

*Transforming our city
one heart at a time*



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Local Missional Opportunities



A note from Pastor Stan



Dear Friends,

Our vision is to join God in his mission to Transform the Heart, Transform the Home, and Transform the World. Webster's definition of transform includes changing in form, condition, and character. At First Friends we believe this happens by inviting God's Spirit to begin changing our hearts, minds, and relationships. As this transformation happens it overflows into our world.

I love the way we partner with local ministries in the Canton area through our financial giving at First Friends. This booklet will help you learn more about each one of them. I am even more excited about how this information can lead each one of us to be more personally involved in praying and serving these ministries.

Please take time to read and pray for each ministry and ask the Lord if He is prompting you to explore being involved in serving with them in person. We call this initiative Love Your City. Also, be sure to check out the appendix at the end of the book for ideas on how you can make ministry happen instead of simply waiting for ministry to happen.

For the glory of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Nicholas".

A note from Pastor Scott

"This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon ...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."
Jeremiah 29:4,5-7



These words were written between 626-586 BC. However, these words would seem just as true today for His people who feel in exile in a Babylon like world.

If this is true then it begs the question "what now?" Because when we examine the church of our day, it may seem to be a place of uncertainty and unfamiliarity with a desire to go back to the good old days when the church was _____. (Fill in the blank)

Maybe today God is calling us like the exiles in Babylon to not return home but participate in the here and now: "To build houses, build families, provide for all men, seek the peace and prosperity of the city you dwell all while fixing our eyes on the Kingdom of God and not a kingdom of men."

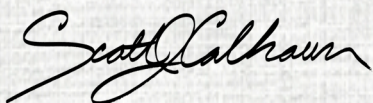
In other words, seek the welfare of the place where God has sent you. Think of yourself as "sent" there by God for his glory. Because you are.

Jesus says, in Matthew 23:29 to "love your neighbor as yourself." That same desire and intensity we have to provide for ourselves ought to be the same for our neighbors.

Therefore, who is your neighbor? Who are the ones before you that need to know God's transformative love? And will you allow yourself to be used by God and see the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ rescue the lost souls to their Savior?
I pray this resource will be an encouragement and a guide for you, your groups, your families and even individuals to "Love Your City."

May you serve our city best by getting your direction from "the city that is to come" (Hebrews 13:14).

In His Mission Together,





a ministry of hope

Address: PO Box 13866, Akron, OH 44334

Main Office: 3480 West Market Street, Suite LL1
Fairlawn, OH 44333

Phone: 330-819-3326

Hours: M-F, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

SCOPE: With the help of devoted volunteers and valued donors, RAHAB offers concrete solutions to human trafficking through Truth and Love in action. We are a nonprofit entity whose success is only possible through the generous contributions from individuals and organizations who share our vision of hope and healing for trafficked women and children. We can accomplish nothing of eternal value without the help and guidance of God. Thank you in advance for your partnership in this endeavor through Prayer, Time, Material Goods, Finances.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Training

The women we are privileged to serve have already been through so much that we can never understand. We feel it is our responsibility to come alongside them with as much training as possible in order to protect them from further harm. Anyone who desires to volunteer directly with the women will be expected to complete RAHAB's training and orientation process.

Outreach: A Ministry of Presence

- Matthews Street Rahab House Drop-In Center · Strip Club Outreach
- Jail Ministry · Street Ministry

Mentoring: Adults and Minors

- Adult mentoring with incarcerated women
- Minor mentoring in conjunction with the Summit County Juvenile Courts
- Pen Pal Ministry with women in correctional or rehabilitation facilities

Adult Safe House

For women 18 and older, this ministry provides restoration, healing, education, and reintegration skills for women. Provided at no cost, the women receive counseling, spiritual discipleship, life skills training, and more. For many of our residents, this is their first real home with positive family like interactions.

Minor Safe House

For girls 17 and under, age-appropriate activities, counseling, education and Bible study are some of the ways girls are helped to reintegrate into society.

Donations

- **House/Food:** plastic hangers, new twin sheets, new pillows, new bath towels and washcloths, laundry detergent, fabric softener (sheets or liquid), Cascade dishwasher pods, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, olive oil, white sugar, brown sugar, all-purpose flour, cooking non-stick spray, coffee creamer, crackers, 100 calorie snack packs (any snack is fine), nuts, (whole, chopped/sliced), granola bars, cereal, trail mix, Lysol disinfectant spray, peanut butter, honey, Quaker oats, Mac & Cheese, tea, cold water filtering system.
- **Hygiene:** Tampons, panty liners, maxi pads, mascara, eyeliner, shampoo/conditioner; body wash, Neutrogena face soap, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, Chap Stick, lip gloss, hair brushes, hair ties and accessories, deodorant, First Aid kits, cotton balls, sweatpants, new pajamas, nail polish, nail polish remover, hair spray and other hair styling products (ethnic or other), new socks, new underwear (size 6-9), Advil, Tylenol, DayQuil, Robotusin, (etc.).
- **Clothing—clean,** gently used, in-style clothing only; all sizes appreciated: jeans (always needed!), tennis shoes, boots, coats, jackets, hoodies, gloves, warm scarves, hats, purses and accessories (scarves, jewelry, belts, etc.), new or gently used bras.
- **Miscellaneous:** new notebooks/journals, NLT Recovery Bibles, study Bibles (NIV, NLT, or NKJV), recent Christian books, devotionals, reading glasses, shop vac, fire pit, laptops, extension cord (outdoor 50+ feet), fax machine, pens and gel pens, adult coloring books, gift cards (Wal-Mart, gas, Home Depot, Marc's, Sams Club), Fabreeze, new propane grill, new stainless steel refrigerator, tall kitchen garbage bags, DVD player, ink for Cannon 245XL printer, cleaning supplies, foil, plastic wrap, zip lock bags.

