

Vision Statement: PFS seeks to provide, in a Christian manner, the necessary care and needs to the individual that will give hope for a better life.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

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Greetings PFS Family and Friends,

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to reach across the miles, via the mail and say, "Hello!" This year is half spent and PFS has completed the first half of its scheduled events, and for that I say, "Thank God!"

Your dedication and support has been greatly appreciated. PFS is a goal-oriented organization that continues to be successful. Success is the accomplishment of an aim with a favorable outcome. A motivational speaker, Gary Ryan Blair, said it well, and I quote:

"Success in any endeavor does not happen by accident. Rather, it's the result of deliberate decisions, conscious effort, and immense persistence...All directed at specific goals."

Thank you for helping to make the goals of PFS because the favorable outcome.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Gwendolyn Johnson, Board President

DIRECTOR'S GREETINGS

Committee Members

John Dellick
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Greetings My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you." I Thess !:2-4

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PFS is eternally grateful for the outpouring of your love, commitment and faithfulness to us.

Families who have increased and insurmountable needs depend on us, the body of Christ, to minister, console and help sustain them in their crisis.

We thank God that you stand by our side as a willing vessel to pour out of your hearts God's mercy and grace. He has chosen you to help others. PFS served 100 families during the month of June. Could not have done it without you! We appreciate your support of our fundraisers. Please call today for get your \$5.00 shopping pass for Macy's "Shop for a Cause."

Thank you.

In His Service,
Jackie Burley

2013 FUNDRAISERS

MACY'S "SHOP FOR A CAUSE"

Saturday, August 24
Any Macy's Store nationwide
\$5.00 per shopping pass
Call 330-746-4600 to receive your
pass(es)

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, September 15
Disciples Christian Church
565 Boardman-Canfield Rd., Boardman
Noon – 4:00 p.m.
\$7.00 Adults / \$5.00 Children 6-12 yrs.
Free for under 5 years old

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE" CONCERT

Sunday, November 10
Western Reserve United Methodist Church
4580 Canfield Rd., Canfield
3:00 Refreshments / 4:00 Concert
Free-will Offering

CLIENT NEEDS

Personal Care Products - Men's & Women's
Laundry/Dish Detergent **Bus Passes**
Paper Products **Cleaning Supplies**
Disposable Razors **Gasoline Cards**
Disposable Diapers - Boy/Girl sizes 4 & 5

Please consider a donation to help our clients with these items. As always, food donations are needed and welcome.

OFFICE NEEDS

Postage Stamps **Brown Bags**
Legal Size Reams of White Copy Paper

GRANT RECEIVED

A \$4,000 grant distributed by the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation from the Thomases Family Endowment was received for our Pathway to Stability Program to be used to help with water disconnection or restoration. The Thomases Family Endowment actively practices Tzedakah, the Hebrew word that exemplifies righteousness, charity and social action in the Jewish and greater secular communities. The agency's guidelines for distribution will be followed. We are so grateful to receive this generous grant to help others.

JUST A REMINDER...

The Youngstown Foundation will provide a 5% match for any gift of \$100.00 or more given to Protestant Family Service. Checks can be made out to The Youngstown Foundation with **PFS indicated on the "Memo Line"** earmarking the gift to us. Donations can be sent to:

The Youngstown Foundation
P O Box 1162
Youngstown, OH 44503

Thank you for considering this extra giving opportunity.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Hello Volunteers,
On April 18th, PFS hosted an Appreciation Brunch for the scheduled volunteers who act as receptionists and food transporters who give of their time on a monthly basis. The luncheon, as always, was delightful. How nice it is to relax and appreciate all those friendly volunteers – they are grand people. The following poem was read by Kay Hurd to sincerely thank everyone for their faithful service:

*Once upon eternity,
above the clouds so high,
there were some chosen angels
who had no wings to fly.
Their hands were made for helping
their hearts were tender too.
Their smiles were warm and happy
and glowed as halos do.
So God sent down these angels,
because they were such dears,
to spread their gentle love on earth.
We call them VOLUNTEERS.*

Mary Bali & Kay Hurd
Volunteer Coordinators

*"One of the secrets of life is that all that
is really worth the doing is
what we do for others."*

-- Lewis Carroll

this year as one of our fundraisers. We have been very successful in the past years, and with your help will be again in 2013. Check out all the particulars on the back page of this newsletter.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Many of us think that July is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” But many like a “Winter Wonderland” when “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas.” **So let’s have Christmas in July!** We can “Deck the Halls,” take a “Sleigh Ride,” ring “Silver Bells,” or build a “Frosty the Snowman.”

Even in the middle of summer, we can still celebrate the spirit of Christmas and “Bring Joy to the World” or at least the part of it we call home. “O Come all ye Faithful” and respond to the needs of Protestant Family Service by giving your gift to our ministry of helping many during their time of crisis. Enclosed is an envelope for your convenience.

The Lord gave us a rich blessing in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us give a rich blessing to others and celebrate Christmas in July.

MACY’S “SHOP FOR A CAUSE”

One of our volunteers, Mary Jo Truman, won the \$500 shopping spree at Macy’s last year just by buying a \$5 shopping pass for “Shop For A Cause.” You too might be the lucky winner for this year’s event – all you have to do is buy a pass(es) by calling our office at 330-746-4600. We are trying to sell 300 passes

FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

This year’s Feinstein Hunger Challenge was a great success. With your generosity we were able to report \$20,766 to the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation from donations and pledges received during March and April. Sometime during August, we will receive a check from the Foundation for approximately \$300. Thank you for helping us to meet “The Challenge” of fighting hunger in our community.

THOSE WE SERVE

A 55 year old man came to us for help with his medication for blood pressure. He has just started receiving disability for an ongoing health condition. Unfortunately, he had no health insurance until now. Earlier this year, he went to visit his father in the hospital who was undergoing surgery for a leg amputation and while there he suffered a heart attack. Because of major medical bills, he has fallen behind on many utility bills but is trying to make payments even if small ones. This leaves very little, if any, funds for medicines to sustain life. Help Hotline referred him to us for help with medication.

We have seen an increase in the need for food beginning in the month of June because of children being home from school for the summer. Many of our clients with children rely on the school breakfast/lunch program as this relieves some of the monthly burden of food purchases.

With the help of individuals and churches donating food and our purchases from Second Harvest Food Bank, we try to keep our pantry well stocked during the summer months.

Judy Wilson, Caseworker

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