

Samaritan House News

Homeless Shelter For Women and Their Children

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Dear Friends,

Thirty years ago, Lima's Samaritan House first opened its doors to homeless and/or abused women and children. Since that time, we have provided shelter, hope and guidance to literally thousands who otherwise had no safe place to go. We believe this is reason for celebration! In August, we commemorate our anniversary with a fundraiser/celebration.

I would like to invite you to celebrate with us on Wednesday, August 16th, at the City Club, downtown Lima from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. We hope you find us worthy of sponsorship and/or silent auction items. Many are not aware of the number of women and children who may be trapped in violent relationships, sleep in abandoned buildings/cars or even forced to walk the streets. Samaritan House is a safe haven where so many have found the strength to overcome and the courage to prevail. We are dedicated to our service, but without the generosity of our friends in the community; we would not exist.

A bit of nostalgia . . .

In January, demolition of Bob Burns Hall began. For those of you who aren't local, Bob Burns Hall was once the site of St. Rose School complete with a gymnasium and swimming pool. It stood between the Church and Samaritan House (former convent). Built late in the 19th Century, one can only imagine the memories. I watched one Sunday while a gentleman in a 'cherry picker' carefully pried, what I believe were beautifully ornate corbels, from near the very top of the Hall. Curious, I asked if he planned to repurpose his treasures once they were dismantled. He explained he owned his own archaeological salvage company in southern Ohio and was always eager to preserve history. The salvaged corbels along with other bits of the past would hopefully be sold to ordain another proud structure from the same era with half of the profits going back to the church. I was pleased!

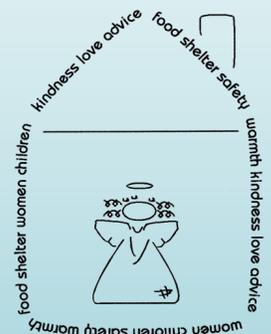
On to the future . . .

I am told that by Christmas this year, a Gym/Parish Center Addition will be complete. That will be nice for St. Rose. The community can begin building new memories!

-Marilyn Cipollone

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Adopt-A-Room

By: Chris Kirkendall



Last fall we began phase-two of our adopt-a-room project. Three of the seven bathrooms have been fully refurbished and work on a fourth bathroom will start soon. Like the resident rooms adopted last year, the bathrooms look fantastic! The renovations include new vanities and tops, flooring, mirrors, paint and woodwork along with a new tub/shower unit in one. Plumbing issues were also addressed. This project was made possible, in part, by a grant from Husky Lima Refinery and countless volunteer labor hours.

After the bathroom projects are wrapped up, we will move on to phase-three, and focus on the common spaces in the shelter. The

third floor needs flooring, plaster repair, paint and décor. The outdoor carpeting on the back porch needs to be replaced and the seating and



storage shed could use some consideration. Then, once the construction at St. Rose is complete, we can redo our backyard fence and recreate a

play space for the children.

Please contact us if you and/or your group would like to get involved. We hope that with all the effort and donations from those of you who embrace what the shelter stands for, we will be ready to serve the community for another thirty years!



TOGETHER WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WILL YOU HELP?

Please find my tax-deductible contribution enclosed for the following donation:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

I am requesting a separate receipt for my gift. ____
Please note any person being recognized for a birthday, memorial, etc., along with their address. A separate acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient excluding the dollar amount.

With your support, over the past year alone, 21,657 meals have been served and 7,221 shelter units (one person, one night) have been provided nearly 250 women and children.

The women and children of Lima's Samaritan House thank you!

A Client's Story

I feel like my experience at the Shelter was far from ordinary, but in a good way. I went to Samaritan House in a panic because my plans had fallen through at the last minute. Now, I could not be more grateful for how things turned out.

I had been evicted from my apartment and believed I could go into a recovery house. On the very day I had to move out, I was told that wasn't going to happen. I had only recently found out I was pregnant and had gotten clean from a heroin addiction. Staying with friends or on the street would only put me back in the hole I had just dug myself out of. The shelter was my only option. So, one night at around 10:00 in the freezing rain, I showed up at Samaritan House.