CHECKS payable to Rahab Ministries, mailed to: Rahab Ministries, PO Box 13866, Akron, OH 44334 or **DONATIONS** may be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9-4, at our office.



Address: 213 Nassau St E

East Canton, OH 44730

Phone: 330-495-2970

Director: Patti Hostetler

Assistant Director: Missy Fletcher

Email: hannahshouse119@gmail.com

SCOPE: Supporting, mentoring, and connecting with young people, giving them a fighting chance to rise above their circumstances while enhancing the quality of their lives as they learn to make great life choices through guidance and training. Hannah's House 119 carries out this mission by connecting young, at risk women, including young mothers and sex trafficked individuals, to mentors. Mentors are committed to offering support and guidance along with resources and opportunities making the transition into adulthood successful.

Hannah's House 119 is a nonprofit organization depending, in faith, on God's provision through grants and private donations from those who want to partner with us in breaking the cycle, helping young people rise above their circumstances, making a better life for themselves and becoming a contributing citizen of their communities. Hannah's House 119 is more than a physical place; it's a support system for the many young women of Stark County who often have no one to count on. With a growing set of programs and mentors to offer guidance, life skill training and opportunity, we lessen the odds of them falling into homelessness, sexual exploitation, gangs, early motherhood, joblessness or imprisonment. Be a part of helping others rise above their circumstances!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Drivers/Childcare: We are in need of drivers on Monday nights and to transport girls to appointments. You must be at least 18 years old and have a valid drivers license. We are looking for those willing to provide childcare Monday evenings.

Cleaning: If you like to clean or organize, this is for you! We need someone to come in to Hannah's House once a week to organize supplies and food, and general cleaning.

Food Prep: Do you like to cook? We feed over 200 youth each week through our groups. We are looking for those that are available once a month on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am to help prep food for the week.

Bakers: Do you like to bake? We are always in need of cookies or snacks for our groups. We are looking for those that are able to commit to baking for us once a month. Snacks: make 8-10 dozen sweet or savory snacks. You pick the week.

Graphic Design: Do you have a talent for designing graphics or print materials? We are looking for someone who is able to help us design Facebook graphics and event flyers throughout the month.

Girls/Guys Circle

- Girls Circle In School: We are seeking mentors for our in school Girls Circle groups. These groups meet around the lunch hours and normally require a 2 hour commitment once a week.
- Girls Circle: After School We are seeking mentors for our after school Girls Circle groups. These groups meet after school and normally require a 2 hour commitment once a week.
- Guys Circle: In School We are seeking male mentors for our in school Guys Circle group. This group meets around the lunch hours and normally requires a 2 hour commitment once a week.

Girls Club

- Girls Club Monday Night: This group meets every Monday evening from 5-8pm at Beacon Academy in Canton. We are seeking mentors that are able to commit to this time frame once a week, year round.
- Girls Club Tuesday Night: This group meets every Tuesday evening in Alliance. We are seeking mentors that are able to commit to this time frame once a week, year round.

BRAVE

- We collaborate with Pathway Caring for Children for this group. It is made of boys who are in the foster care system. This group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, year round. We are seeking men who are able to commit to that time frame.

Parenting

- Mentoring with our high-risk youth on an individual basis.

One-to-One Mentoring

- 1 to 1 Mentors: We are seeking mentors who are willing to become 1 to 1 mentors. This involves specialized training regarding issues associated with high risk youth. These mentors become a friend to the youth. The amount of time involved varies depending upon the youth, but you are expected to reach out to the youth often throughout the week to foster the relationship.

If you are interested in more information about any of the positions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Carla, at carla.hannahshouse119@gmail.com



Address: 1253 3rd St SE, Canton OH 44707

Phone: 866-607-4096 [Leave a Message]

Email: info@tmccanton.org

Hours: M-T, Various hours.

Executive Director: Courtney Chester

SCOPE: The Martin Center exists to bring together like-minded organizations to have an eternal impact on the students and communities in Canton. We collaborate with local nonprofits and ministries to provide Christ-centered opportunities in athletics, academics, and life applicable programming. It is our belief that hosting multiple organizations in one location will increase collaboration; consequently, the community will prosper and Christ's love will change lives.

Would you consider volunteering one day a week or month? Are you looking for a short term mission project? If so, check out our GET INVOLVED PAGE on our website. (tmc-canton.wixsite.com)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Martin Center is impacting lives on a daily basis. There is a physical and educational emphasis with the possibilities of college and job placement. But there is also a spiritual piece in partnership with local churches and youth groups that are changing lives in a greater way. There are various opportunities for you to serve with us. The Martin Center believes that by changing even one life at a time a difference is being made not only in downtown Canton, but our world.

