by sending a contribution.

Your time is precious, and we appreciate that you've shared some of it with us. I learned this year that a couple of key volunteers came to help us this year because they're paying it forward. When they were kids, their families received toys, coats, and food thanks to Operation Holiday. "Our family was going through some rough years," one recalled. "My dad had left, and Mom was just trying to keep things together. We had toys and a Christmas dinner that year because of Operation Holiday. I'll never forget how happy that made my mom."

Thank you for making those situations happen. You give people hope during a time of year when struggling people need it. May someone pay it forward to you.

Anne Corrison
Executive Director

► Volunteer Opportunities

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- The Warming Souls Winter Shelter is open

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Upcoming...

Souper Bowl 2015 is coming up on January 30th, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Broadway, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Call Linda at 264-9303 to get your tickets now!

The annual [Warming Souls Winter Shelter](#) is open now through March 31st, 2015.

The next Final Friday will be February 27th, 2015. More information to follow soon.

You Can Help



In Remembrance

November 1st, 2014, through March 31st, 2015. If you're interested in volunteering with your family, friends, or group to feed the homeless at this shelter, please contact the following people for the appropriate month you are interested in:

- --January 2015 - Bonnie Laycock, First United Methodist Church, 316-209-3509 or 316-267-6244 OR Frances Rathbun, 316-208-9284
- --February and March 2015 - Bonnie Toombs, Catholic Diocese of Wichita, toombsb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org or 316-269-3935

► Final Friday at IFM

The next Final Friday will be February 27th, 2015. Check out our new gallery name and logo, and mark your calendars to attend in February!



► Events and Highlights

Did you know.....

- 1 in 7 families in Kansas lives with hunger! Proceeds from Souper Bowl provide shelter and food for homeless and hungry people locally. Please join us for a bottomless bowl of soup prepared by Wichita's best chefs! Friday, January 30, 2015, 10:30 am to 2 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita, 525 N. Broadway. We are serving soup, bread, and beverages. The first 200 guests receive a souvenir bowl. There will be live music and entertainment and door prizes. Available for sale will be "church lady" desserts, hand-crafted pottery by local artists, and pre-loved cookbooks. There is ample parking. Single tickets are \$15, but a book of 10 tickets is \$130. To pay with credit card call 316-264-9303, or mail check to IFM, 829 N. Market, Wichita, KS, 67214. For more information, go to www.interfaithwichita.org and click on Special Events.

John W Campbell
 Carol Skaggs
 Jack Turner
 Marti Coulson
 Edith June Treece
 Emma Krueger
 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wortz
 Grace E Sipe
 Joshua Guy Brittain
 George Ash
 Lyle Albright
 Forest C. and Frances H. Lattner
 Harriet Prichard
 Cora Reints
 Sue Castile
 Joy Carter
 Joanne Mango
 Keith Bishop
 Kevin J Polian

Honor:
 Judith Ann Hoffman
 Anne Corriston
 Tony Young
 John and Barb Fuller
 Mitch and Betty Butler
 David and Sally Dewey
 Dwain and Rhonda Nusbaum
 Rob Brady
 Robert and Shelley Claassen
 Kevin and Michelle Claassen
 William Henning
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- Save the Date: Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) Poverty Simulation – Saturday, February 21, 2015 - West Heights United Methodist Church, 745 N. Westlink, Wichita, and the Wichita Circles Network are hosting a poverty simulation on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9 am – 12 noon. The simulation is a role-play event that offers participants a glimpse into the lives of low-income individuals and families living in our community. Participants get a brief look into the obstacles, the decisions, and the consequences that impact their daily lives. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the Wichita Circles Network and the work it is doing and how you can help. If you're interested in making a difference in poverty in our community, please come to this FREE event. Registration is limited. RSVP by February 13 by calling West Heights UMC at 722-3805.
- People of Faith for Peace urges you to see Ted & Company TheaterWorks' satirical comedy, "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy," coming to University Friends Church, 1840 W. University, Wichita, KS, at 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 15, 2015. The free, interactive event invites you to laugh, think about unjust practices that pervade the American mentality, and bid on homemade pies in an auction to raise money for Christian Peacemaker Teams and Food 4 Kids, an outreach to food-insecure students in the Wichita area. The show speaks across religions, denominations, generations, and backgrounds to all who aim to be the change they seek. For more information, contact Rev. Alan Stucky, alan.stucky@gmail.com, 316-263-0274.

Interfaith Calendar

January 2015

1 - Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
 Feast of St Basil - Orthodox Christian
 Gantan-sai (New Years) - Shinto

5 - Twelfth Night - Christian Mahayana New Year - Buddhist
 Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh

6 - Epiphany - Christian
 Feast of the Theophany - Orthodox Christian
 Dia de los Reyes - Christian
 Nativity of Christ - Armenian Orthodox Christian

7 - Feast of the Nativity - Orthodox Christian

11 - Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian

13 - Maghi - Sikh

18 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins - Christian
 World Religion Day - Baha'i (begins sundown on 17)

19 - Timkat - Ethiopian Orthodox Christian

24- Vasant Panchami - Hindu

25 - Conversion of St. Paul - Christian



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