

# THE FOUNDATION Dinners

Winter/Spring 2021 Newsletter

Serving the needy of Fairfield County



## What you do MATTERS!

In fact, every SINGLE thing you do matters. Andy Andrews, in his book, *The Butterfly Effect: How Your Life Matters*, has stated that,

**“You have been created in order that you might make a difference.”**

He also asserts,

**“You have within you the power to change the world.”**

Pretty powerful statements, would you not agree? So you are probably wondering why include this information in our newsletter? What does this have to do with The Foundation Dinners, and serving the homeless and needy? The answer is simple: it has EVERYTHING to do with what we believe and do at 1000 W 5th Ave. in Lancaster.

The Foundation Dinners was birthed many years ago by Ed and Carol Clum because they, too, believed that just two people, and their faith in Jesus Christ, were enough to impact

and change this city. How right they were! Ed and Carol managed the Foundation Dinners for many years, drawing on their faith and counting on the generosity of their fellow man to help them, until they retired. Now their son, Gary, is currently the Foundation’s Director, and he also believes that the decisions the Foundation makes, as well as the way one treats others, has more impact and influence than some people may ever realize.

One of the first steps in solving homelessness is recognizing its victims as human beings. At the Foundation Dinners we serve people. Fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, veterans. Whole families. People who have fallen on hard times. People with names. People with dreams. With every meal served, every blanket, coat, hat or scarf donated, every smile, every kind word, every prayer, we make a difference in these folks’ lives, moving them one step closer to feeling less disenfranchised.

***That’s what we do BEST!***

# do you know...

Meals are served daily:

11:30am – 12:00pm (LUNCH)

4:00pm – 4:30pm (DINNER)

7 days a week

2 x 7 x 52



Nutritious and delicious meals are freshly prepared daily by a dedicated kitchen staff.



Devotions, prayer and thanks to God are given before the serving of each meal.



Donations of food, toiletries, and clothing —gloves, hats, socks, scarves, underwear, and coats—are still needed. They can be dropped off any day of the week.

Please see our website [hungryhomeless.org](http://hungryhomeless.org) for specific needs.

We *do not* receive government grants—we depend entirely upon donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and the United Way.



This frees us to give the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the express purpose of the Foundation Dinners: to show the love of God in word and deed.

We now have a counselor onsite, throughout the week, to be in relationship with those we serve as well as helping individuals secure employment, shelter, permanent housing, birth certificates, and state IDs.





# OUTDOOR dining area *update*

Thanks to the donations of many, we now have an enclosed outdoor dining area. The challenges of COVID-19 required The Foundation Dinners to rethink how to serve meals safely, during lunch and dinner. No longer able to have individuals eat inside our existing dining room, it became necessary to begin using our outdoor picnic area as an alternate dining area. All worked well (weather wise) during this past spring, summer and fall, but with the advent of winter, we were left with no option but to winterize the area with walls, insulation, windows, and doors. Ceiling fans, and new lighting have also been recently installed. What a difference it has made! Again, thank you to all, who helped make this possible. We couldn't have done it without you.

## volunteers, volunteers, volunteers

If it weren't for all the volunteers, the Foundation Dinners could never do the work we do. Volunteers give of their time as well as their financial support. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted our use of volunteers this past year, we will soon be able to have volunteers consistently on a larger scale. We are currently in the process of updating and renewing our monthly

volunteer calendar. Each individual and/or organization that is currently on our calendar will receive a telephone call in the upcoming weeks, inquiring whether they wish to continue volunteering or not. If you are not currently on our monthly volunteer calendar and want to volunteer, please contact Steven Templin at (740) 385-4165 or at [stevenalantemplin@gmail.com](mailto:stevenalantemplin@gmail.com)



## *additional* Foundation Dinners *location*



We are very excited and encouraged by our expansion into Logan, Ohio at the First Church of Christ (935 East Main Street). Lunch is served at 12 noon every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone is welcome who is in need of a good meal.

The First Church of Christ has been very generous to us to allow us to be serving meals in their facility, and they have been a big help in the Logan area, to serve people in need. *God bless you all.*

Julie Brown is the kitchen director and an excellent cook. We have been encouraged by the increase in the number of people eating lunch at our Logan location.



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*is dedicated to responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.\* He calls upon each follower to respond to the needs of the downcast with a merciful heart, supplying not only words, but also and most importantly, deeds. \*Matthew 25:31-46*

*Any church, individual, business, industry, school or court system that believes in expressing compassion to the victims of poverty and neglect, are invited to join in this effort to relieve human suffering.*

The Foundation Dinners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible.

During the month of March, Moo Moo Express Car Wash, will be selling air fresheners for \$1 each. 100% of each air freshener sold, will be donated to the **Foundation**

**Dinners.** In addition, with each purchase of an air freshener, the customer will have a chance to win FREE unlimited car washes for a year.

*Thank you Moo Moo Express.  
The Foundation Dinners appreciate your support.*



*Young and old alike in vulnerable circumstances find help at the Foundation Dinners. Consider the humble circumstances to which Jesus came.*

**Thank you for your continued support.**

*Tax deductible donations can be made on our website [hungryhomeless.org](http://hungryhomeless.org) or by sending a check to*

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