GYMNASIUM: The Martin Center has a premier gym with the recent Heritage Christian School renovations for the neighborhood to hold games, basketball and volleyball clinics, etc.

GAME ROOM: In the game room there is a pool table, two air hockey tables, a foosball table, two TVs with gaming systems, and a cafe area where board games can be played, and refreshments are sometimes available.

COMPUTER / TUTOR ROOM: The Martin Center has been blessed with the donations of many things, one of them being computers and workstations where children and youth can do their homework.

WEIGHT ROOM: Fitness is important to many. At The Martin Center, we have a weight room stocked with the essentials for strength training.

How to partner with The Martin House:

We are in need of full time and part time coordinators as staff. We are in need of finances to the director and two coordinators. The total of all salaries [34 individuals] is \$60,000. The remainder needed is described below:

- **Adopt A Monthly Material Need:**

Dishwashing Soap \$1.50 each
Acidic Toilet Bowl Cleaner \$6 each
Toilet Paper for Commercial Dispenser \$7 each roll
Paper Towels for Commercial Dispenser \$18 each roll

- **Adopt A Renovation / Supply / Equipment Need:**

Outside Window Facial Panels [76 total] \$20 each, \$1520 Total
Blue Recycle Trash Bins [6 needed] \$50 each, \$300 Total
Bagless Vacuum Cleaners [3 needed] \$75 each, \$225 Total
5 Foot Round Lightweight Tables [8 needed] \$80 each, \$640 Total
Commercial Sized Drop Down Kitchen Sink and Fixtures, \$1500 Total
Electric Convection Oven for Meal Preparation, \$3200 Total
Gatorade Vending Machine, \$600
Radiator Thermostatic Valves [30 total] \$160 each, \$4800 Total
Programmable Thermostat and 250' Wiring, \$300
Gymnasium Heaters \$15,000 to \$20,000 [currently no heat]
Elevator to Open 3rd Floor, \$150,000
Miscellaneous Hardware / Supplies, \$20,000

Total Funds Needed approximately, \$ 200,000

- **Adopt A Monthly / Annual Operational Budget Need:**

Republic Waste \$100 [\$1,200 Annually]
Miscellaneous \$150 [\$1,800 Annually]
City Water \$300 [\$3,600 Annually]
AEP Electric \$700 [\$8,400 Annually]
Columbia Gas \$2200 [\$26,400 Annually]

We have an entire 3rd floor that can be rented to ministries and nonprofits to raise more funds. However, the local codes require an elevator be installed to utilize the 3rd floor on a permanent basis.

If you wish to donate items instead of money, you can ship them to The Martin Center, 1253 3rd St SE, Canton OH 44707. Please contact us if you wish to purchase items for the center.



Homeless Outreach Team

Mailing Address: 510 Ohio Blvd

Louisville ,OH 44641

Warming Shelter address: 2023 Harrison Ave SW

Canton, OH 44706

Phone: 330-754-4687

Email: tlcace@yahoo.com

Executive Director: Steve Robinson

SCOPE: We believe that no one should have to die cold and alone regardless of mental health issues, addictions or spiritual condition. We are working on a solution to help make a difference. Please pray with us as we seek God's will in this.

CORE VALUES:

- Homelessness is unacceptable.
- There are no homeless people.
Only people who have lost their homes and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Homelessness is expensive.
- Homelessness is solvable.
- Homelessness is preventable.
- We collaborate, encourage and partner with those interested in preventing and ending homelessness.

DESCRIPTION:

SHELTER: For the least of these... Providing a bare minimum safe warm dry place for those that cannot find it anywhere else. For H.O.T. this is our priority and mandate, no one is to die on our watch.

THINK TANK: Brainstorming . . . Gathering people together, from engineers to homeless, discussing and thinking about the problem; realizing that what is being done now only treats the symptoms. We work on new ideas and creative solutions that can help raise the oppressed and homeless out of poverty.

PANHANDLERS: Most panhandlers are not homeless. Most homeless are not panhandlers. Please don't give panhandlers money, give them our card and we will help them if they are truly homeless. Giving them money only supports their addictive behavior (i.e. smokes and beer).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PALLETS TO PROSPERITY

We are seeking donations of wood scrap, including wood pallets, from the community, to use as firewood to generate heat and electricity, and also make shabby chic crates for sale.

AQUAPONICS

Raise food and vegetables using green science low environmental impact off the grid ideas and concepts because we think they partner well with problems of housing the homeless, including decreasing the environmental impact of any individual.

BEEKEEPING

Raising bees is a complex job, but for some people it is intuitive and partners well with personality disorders and the social challenges that cause homelessness.

H.O.T. "CHANGE FOR CHANGE" PIGGY BANK

HOT brings banks to your group (church, Sunday school, club, business, etc). Please ask your group members for change (coins) by emptying their pockets and purses daily for six to eight weeks. This fund raiser campaign has been very successful. It doesn't disrupt your current revenue streams like tithing, but with many of the hundreds of churches and business groups and organizations participating these funds add up to sustain a minimal shelter for the "least of these".

NO CASH FOR PANHANDLERS... PLEASE!!!

You can simply give panhandlers our H.O.T. card which you can get at Total Living Centers or by contacting us. H.O.T. also has this packet in a ziploc bag, which includes a water bottle, a nutritious granola bar and our card, and a paper telling them to call H.O.T. to talk to a friend that helps homeless people.

