



170 South Madison Spokane, WA

The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

Reclaim, Rebuild, Restore... & RECYCLE!

We all have a hobby, right? That one thing that consumes the free time we have. What if you could combine your favorite hobby AND blessing the homeless community right where you live? June Dickmann has figured that out. June, like many people, loves to crochet. About 5 years ago she saw a video on YouTube. The video was showing a knitting technique using plastic grocery bags as yarn. Or as June calls it, plarn (plastic yarn). "I love to crochet, but yarn can get expensive. Besides, there are only so many hats, scarves and blankets you can make" she told me. The project... a 3 foot by 6 foot mat. Curious about this new technique she gave it a try. Turns out, it was pretty cool. They were soft. They were water proof! If they got a little wet or dirty, a quick shake and they were good to go. June was hooked on making "homeless sleeping mats."

Recently, The City Gate has been the recipient of some of June's mats. She has made somewhere around 50 sleeping mats, and shared them around Spokane. Over the course of her making them, they have become a little more elaborate, even adding a carry handle. She has found herself searching for just the right store, that uses the color of bag she needs to complete a pattern. She even confessed that she has asked for grocery bags for Christmas! With each mat consisting of roughly 600 grocery bags, you can understand she would need a lot of bags. A lot of bags, and a lot of time too, "including collecting, sorting and getting the bags ready to crochet, I would say it takes me about 2 weeks to make a mat."

So, understandably, we are grateful to be receiving this gift from June. Likewise, June is blessed to be helping. "I'm glad for the opportunity to give something to someone who can appreciate it and put it to good use. I don't know how long Spokane will continue to have plastic bags, but I'll make them as long as we have bags." For now, her friends and co-workers are keeping her well stocked in bags. Even going on the hunt for certain colors. "I like to change colors. Customize, so to speak, so that each person may know his/her own mat." **We THANK YOU, JUNE!**



Our first guest to receive a mat

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OH NO!

We are nearly out of basic first aid supplies to refill our first aid kit. We are often asked for some of these things by our guests. Can you help?

WHAT CAN WE USE?

Band Aid strips

Burn Spray

Tweezers

Large Band Aid pads

Sunscreen

Ace bandages

Antiseptic wipes

Chapstick

Neosporin

Gauze



THANK YOU from Pastor John

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR JOHN

The past couple of months have been a challenge for Pastor John adjusting to the unexpected loss of his beloved wife and the director of The City Gate. During this time, he has been deeply touched by so many who have reached out to him with sincere hearts.

To the clients who have come in to offer condolences in an unselfish, genuine way such as the gal from the streets who came up and said she just heard and asked, "Are you okay?" IT BLESSES MY HEART!

To all the people who have come forward with so many wonderful things to say about my wife. IT MEANS SO MUCH!

To the board of directors for putting up with me when I have been unable to show up or stay at The City Gate during days where I'm emotionally tanked. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

To the staff who stepped up when I wasn't here, grieving with me and loving me through, such as James consoling me and checking in with me 2-3X's a day, occasionally encouraging me to go home saying, "We got this!" THANK YOU.

To my son Eric filling the spot of doing the office work that Shirley did and Bonnie taking Ruthie's Coffee House vision. You saw my heart and Ruthie's potential and ran with it. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU. To my children and grandchildren for checking in on me and pulling together during such a difficult time on all of us, I LOVE YOU DEARLY.

To all of our friends, supporters, and people in the community who showed up at the memorial and so many I never would have expected to be there, IT BLEW ME AWAY!

Outreach hours

Tues-Fri 10a-3p: Drop-In*

Wed/Fri/Sat/Sun 7p-9p: Dinner

Sunday 10a: Church Service

* drop-in includes food bank (by appt),

Clothing bank (by appt), Showers (thurs only), coffee, meals, bread & produce sharing

THE CITY GATE STAFF

John Murinko, Pastor

James Gulbranson

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Dave Volluz

Buffie Harmon

Jimmy Hahn

Dale Sanchez

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Eric Murinko

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“Now the *Lord* is the spirit, and where the spirit of

the Lord is, there is *FREEDOM.*”

2 Corinthians 3:17

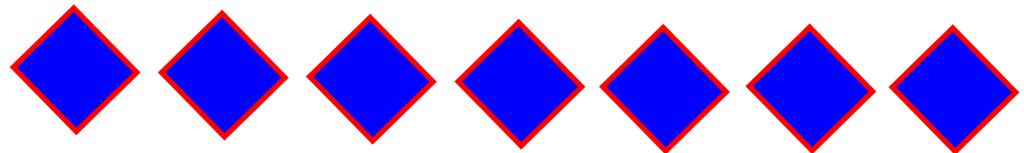


Everyday we hand out numerous “homeless boxes.” Our computer system tracks each client and they can receive their box every 30 days. This is different than a standard food box, in that it is foods that can be stored without refrigeration and consumed without preparation. Here at The City Gate, we are finding it more and

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**

more difficult each month to gather 15 pounds, each client’s monthly allotment, of non-perishable, ready to eat foods.

Please consider stopping by with some items that could be used for this purpose.



Ideas: Peanut butter, crackers, Tuna fish, beef jerky, fruit cups, nuts, juice boxes, fruit snacks, trail mix...



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A Gathering Place...

“Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” — Matthew 11:28

What can I do if I volunteer?

- **Serve coffee**
- **Wash dishes**
- **Help prepare meals**
- **Restock foodbank**
- **Serve meals**
- **Restock clothing bank**
- **Wash tables**
- **Visit and make new friends**

**Our volunteer guidelines and application are on our website:
www.thecitygatespokane.org**

Call with questions 455-9670



The City Gate is on Facebook
Follow us for regular updates,
praise reports and needs lists.

*If you follow us & volunteer, or have a story to share, PLEASE share on our “wall” so all can see and hear of the work that is happening right her AT THE CITY GATE. We love your pictures!

Don't forget

Ruthie's Corner Espresso

Is on FACEBOOK too at:

Ruthie's Corner



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors everyday. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley