

# Samaritan House News

Homeless Shelter For Women and Their Children

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## The Significance

On August 14 of this year, Samaritan House will celebrate 32 years of serving homeless and/or abused women and children in and around Allen County. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we get to spend time with our supporters while being entertained and fed. We have grown so much over the years that we realized we needed a larger venue. The *City Club* was such a perfect fit we weren't sure we would be able to find a suitable alternative. Fortunately, after considering several possible locations, we 'discovered' the *Exhibit Hall* at the *Civic Center*. We were comfortable with staying with the same people we had come to know and who had so graciously accommodated us in the past. What will remain the same are our amazingly talented *Dueling Pianos* guys, Joe and Andy, fantastic food from *Panera* and the silent auction with an array of items our guests always find worthy of bidding on and enjoy getting a bargain while donating to a great cause.

So, as I mentioned, it will be our 32 Anniversary and I, being prone to seeking out the significance of certain numbers, could not resist googling the number 32. While I do not claim to really believe in numerology, I think it's fun to see what is written about the meanings and try to derive comparisons to our mission. Of course, as it is in astrology, one can usually adapt the information to fit one's own life. That said, I found that *Angel Number 32* comes to you as a message from your guardian angels when you need it the most. Whether you are going through tough times or happy times, there is wisdom to be had in these angel numbers. The number carries the energies of faith, love, and trust. According to the website, these are gifts, so even if you are down on your luck, trust that everything will work out. It also encourages you to maintain a positive attitude despite tough circumstances. I believe our women and children would find inspiration in these words while we, as staff, might see ourselves in the following. The number 3 brings the attributes of self-expression, expansion, sociability, and compassion. While the number 2 carries the qualities of balance and harmony, selflessness and service to others, diplomacy, mediation and co-operation, faith and trust and relates to your soul mission and life purpose. Combined, they represent society, communication, partnerships, duality and balance. They signify support and promote faith, love and trust within yourself and in your relationships with others.

Whether the number 32 is significant or *hocus-pocus*, I like to think we are selfless in our service to others, that we promote faith, love and trust within ourselves and in our relationships to those less fortunate whom we so passionately try to help.

By: Marilyn Cipollone

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## A Client's Story

### My Second Time Around



In 2018, my three children and I left Mississippi and moved back to Lima. I found a job and arranged for day-care but I had no car and no support system. We came to Samaritan House. It was at the shelter that I learned so much about myself; things I had never known. I learned my strengths!

I worked Monday through Friday at McDonalds. WOCAP approved me for a housing voucher but since I worked every day during the week and had no car, it took a while to find a place. We stayed at Samaritan House nearly the full ninety days.

About six months after leaving, I began to think that there were probably more opportunities in Mansfield, Ohio, so off we went. I worked two jobs there but soon decided it wasn't for me; I wasn't moving forward. I wanted to be in a familiar place, to find work and to re-gain what the children and I had, a place of our own. We came back to Lima.

Once back, I tried staying with a friend. Unfortunately, it didn't work out the way I had hoped; the way I had planned. We came back to Samaritan House. Perhaps I had a different mindset this time because coming back helped me in every way possible! It made me realize that all I need is my kids and myself; that I can make it without a support system if I have to. I became aware of the fact that it all starts with me. I have to be motivated and be willing to put forth the effort it takes to get to where I need to be.

There is so much good I could say about this beautiful place, it has changed my perspective on life and on how I see the world. Living at the shelter has also had a powerful effect on my girls. They have structure, a routine and are on a schedule. They love it! Although they are very young, they follow my footprints. They know that together we can handle the struggle because it will get us to where we need to be.

A note from the Case Manager: Briana (not her real name) first came to the shelter last year. While she did what she needed to do in order to 'get by,' she required a lot of 'prodding.' The Briana we see now has all her ducks in a row. She actually needs very little time with me and is on a path toward realizing her goals. It is heartening to see her progress.

## Blessed by His Timing

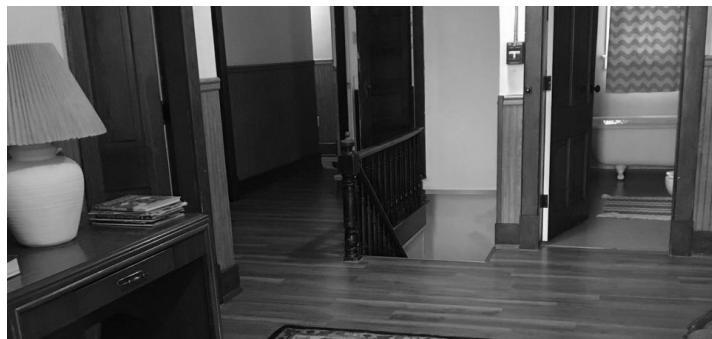
In 2018, we began planning a large project to replace flooring in much of the shelter. Due to the scale of the project it had to be broken into manageable phases for staff availability and to limit the disruption to the residents. We are always prayerful on how and when to best utilize the resources provided to us.