BLESSING BAGS TO THE HOMELESS

Donate any of these items, to help us make blessing bags. Disposable lighter, matches (adults only), assorted bandaids, pocket size pack of kleenex, chapstick/lipbalm, bottle of water (or nonalcoholic beverage), pack of gum, mints, hard candy or nonperishable snacks, cough drops, individual wet wipes, hand sanitizer, adult toothbrush with cover, travel size toothpaste, floss & plackers, 3 in 1 body wash or shower gel, bar of antibacterial soap & wash cloth in ziplock bag, small hair brush/comb, travel size shampoo & conditioner, pocket size flashlight/batteries, used candles, lotion, travel size mouthwash, deodorant, nail clippers, plastic rain parka, takeout cutlery, wrapped, travel size detergent or pod in ziplock bag, activities: cards, pencil, pen, pad, books.

Additional items for a woman's bag:

Tampons, pads, pantyliners, makeup bags, or clear plastic bags with zippers.



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Phone: 330-915-5888

Email: info@HabitatECO.org

Executive Director: Beth J. Lechner

Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am - 4pm, Saturday: 8:30am - 12pm, Sunday & Monday: Closed

SCOPE: At Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio, we are driven by the vision that every one of us deserves a decent and affordable place to call home. We thank God for the opportunity to bring people together to build homes, strengthen communities, and breathe hope into circumstances that previously felt hopeless.

For nearly 30 years, it's been our privilege and honor to see people join together to build and renovate homes that offer hardworking families the opportunity to live life from a position of strength, stability, and self reliance. We have witnessed the power of a decent shelter and how it removes barriers that block opportunity, helps families thrive, and keeps children healthy. We have seen that an affordable home changes the future of a family for generations.

If you are excited about that mission, we would love to talk about ways we can work together.

HOW HABITAT WORKS

Each and every day, people all over the world (and all over east central Ohio) partner with Habitat for Humanity to offer families strength, stability, and self reliance through shelter. Through this partnership, each family has the opportunity to build and purchase their own decent home with an affordable zero interest mortgage. When hardworking families are surrounded and supported by determined volunteers and generous donors, a future full of opportunity is built. Here's how Habitat works . . .

ONE: the partnership begins

Habitat for Humanity partners with individuals and families to help them achieve strength, stability, and self reliance through shelter. Families must be currently living in substandard housing, have a steady income, and be willing to partner with Habitat. Learn more about home ownership.

TWO: property is acquired

Land for a family's future home is donated to or purchased by Habitat. Habitat also renovates existing homes that are donated or purchased to create safe housing through the PreserveAHome program. Would you like to make a tax deductible land or property donation? Contact us today.

THREE: resources are secured

Sponsors and donors contribute the financial resources that allow Habitat to secure the required materials and services to build or renovate each home. Businesses and organizations also donate their materials and services as a tax deductible gift-in-kind. Contact us to learn more.

FOUR: future homeowners prepare

Future homeowners progress through the Habitat partnership by completing sweat equity hours. This includes building their home and the homes of other families, participating in Homeowner Maintenance Education (HOME), completing financial literacy courses, and much more.

FIVE: the home is built or renovated

Volunteers contribute their time to build or renovate a family's home. While serving with Habitat, volunteers will work alongside future homeowners and Habitat site supervisors - no previous experience or skill required. Volunteers are the heart of Habitat for Humanity!

SIX: the home is sold

Once all of the partnership requirements have been met and the home construction or renovation is complete, the home is sold to the deserving family with a long term, zero interest mortgage. The family or individual now owns a safe, decent, and affordable home.

SEVEN: the cycle repeats

As current Habitat homeowners make payments on their zero interest mortgage, they are helping to fund the construction and renovation of additional homes with other low income families. Every Habitat for Humanity home, whether new or renovated, has some funding from homeowner house payments and proceeds from Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

JOIN THE HABITAT CREW

- **Builds New/Renovate existing Homes.** Onsite projects range from framing to trim. Form groups, choose special projects, develop your skills, help make a house a home, and even discover a new passion!
- **Build in Our Workshop:** Everything from painting, to building entire sheds, to fine woodworking happens in the Fred F. Silk Workshop at our Raff Road facilities. There are tools galore, and the entire space takes advantage of the dust collection system.
- **Lend a Hand at ReStore:** Love to repurpose and give old items new life? Habitat Crew members repair donated items, build new merchandise from recycled materials, or even help improve store operations at our Canton, Ohio Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- **Make a Monetary Donation:** We deeply appreciate any gifts in this way, monetary gifts to Habitat for Humanity can be counted as a tax deduction.



TIQVAH

Hands of Hope

Address: 530 Tuscarawas St. NW Canton Ohio

Phone: 330-353-9697

Executive Director: Lesley Doan

MISSION: Impacting children's lives, body, mind and soul.