At first, I was miserable and ready to give up. I felt like I couldn't do anything right and this was going to be too hard for me. Every night I sat in my room crying and asking God why He allowed me to get in this situation. It didn't take long to realize that other women were also scared at first.

Within two weeks I had found a second part-time job and the Case Manager arranged a meeting for me with WOCAP (formerly LACCA) to see if I qualified for rent assistance. I had made friends and was feeling comfortable and was sad when I saw some leave rather than put forth the effort to better themselves. I kept thanking God for keeping me there.

I followed the program as it was intended and saved 80% of every paycheck. I accepted the help I was offered. Staff treated me like family, the residents became my best friends and the Case Manager helped me like I had never before been helped; she helped me help myself. Being around people who cared for me and made me laugh until I cried, was what I needed to be successful in my early recovery.

I was able to move into a beautiful 3-bedroom, 2-bath townhouse with my rent paid until August. With the money I saved from working, I bought things I needed for my new place. I have decided that when my daughter is born, her middle name will be *Faith*, since faith is what helped me get through. I couldn't have made it without the staff and the program. I truly love them with all my heart!

Wish List

Grocery Items: Boxed Meals & Mixes, **Breakfast Bars**, **Butter**, Cereal, **Cheese**, **Coffee Creamer**, Cooking Oil, Eggs, **Frozen Meat**, **Hamburger/Ground Sausage**, Kids Snacks & Fruit **Cups**, **Lunch Meat**, Powdered Milk, **Regular Coffee**, **Sugar**.

Office Supplies: Copy Paper, **Postage Stamps**, Post-It Notes, Scotch Tape, **Thank-You Cards**

Household Items: **All Purpose Cleaner**, **Bathroom Cleaner**, **Bleach**, **Furniture Polish**, **Disinfecting Wipes**, **Floor Cleaner for Laminate/Linoleum**, **Gallon-size Storage Bags**, **HE Laundry Detergent**, **Large/XL Trash Bags**, **Paper Towels**, **Spray Disinfectant**, **Swifter Duster Expandable Wand**, **Toilet Bowl Cleaner**.

Misc: **10 Pack Bus Passes**, **Ladies Flip Flops**, Wal-Mart/Meijer/Chiefs Gift Cards, **Insulated Lunch Totes**, **Adult Cough & Cold Medicine**, **Adult Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen**, **Vinyl Disposable Gloves**, **Denture Cream**, **Good Condition Steeled Toed Shoes/Boots sizes 5-12**,

Bold: Items Most Needed

Complete list available at samaritanhousetilima.org

30th Anniversary

Raisin' Bread Celebration & Fundraiser

Gold Sponsor - \$500. Up to 8 tickets*. Company name and logo on event program.

Silver Sponsor - \$250. Up to 4 tickets*. Company name and logo on event program.

Friend of Samaritan House - \$100. Up to 2 tickets*. Recognition at Event.

Donate a Silent Auction Item. Recognition on donated item. Auction items must be received by August 14th.

Sponsorships due by August 11th.

Forms available at samaritanhousetilima.org or by calling (419) 222-4663

*Value of the ticket is not tax deductible according to IRS regulations



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Mission Statement

Restoring personal dignity and independence to homeless women and their children by providing shelter, hope and guidance.

Vision Statement

Lima's Samaritan House, Inc. will be recognized as the community leader in providing quality service to homeless women and their children with integrity through empowerment, education, financial stability and networking.

It's Celebration Time!

30th Anniversary

Raisin' Bread Celebration & Fundraiser

An evening featuring Dueling Pianos, Appetizers,
and Silent Auction

Wednesday, August 16th, 2017

5:30 to 8:00 pm

City Club (Lima)

144 S. Main St



Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by completing the reservation card inside. For information on becoming a sponsor or donating an auction item visit samaritanhouselima.org