

2014 FUNDRAISERS

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, September 21
Disciples Christian Church
565 Boardman-Canfield Rd., Boardman
Noon – 4:00 p.m.
\$7.00 Adult / \$5.00 Children 6-12 yrs.

FEAST OF SALADS / FASHION SHOW

Saturday, October 25
First Presbyterian Church
201 Wick Ave., Youngstown
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
\$20.00 per person

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE" CONCERT

Sunday, November 9
Zion Lutheran Church
3300 Canfield Rd., Youngstown
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
Adult Diapers Men and Women: s, m & lg

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**
Reams of 28 lb. Paper - 8-1/2 x 11

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 giving opportunity.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Hello Volunteers,

It has been several months since I've written you but I think of you often. Thank you for being so dependable and willing to give of your precious time to PFS.

Changes are happening in this organization as your know. Fridays are no longer working days; our week is now Monday through Thursday.

We have said "Goodbye" to Judy Wilson and to Jean Montgomery: However, both ladies have joined us with us as volunteers. Thank you Judy and Jean and WELCOME to our new Social Worker, Donna Turner, LSW.

Speaking of Volunteers, we happily welcome the following: Belver Cherry, Brenda Cook, Donna Hagman, Dottie Johnson, Willie Mae Williams, and my husband Ray Hurd. Most of these wonderful volunteers came while we were in Florida. We welcome all of them.

Mary and I appreciate each one of you. From our hearts, we thank you as you say "Yes, I can volunteer on several days." 😊

Much love,
Mary & Kay

CHRISTMAS BLESSING PROJECT

Where has the time gone? Protestant Family Service is preparing to assist families with Christmas and we need your help. Perhaps, as in the past, you or your mission group can "Adopt-A-Family" to minister to those who are unable to provide for their children. Just call PFS (330-746-4600) or respond to the letter that has been sent inviting you to adopt a family. All details will be sent to you.

"You are the light of the world". "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven". Thank you for your witness of Jesus Christ to others.

THOSE WE SERVE

The things we take for granted such as having water, gas, electricity, food, clothing, and yes; even our health is an enormous task for some. Yet, there are people who are insensitive to the challenges that individuals and families in our community face on a daily basis. Society characterizes them as being lazy, reckless and irresponsible, because they are incapable of supporting themselves. However, there are those who find themselves in unforeseen situations, resulting from the loss of a job, illness, divorce, or death of a spouse. Any of these events can be challenging, yet there are individuals who have experienced more than one of these.

Recently a senior male client came to PFS requesting assistance for a utility which had been disconnected for several months. Having followed the guidelines of our agency and the utility company, we were confident his service would be restored the following day. Several days passed and still no service. I contacted the utility company and spoke with the supervisor and was informed there had been an error due to lack of communication between agents. They also stated that our client needed to pay the entire balance before his service would be reconnected. Being discouraged, our client called the PUCO to register a complaint and his service was reconnected within a few days. Needless to say, he was extremely grateful for the assistance by our agency through the grant received from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

Donna Turner, LSW
Caseworker

MACY'S "SHOP FOR A CAUSE"

Thank you for your participation in the Macy's "Shop-For-A-Cause" fundraiser. Because of your caring spirit and generous hearts, PFS was blessed to have sold to date 365 passes. We trust that you were able to find some bargains that got you off to great savings and an early start for "back to school" clothing, household items and Christmas gifts for family and friends. Thank you for your support!

FEINSTEIN HUNGER CHALLENGE

In August, we received a check from the Feinstein Foundation for \$301.61

PFS has participated in the Alan Shawn Feinstein "Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger" Challenge since 2006. We are pleased to announce that this year has been one of the best yet. We received \$20,876 in monetary donations and food items (valued at \$1 per pound) during the months of March and April. This is a \$110 increase over 2013!

Once again, we thank our donors for helping us to meet "The Challenge" of fighting hunger in our community. We could not have done it without you!

2014 CROP WALK

Church World Service returned a check in the amount of \$1149.63 to PFS from the CROP Walk October 2013. This will help us to stock our pantry for the falls months. It won't take long for it to come and go. We certainly appreciate you and your participation in making the walk a successful one.

Are you ready to join in again for the next CROP walk on October 12, 2014? We need your support to help continue the fight to prevent hunger in the valley. Get sponsors to pledge, join a group of friends, ask church mission groups, etc. and help the challenge. We are also in need of donations of 6-16 ounces of bottled water for the walkers. Please call (330) 746-4600 for pick-up or bring your donation to PFS at 496 Glenwood Avenue by October 9th. The office is now closed on Fridays.

CONDOLENCES

Cindy Capp, Board Member of Protestant Family Service died on August 8th. Our prayers and deepest sympathy to her husband Bob and sons, William, Timothy and David. Cindy was a committed and dedicated work of PFS. She will be missed.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

“Christmas in July” was an unofficial “holiday” and your response to our newsletter appeal was most appreciated. Your giving brought a new ray of hope to the agency. Since we rely on the total support of churches, church groups, businesses, individuals, and organizations, your participation causes us to keep our faith strong in the Lord.

Our funding also comes from the 5% contribution from the Youngstown Foundation on the donations of \$100.00 or more and the grants that we receive. All grants are not approved.

PFS receives a FEMA government grant for the pantry otherwise, we are not United Way funded or government funded.

Thank you for keeping the spirit of Christmas alive all year long!!

THOMASES FAMILY ENDOWMENT

The Thomas Family Endowment Committee of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation awarded Protestant Family Service a \$5,000 grant for the “Pathway to Stability” program. The funds will be used to either prevent disconnection or to restore utility service. PFS guideline will be used in rendering service. Clients will be required to participate in a program that will help them to budget and conservation.

The Foundation actively practices Tzedakah, the Hebrew word that exemplifies righteousness, charity and social action. It seeks to promote the spirit of Tzedakah in the Jewish and greater secular communities.

KNOW THE MISSIONS YOU SERVE

Protestant Family Service is available to speak to your congregation, your mission or group. We welcome the opportunity to share the ministry of Protestant Family Service. Our mission is not only to the clients we serve but to our supporters to keep you informed on what changes are going on in our community, what the agency is doing and how we respond to the needs. Please call the office at (330) 746-4600 if we can be of service to YOU.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF OHIO

The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio awarded PFS a \$13,000 grant for its “Aid to the Elderly in Crisis” program through the Community Services Foundation. The grant disbursement will be from September 2014 through December 2015. Recipients will be required to attend educational classes which will cover utility conservation, budgeting, resume writing and skills mapping.

FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT PFS

Each year PFS sponsors several fundraisers to help support our ongoing ministry. Your participation helps us to get to know you as well as raise funds for our mission of helping others.

Some of the fundraisers are: PFS’s Annual meeting, Feinstein’s “Fight for Hunger Challenge”, 2 Scrabble tournaments, 2 Concerts, Spaghetti Dinner, Macy’s “Shop for a Cause”, CROP Walk, Feast of Salads/Style Show and Appeal Letters when necessary. Your support is truly appreciated. Please mark your calendar for our events and plan to attend. It’s always a pleasure to fellowship with you.

Next year we will have only 1 Scrabble tournament and 1 concert to be held in the spring.