History: Tiqvah Hands of Hope started in the fall of 2009, modeled after a program in Chicago serving one of its most impoverished neighborhoods. With the goal of impacting children's lives, body, mind, and soul; Tiqvah began developing relationships in the S.E. community center and helping students complete their homework, provide meals and offer enrichment opportunities. When we began to outgrow not only the space at the community center, but also a local church, we knew we had also outgrown serving only the southeast sector of Canton. TIQVAH opened at its previous facility, St Pauls Episcopal Church in 2012, and began offering services to families we already had relationships with but moved to a new neighborhood. Soon, we were offered a partnership with the school district and they began bussing the children to us from 15 different schools. We continued to add to our programming and attendance and soon found once again the need for more space. Now in our current home, Christ Presbyterian Church in downtown Canton, we are still serving Canton City Schools and loving our families.

Current Programs and Services

We offer mentoring, tutoring, enrichment classes (art, drumming, dance, science, cultural awareness, and more) and character development. Specifically, the services our program provides for local families include but are not limited to:

- Nutritious family style meal each day three days a week.
- Personal hygiene so children can brush teeth daily and receive other products they need.
- Physical Education: dance, calisthenics, running, jump rope, basketball, and more.
- Biblically based character development to aid in their maturity and decision making skills.
- A clothing boutique for our students and their families.
- Student and Family Celebration Meals: Christmas, in the spring and at the end of the school year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our program's success is dependent on our volunteers. The primary responsibility of a volunteer is to spend quality time with our students and follow the lead of our incredible team leaders in impacting students lives. Go to Tiqvah: Hands of Hope web site for more information: www.tiqvah.org

Gift Cards

Gift cards in increments of \$25 or more are useful for us when we take our students on field trips or when a specific need arises. In the past gift cards from McDonalds (or any fast food restaurant), Target, Sam's Club, Walmart and grocery stores have been helpful. Gift cards allow us to meet needs as they arise without having to store an abundance of supplies that may or may not get used.

Food

We provide a meal and a snack every day at Tiqvah. On our "get involved" page on our web site you will find the option to prepare a meal for Tiqvah. This is a great way to give us something so needed and appreciated. If you are looking to donate food items that do not require any preparation, please follow the same procedure as you would to provide a meal. Our site director will contact you with a date for your donation and our most recent food needs. This will prevent those who donate from giving items we may already have purchased or have acquired through other generous donations.

School Supplies

Because so many of the Canton City Schools now have programs that donate a FULL back pack to students at the fall open house events, we provide school supplies on an "as needed" basis.

Spring Family Dinner

Our students don't just show all of our lovely partners their talents at the fundraiser; they also get the honor of performing in front of their family and friends every spring. Our students dance, sing, entertain their families and share dinner together. If you are a volunteer or sponsor and are interested in attending a Spring Family Dinner (usually held in April), please contact us and let us know you are interested in joining us. It will be a very full house that night, so we will want to be sure we have seats prepared for all interested.

Run4Kids Superhero 5K

Our annual 5K helps us set a fitness goal! Start preparing now and be ready to win the gold in July! Check our Tiqvah website for dates and times.

LEGACY EST. **OF STARK** 2015 PROJECT

Address: PO Box 36747 Canton, Ohio 44735

Phone: 330-704-8007

Executive Director: Eugene Lingenhoel

Program Director: Jenn Warner

www.thelegacyprojectofstark.org

SCOPE: The Legacy Project exists to bring together and build small group mentoring relationships. These relationships will develop between positive adult role models and middle school youth who are facing personal, academic, and social challenges. These mentoring opportunities take place during the school day and provide students with a fun, casual environment that promotes a lot of talking and laughing. Through this format we are able to encourage smart decisions, responsible academic performance, and positive behavior modifications. Our students love hearing that the sky is the limit!

It is our goal to be in every middle school in Stark County by the year 2022! We have extensive training and background checks for our mentors and want to offer the most effective program to our schools. We are excited to be mentoring middle school students in Stark County and are looking forward to impacting their lives for many years to come.

The Legacy Project of Stark is currently servicing and mentoring inside the following school districts:

- Massillon Middle School · Oakwood Middle School · Lehman Middle School · Early College Academy
- Perry Local Schools · Edison Middle School · Pfeiffer Intermediate · North Canton City Schools
- Fairless Local Schools · Lake Middle School

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Support Us!

Please help fund the Legacy Project with either a one time monetary gift or a monthly donation. Because of your support we can recruit, train, match, and encourage mentors for our middle school students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Be a Mentor!

Think you have what it takes to be a mentor? With a little coaching, we think you do! Contact us and we will get you plugged in and on the road to changing the life of a middle school student.

Pray for Us!

We have taken on a pretty big adventure here. Along with financial donations, and volunteers, we really need your prayers. Please pray for our students, mentors, and teaching staff that we will be working with. Also, please pray that we meet the financial requirements needed to impact our students.

Please visit our ["CONTACT" page at www.thelegacyprojectofstark.org](http://www.thelegacyprojectofstark.org) to let us know that you would like to know more about the Legacy Project of Stark.



Total Living Center

A Bridge of Compassion

www.thetotallivingcenter.org

Address: 2221 Ninth Street SW Canton, OH
44706

Phone: 330-455-3663

Executive Director: Pastor Don Bartow

SCOPE: Jesus taught His followers to pray to the Father, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." The Total Living Center is a place where disciples of Jesus are sharing the power, love, and hope of His Kingdom with others. Jesus is concerned about the total person, both now and for eternity. And we are too – that's the heart of the Total Living Center.

