



Help by Phone, Limited

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ANNUAL REPORT

Together we made it to the beginning of our 49th year! Some of you began with us, others joined along the way on this journey! We simply decided to help people in need without a lot of red tape. We continue to do just that! The help is in the short term, until either their situation can resolve or they can find long term assistance. On the way, we made a difference in the lives of thousands of people and today, people still need our efforts.

The year began and ends with Safe Haven in full swing! This winter shelter for homeless men is almost 30 years old. For 16 weeks, churches open their doors to these men to provide shelter and food and encouragement. This is outreach at its core. The participants move beyond the stained glass windows, truly open their doors, and welcome men who would otherwise sleep on the streets.

Food - basic and nutritious - fills empty stomachs from our 7 food pantries that meet needs five days a week. In addition to the food that you donate - and that is vital - we buy food once a month, have it delivered to a central place at an early hour, and distribute it to the pantries.

Clothing for several Title 1 schools is given so that children who would otherwise be ill-clad on days like these, are warm.

Help with prescriptions is available for people who do not have money to follow through when they go to the doctor. And, yes, we do drive for medical appointments.

Our financial counselor is available for those who have to stretch their income farther than they think.

Of course, there are always those people who need a listening ear, a guiding hand, more than one word of encouragement. We go beyond our stated goods and services to meet their needs until they can be referred for long-term help.

There is always a place for another volunteer! We will welcome you and your gifts that you would like to live out through this ministry. There is a place for YOU! Join us as we move into a new year with awe and audacity!

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Respectfully,

Lois