December is usually a very busy time of year at the shelter. Our population is generally high and we receive and process a large portion of our annual donations. If we were to plan a major renovation project, we would not pick December. But, as always, with God anything is possible!

Shortly before Christmas, we were approached by the Husky Volunteer Council. They had funds remaining for the year and wanted to know how they could help. Due to their generosity, both financially and logistically, combined with other donations, enough flooring to complete two phases of the project was purchased and installed with enough materials remaining for three more rooms. The number of residents staying with

us was unusually low for the time of year and everyone could be moved to the second floor to free up the third floor for the renovation. We would have been grateful to be able to complete these two phases by the end of 2019, let alone by the end of 2018! There were so many pieces that came together at just the right time to make this happen. It could not have happened by chance. Once again, Samaritan House was truly *Blessed by His Timing*.

By: Chris Kirkendall



## Electronic Newsletters



For several years we have been fortunate to have the printing of this newsletter donated to us at no cost. The facility that provided this service has left the area and we are looking for new ways to stay connected with our supporters without incurring high printing and mailing costs. We currently distribute this newsletter twice annually to

2200 addresses and also post it to our website. To reduce costs, we would like to reduce the number of printed newsletters and send only to those unable to receive it electronically. If you would like to receive your newsletters electronically to help us reduce this cost so funds could instead be used directly for the program, please call the shelter at 419.222.4663 or send an email to:

[clkirkendall@samaritanhouselima.org](mailto:clkirkendall@samaritanhouselima.org)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Samaritan House!

# Raisin' Bread

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:30pm to 8:00pm

Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center



To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, please mail this reservation form with your check to:

Samaritan House, 328 W. McKibben St., Lima, OH 45801

no later than Wednesday AUGUST 7, 2019

Cost: \$25\* per person; Cash bar

Company/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Sponsor- \$500  
Up to 8 tickets. Company name and logo on event program. # of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Sponsor- \$250  
Up to 4 tickets. Company name on event program. # of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_

Friend Sponsor- \$100  
Up to 2 tickets. Recognition at Event. # of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_

Donate a Silent Auction Item  
Recognition on donated item. Items must be received by August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Item Value \_\_\_\_\_ Item Description \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorships due by August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

I am unable to attend your anniversary celebration but would like to support the work that you do by making a tax-deductible donation of:

\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ Other

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you!

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

## Wish List

**Grocery Items:** Breakfast Bars, Butter, **Cheese**, **Coffee Creamer**, **Coffee Filters**, Cooking Oil, **Eggs**, **Frozen Meat**, **Hamburger/Ground Sausage**, Kid sized/snack sized fruit cups, Kids Snacks, **Lunch Meat**, Powdered Milk, **Regular Coffee**, Sugar

**Office Supplies:** Copy Paper, Uni-Ball Gel Pens (Black or Blue), Pocket Folders, Postage Stamps

**Household Item:** Air Freshener Spray (Glade), Dryer Sheets, Exam Gloves, **Floor Cleaners** (Fabuloso, Pine-Sol, Mr. Clean),

**Furniture Polish** (Pledge), Laundry Stain Removers (**Oxi Powder**, Spray and Wash), LED Light Bulbs (75 Watt Equivalent), Lysol Disinfecting Spray, **Multi-Purpose Disinfecting Spray Cleaners** (409 Multi-Surface Cleaner), **Paper Towels**, **Toilet Bowl Cleaner**,

**Trash Bags** (Lg, XL, and Kitchen Sized), **Ziploc Bags – 2 Gallon Size**

**Misc:** **2 Seat Stroller**, 10 Pack Bus Passes, Adult Cough Medicine, Conditioner-Regular Size, Cotton Balls, **Box Fans**, **Bras 34DD, 36B, 36D, 36DD, 38D, 38DDD**, Food Storage Containers, Insulated Lunch Totes, **Ladies Underwear – Size 8 Bikini**,

**Wal-Mart/Meijer/Chiefs/Save Lot/ Ruler Foods/Aldi's Gift Cards**

**Bold Items=Most Needed**



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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!

*32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*

*Raisin' Bread Celebration & Fundraiser*

An evening featuring Dueling Pianos,  
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