Whether it's providing a bag of free groceries, praying with a sick person, or providing another service, we're here to show the love of Jesus in tangible and meaningful ways to our neighbors in the greater Canton area.

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." TLC is here to meet physical needs, but more important, connect people to the one who fills them with everlasting life. Our call is to fulfill Jesus' command found in Matthew 28:19-20 and modeled by the early church: we want to make disciples who make disciples of others.

MINISTRY SERVICES

DAILY

Lunch
11:30-1:30p Monday -Saturday

Chiropractor
12:30-2:00p 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
Tuesdays

Clothing Room
Open daily 10:00-4:00p

Laundromat & Haircuts
Call for an appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study
4:45p Wednesdays

Dinner
5:20-5:35p Wednesdays

Healing Service
6:00p Wednesdays

Grocery Distribution
Free for those at the 6:00p service

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship
6:00p All are welcome

Sunday Dinner
5:20 - 5:35p. Free for those attending
service

Grocery Distribution
After service, free for those at the wor-
ship service

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As you can tell from the ministry services listed above there are many opportunities to volunteer at the Total Living Center.

Send us an email or call to learn about current opportunities to serve.
Call 330-455-3663 or email sheila@totallivingcenter.org

**Massillon**

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Canton

4500 22nd. St NW
Canton, OH 44708
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Text: 330-961-1772

Akron

2780 S Arlington Rd,
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Call: 330-915-6321
Text: 330-961-1772

Canton

2645 Cleveland Ave.
Canton, OH 44709
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Text: 330-961-1772

CEO: Debra Martin

SCOPE: Pregnancy Choices is a Northeast Ohio alliance dedicated to offering care and resources free of charge, including reproductive education, medical services, support groups, peer counseling, clothing and baby items to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

Pregnancy Choices is here to help. Schedule an appointment for any of our four locations.

All of our services are free and confidential, including:

Pregnancy Testing - Limited Ultrasound - STD Testing - First Prenatal Visit
Community Referrals - Education and Resources

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pregnancy Choices (previously the Pregnancy Support Center of Stark County) regularly conducts training classes for new volunteers.

Some areas of need include: washing, sorting and packaging children's clothing, volunteer receptionist, mailings, peer counseling, help with events.

Volunteer opportunities range from office assistance to those requiring specialized and professional degrees. All training will take place at the resource center's primary location at 4500 22nd St. NW.

For a complete list of opportunities or to register, visit the website at www.pregnancychoicesforme.org/events or call 330-455-7500 to speak with the volunteer coordinator.



Address: 1931 3rd St SE, Canton, Ohio 44707

Phone: 330-915-3013

Email: director@cantonlighthouse.org/communications
director@cantonlighthouse.org

Executive Director: Darin Nissley

Our mission: "To Impact the Youth of Our Neighborhood With the Love of Christ"

Lighthouse Ministries strives to walk alongside the youth in our Southeast Canton community by offering safe, high quality, and holistic opportunities to assist them in understanding their God given giftedness and potential for impacting the world around them. Since its outset in 1996, the Lighthouse has focused on identifying community needs and launching programs that enhance the wellbeing of neighborhood families in an effort to best represent the Kingdom of God.

Today the Lighthouse employs 15 people and has a volunteer base of more than 40 individuals. Programming includes the After School Program with 40 children attending daily, which includes tutoring and homework assistance as well as time for enrichment and recreation. We also offer the Summer Activities Project, the Summer Enrichment Program and Youth Ministry Clubs for all ages.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Some Current Projects That Need Completed Are:

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| · Painting the deck at Studio 3 (the Lighthouse art studio) | Materials: \$90 |
| · Washing and priming the exterior wall of Studio 3 | Material costs: \$200 |
| · Painting the porch of the Hope House | Material costs: \$45 |
| · Replacing raised garden beds in the Outdoor Classroom | Material costs: \$500 |
| · Painting the interior of the Hope House | Material costs: \$0 |

Contact Darin Nissley, Executive Director of Lighthouse Ministries for information and additional ways to help at 330-915-3013 or at director@cantonlighthouse.org.



Address: 1345 Gibbs Ave NE,

Canton: OH 44705

Phone: 330-454-8610

Email: calvarymission@ameritech.net

Web: cantoncalvarymission.net

SCOPE: Canton Calvary Mission opened in 2001 in the building occupied by Calvary United Methodist Church until its closure in December 2000. The church had already begun some community outreach programs, so it was a natural step for the Mission to continue those programs. Since then programming has grown and continues to grow to reflect the needs of the neighborhood.

Food is a major component of the services provided by Canton Calvary Mission. Food programs include a Food Pantry, Direct Distribution in cooperation with the Akron/Canton Regional Foodbank, Wednesday Hot Lunch, Saturday Evening Meal, Children's Backpack Program, After School Snacks for children and a Summer Feeding Program for children.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are so many opportunities for you to volunteer! It's because of our many volunteers that we are able to offer so many free services to those in need throughout the community. God has given each one of us a talent, but never gave one person every talent, so the power of partnership is very important. Please look at the list below and see what talent you can give and make a difference in a life.

• Saturday Evening Hot Meal

Churches, classes, organizations, families, or groups of coworkers are needed to serve the Saturday Evening Hot Meal. This involves providing the food and preparation, setup and cleanup. The time involved is approximately 4-8 p.m. We can help with menu ideas. Choose one week each year to serve or sign up for several.

