



THE LIGHT

Christians Helping in Crisis™

Christian Clearing House

The light shines in the darkness ... (John 1:5a)

March/April 2015

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Upcoming Events

Garage Sale

March 21 & 22

New Volunteer Training

April 14

Pancake Breakfast

May 2

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Donor Support Requested

We have been notified by the Feinstein Foundation that they will not be running their million dollar matching program this year. Being a national program, the dollars actually received from the foundation were a small percentage of the total funds donated. But it was an encouragement to our donors to make their contributions during this time. In the past, this matching program has helped generate over 50% of our annual budget. **WE STILL NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!** The statistics show us that 1 in 5 children in Hancock County are food insecure (they don't know from where or when their next meal will come). We still see between 400 – 500 clients each month. Christian Clearing House (CCH) can't continue to help those who have emergency needs without your help.

Your contributions directly aid those in Hancock County with emergency needs. The stories that we hear are often distressing. When a client enters the office and tells us their reason for visiting,

it can be overwhelming for both the client and volunteer. Clients are often at their last resort for help when coming to CCH. In order to help, CCH volunteers and staff utilize community resources, programs and agency dollars as well as any available funds from the client.



Think Spring!!

Just the other day, a lady came into the office and told the volunteer how difficult it was to swallow her pride and walk through the door at CCH. She was facing termination of her electric service. She shared that when reaching out to other agencies she felt belittled. Once she realized that CCH was able to help, she thanked the volunteer graciously for the assistance, and was grateful for the kindness and compassion she received in the office.

At CCH we work to help those who are struggling. Together we are "Christians Helping in Crisis".

**WE APPRECIATE YOU AND
THANK GOD EVERY DAY FOR
YOU – OUR DONORS.**



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

11th Annual Garage Sale

Gotta **Love** a Good **GARAGE SALE!!!**



When: Saturday March 21 8:30-4

Sunday, March 22 1:00-4

Where: Brinkman's Country Corner (Greenhouse)



Donations Accepted

Drop off dates & times:

March 7 & 14th 10-2

March 16 & 17, 9-4; March 18, 9-7; March 19, 9-4

Call 419-422-2222 to schedule pick up of furniture items.

Gidgets, Gadgets, Goodies, Trinkets and Treasures Awaits!

"Pinterest" projects in the making!

If we don't have it; you don't need it!!



Caring Cupboard Items Needed

- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Deodorant
- Feminine products
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes
- Bath soap (bars)
- Shaving cream
- Dish detergent
- Baby wipes

Project Happy Feet

Filling Shoes with Hopeful Futures

Help a child walk into school
with pride!

YOU CAN

provide shoes for children in need
by getting involved.

Our goal is to provide 500 pairs of
shoes this fall.

Call to find out how you, your
company and your church can
help us meet this goal.



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CCH Receives Better Business Bureau Accreditation

Christian Clearing House (CCH) is pleased to announce that it has met the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) 20 Standards for Charitable Accountability through the BBB's Charity Review Program and is now an Accredited Charity. "This completes a goal established by our strategic planning committee and is a credit to our staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors" said Dick Stephens, Board Past President.

The Charity Review Program was established by the Better Business Bureau Foundation to provide potential donors with accurate, up-to-date information on local nonprofit and charitable organizations. The BBB Serving Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan provides Wise Giving Reports on over 300 charities and nonprofit organizations including CCH. CCH's report is available for review at www.bbb.org/



toledo.

"BBB accreditation is a rigorous and time consuming project and Christian Clearing House met all 20 Standards without issue." said Mollie Tyrrell, Director of Special Projects for the BBB serving Northwest and West Central Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

"We are honored to be awarded with the BBB accreditation. CCH has served the Hancock County community for the past twenty years with compassion to those facing a crisis. On behalf of our 46 participating congregations and the 80 plus volunteers, CCH is committed to highest standards in supporting those who have emergency needs," said

Tammy Stahl, Executive Director.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a thank you to The Findlay-Hancock

Why I Volunteer.....

"I volunteer because I believe everyone is called to serve others in some capacity. Volunteering at CCH allows me to help others in our community. Volunteering also gives me the opportunity to interact with the other wonderful volunteers and the caring staff members at CCH." Carolyn Braddock

"I believe my faith in Jesus calls me to volunteer in service to others. It is a great joy to help others and have an opportunity to share the Good News." Dick Stephens



Carolyn Braddock 2014 "Volunteer of the Year"
Dick Stephens received "Above and Beyond Award"
Both were honored at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.



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Our Vision:

Christian Clearing House represents Christ to the community through helping people become self-sustaining.

Our Mission:

To provide non-sustaining, emergency assistance to residents or transients of Hancock County who have financial, physical, emotional, and/or spiritual needs and to collaborate with churches, agencies and individuals to promote effective and efficient use of community resources.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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FINDLAY, OHIO

Join Us for the Pancake Breakfast!

When: May 2, 2015

Where: St. Marks United Methodist Church
800 South Main Street, Findlay
In the Dock

Time: 8:00 a.m. until noon

Tickets: \$6 Adults, \$4 Children (10 & under)
Includes all you care to eat
pancakes, sausage, and drinks!

***Tickets available April 6th and at the door.
Please join us!***

Donations Received

In Memory of: W.E. Beltz

Doris Collingwood
Marlowe Holder
G.M. Louden
John Windau

In Honor Of: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Grieser
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kelsey
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Stephens
Sharon Rider

New Volunteer Training Class

When: April 14, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

For details call or email: Debbie Benson, Office Manager dbenson@cchsupport.org 419-422-2222



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