• Wednesday Hot Lunch Program

Cooks and crew are needed for the Wednesday hot lunch program. Hot lunch is served every Wednesday. Kitchen workers would need to arrive at around 10 a.m. and will be done by 2 p.m. Food is provided by the Mission, you are just needed to cook, serve food and help clean up! We can schedule you for each week, once a month, or whatever works with your schedule.

- **Tuesday Morning Foodbank Drivers**

Drivers are needed for the Tuesday Morning Foodbank. We are in immediate need of folks who can pick up food at the Akron/Canton food bank on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. These persons would need to have a truck or large van and be able to help lift the cases of food. Food is brought to the Mission and unloaded and you are generally done before 10 a.m. We can schedule you for one week/month, every week or work out a schedule with you that fits your calendar.

- **Activity Aids for CAPS**

Activity Aides are needed for the Calvary Arts Project (CAPS), which meets on Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are especially needed at this time. Please call the Mission to volunteer.

- **After School Program Tutors**

Tutors are needed for the After School Tutoring Program, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Pantry Workers**

Pantry Workers are needed to help every Wednesday 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., the first Saturday of the month, 1-4 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month 3:45-6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help folks shop in the pantry and with computer entry.

- **Special Skills People**

Folks with special skills such as computers, carpentry, plumbing or electrical are sometimes needed. Would you be willing to have your name added to a list to be contacted if needed?

- **Backpacks for Kids**

We need helpers to be involved on Fridays from 1:30-4:00 p.m. to pack and distribute the bags.

- **Direct Distribution Day**

Direct Distribution is the first Monday of every month from 2-4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help pass out food from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Call Jennifer at 330-454-8610 at the Mission for more information or to sign up to help.



Address: 420 Market Avenue South, Canton, Ohio 44702

Phone: 330-453-0159

Email: info@HabitatECO.org

Hours: Office & Social Service | Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Web: www.SalvationArmyOhio.org/Canton

Majors: Debbra & Thomas Grace Corps Officers

SCOPE: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

For more than 142 years The Salvation Army has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for people in need in Northeast Ohio. The Salvation Army works every day to elevate men, women and children up from despair to provide hope and assistance through programs that work. In teaching life skills, The Salvation Army provides individuals with an opportunity to maximize their physical, emotional and spiritual being to effect permanent change.

Throughout the year, the demand for services is great. While the ultimate goal is to help people change their lives permanently, The Salvation Army services support those in need as they work to improve their lives.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

From its inception, The Salvation Army has relied heavily on volunteers who support its programs. Often referred to as "the army behind The Army," volunteers play a crucial role in The Salvation Army's ability to provide quality social services for the entire community.

Volunteers are valuable assets in The Salvation Army's efforts to meet the changing needs of our world. Through the skills and experience they bring, volunteers make significant contributions to society by positively impacting the lives of those they assist. Salvation Army volunteers change lives, uplift families and support communities in Canton.

Areas where volunteers are needed include:

Food Prep

Helping prepare meals and bag lunches, sorting clothes and shoes for distribution, food pantry workers, help with meals/soup kitchen: meals are provided for anyone Sundays 6:00 7:00pm & Mondays 11:00am - 1:00pm.

Music & More (Mondays 4:30 - 7:00pm)

Music & Performing Arts classes for students grades 2-8.

Transportation and Dinner provided

SOCIAL PROGRAMMING

- Seniors Program (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00am - 2:00pm)
Social, educational and recreational program for adults ages 55 and older.
- Women's Home League (Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm)
Program for women ages 16 and older focusing on education, fellowship, service and worship
- Men's Club (Tuesdays | 6:30pm 8:00pm)
Program for Men ages 16 and older focusing on recreation, education, fellowship, service & worship
- Teen Night (Friday | 6:30pm 8:30pm)
Program for individuals ages 13-19 focusing on recreation, education, fellowship, service & worship

For more information on how you can volunteer, please call
The Salvation Army at 330-453-0159 or send an email to:
DEBBRA.GRACE@USE.SALVATIONARMY.ORG



REFUGE *of* HOPE MINISTRIES

Address: 405 Third Street NE Canton, Ohio 44702

Phone: 330-453-1785

Email for Volunteers: toneill@refugeofhope.org

Hours: Office Hours | Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Web: www.refugeofhope.org

CEO: Duane Wykoff

Director of Men's Shelter: Scott Schnyders

Director of Development: Jo Ann Carpenter

Mission: Glorify and serve God by providing meals for the hungry, emergency shelter and transition to independence for homeless men and spiritual hope through Jesus Christ.

Vision: Be the Stark County standard for providing meals to the hungry, shelter to homeless men and hope to those living in dire circumstances.

Core Values

Serving God

We believe in the one Supreme God who is revealed in the Holy Bible, the sole true Word of God, and that Salvation and eternal life are gained only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We seek to embody God's love by serving others and encouraging them to attain their God given potential. We shall follow God's will and direction with the intention to bring honor and glory to Him in all circumstances.

Integrity

We will work and serve at all times with uncompromising ethical, moral and professional standards. We will not compromise our values or principles regardless of need or circumstance.

Accountability

We resolve to be the best possible stewards of all resources to which we have been entrusted.

Compassion & Respect

We believe in the value and equality of all individuals. With inherent dignity and worth, every person is created in God's image and is redeemable by God through Jesus Christ and the work of His Holy Spirit. We will not judge others but rather will treat all people courteously and with compassion and respect.

Men's Shelter

Our goal is to help homeless men understand the love of Jesus Christ and achieve the stability necessary to be a positive contributor in our community.

Refuge of Hope's shelter is not just a place where a homeless man can sleep at night. Rather, it's a support center, in a safe environment, where men can come to grips with the personal, economical and societal issues that caused them to become homeless. We provide a hand up to encourage homeless men, to help them realize that positive life changes are possible regardless of their current circumstances. We were able to move over 132 men into permanent housing last year and through March of 2018 over 30 additional men are now living in their own apartments. Refuge of Hope is the only such shelter in Stark County for men.

Hot Meals: Hope can begin with a steaming cup of coffee and a hot meal. Hope can be nurtured through relationships with caring staff and volunteers. Our goal, in addition to serving free, hot, nutritious meals, is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of hurting individuals and families. We strive to go the extra mile by treating our lunch and dinner guests with love, compassion, and respect by providing the hope and encouragement they need.

Dinner is served Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Lunch is served Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Meal Servers – Reserve a night and coordinate a group to serve dinner together Monday – Friday from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Friday and Saturday from 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Duties include: beverage service, plating food, serving food, cleanup, resetting tables for 2nd seating and doing it all over again.
- Donation organization (8:00 – 4:00 p.m. due to lighting) organizing donations upstairs: clothing, bed linens, etc.
- Host warm clothing giveaway at ROH. *We will provide all the items. Volunteers to oversee the project bringing items down, organizing giveaways and manning tables during meal ministry.
- Set up a table on Sunday morning after church in your church lobby – present Refuge of Hope's rescue mission information, an urgently needed items list OR host a canned food drive.
- Plan a behind the scenes youth project.
- Prayer Partners (Individually or with a partner) – Volunteer during a meal and make yourself available to pray one-on-one with our dinner guests and shelter residents wanting to pray with someone.
- Hold a fund raiser for ROH and purchase a piece of needed equipment for the kitchen (Example: 100 cup coffee pot, forks, and knives, cups, plates, etc.).
- Host a shelter resident's special snack of ice cream (50 men).
- Help us build community awareness! "Like" us on Facebook and share posts with your friends. "Follow" us on LinkedIn and Instagram. Share posts with your friends' list.
- Tour & A Meal – Bring a group in for a tour of our rescue mission and eat a meal sitting with dinner guests.
- Pray for prayer requests posted on our website.

All volunteer hours must be scheduled.
You can schedule hours by calling Tim O'Neill at 330-453-1785 ext 205.

How beautiful are
the feet of those who
bring good news of
peace, who bring
the good news of
Christ Jesus!

Romans 10:15

Learn how to...



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*"Don't wait on
ministry to happen...
make ministry
happen."*

We (individually and collectively) are the sent, missionary people of God. We no longer view the church as the jumping off point when thinking about mission. Rather, we look for God's activity in our local setting as the place to begin our missional engagement." -Brad Briscoe

These final pages act as a guide to help carry out your own missional initiatives. God has equipped His people with talents, gifts, skills, resources and His Holy Spirit to establish His Kingdom.

May God bless you, your family and your communities as you join Him in his great and glorious mission

DISCOVER THE HOW GOD'S KINGDOM LONGS TO BE EXPRESSED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

ASK: Where is God already at work in your neighborhood? In your city?

Look for the work of the Kingdom among the following people: the poor, the brokenhearted, those in captivity, the prisoners, those who are in mourning, those who are in despair.

Watch for the Gospel in unexpected places. Is it possible that God might be using non-Christians to bring redemption to your city? Make a list of the things you find.

DISCOVER THE KINGDOM IN YOUR OWN LIFE

ASK: Where in your life do you interact with people from the previous question? Make a list?

Think about people in your neighborhood, your job, your school, and the places you spend time.

Make a list of places where your life interacts with God's activity in their lives.

BE THE GOOD NEWS

In the next few days, be "good news" to some of the people in the previous lists. Send flowers or a gift card, mow a lawn, mentor a young person, clean up a park, help someone for free - construction, decorating, baby-sitting, cooking. Think about blessings in these 3 categories: words, actions and gifts.

- *Invite people into your home. Invite neighbors for a meal, a game night or perhaps dessert. Some people can more easily invite others over on the spur of the moment, but most people need to plan and prepare ahead. If that is you, then set a regular time each week or month to invite others into your home.*
- *Make a list of people in both your faith community and in your neighborhood who would be encouraged by your offer of hospitality. For those in your church, invite them to join you for lunch after a gathering. For those who live nearby, invite them to join you for lunch or a cookout. Sometimes being outside is less threatening.*
- *Identify single parents in your neighborhood who need weekend childcare. Care for someone who is recovering from surgery. Provide short-term or long-term foster care. Talk with local pregnancy crisis centers about the use of your home for single mothers.*
- *Get your neighborhood to go to one of local kids sporting events to cheer them on. Do a food drive or coat drive in winter, anything that get neighbors helping neighbors.*
- *Be a "home away from home" for college students or those serving in the military who are away from home.*



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