

## Winter 2022

### *Christmas Dinner 2021*

In our fall edition of the newsletter we were asking for quite a large amount of donations to pull off our annual Christmas dinner. We are HAPPY to report, as always, THE LORD PROVIDED all of our needs and MORE.



We served 220 meals and passed out around 200 gift bags. The gift bags kind of came together at the last minute with still needing gloves and hats. The bags consisted of gloves, hats, handwarmers, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, razor, & lots of candy. Our guests loved them.

As in the past, the menu items for the meal were a great hit: Fresh cut deli meats from Sonnenberg's with fresh rolls, little smokies and meatballs. Not to mention a huge array of homemade Christmas cookies! Anyone who wanted a meal got one, and some had seconds. Plenty of great food and even more fellowship.

This year we had a great family of volunteers! Past supporters of The City Gate The Gomez Family, Mom, Dad and 3 daughters came down to help us serve. Their daughters, one in 5th grade and 2 High School freshmen, were amazingly hard workers and endured the cold while we served outside. At the end of the day they came to me to tell me how awesome it was to serve and that they want to come down more. Watching them serve throughout the day with a true passion and love for people was amazing. It allowed me to see how The City Gate touches and changes lives beyond the people we serve. That is another important aspect of our ministry. I believe we get to fulfill our mission with our volunteers as well!

**THANK YOU to all Staff, Volunteers, Board of Trustees and Partners!**

**It takes all of us working together to continue the calling.**

~ Eric Murinko



*Our Christmas Dinner volunteers, THE GOMEZ FAMILY. Big hearts and hard workers. THANK YOU!*



The City Gate would like to thank Providence Health & Services for their continued support of our ministry. Through Providence's grant program we received a generous grant at the beginning of the year. These funds come at a critical time, following the holidays, for our daily operations. As we continue to see our blessings grow, evident in grants such as these, we are able to continue our mission to **RECLAIM, RESTORE and REBUILD LOST & BROKEN LIVES.**

## **THANK YOU PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES!**



Serving  
inside  
again!

We are so happy to report the we are once again serving INSIDE! With modified procedures, we are allowing guests to come inside in small groups. This not only gives them an opportunity to choose their food but also allows for a time to warm up and get out of the elements. Our staff is happy to be indoors again too. Speaking of staff... they have been such troopers, braving the coldest and wettest days, to get outside so as not to miss a meal for our community.

*Trying times have revealed their hearts of service. We serve alongside THE BEST!*



Do remember June? We featured her in a past newsletter for the “homeless sleeping mats” that she makes and donates to The City Gate. Her mats are made with recycled grocery bags and crocheted into adult sized mats. They are AMAZING!! Well, June works for Horizon/Alaska Airlines and someone within the company heard her story and of her contributions to our inner-city. June was nominated for the **Spirit of Community Caring Award** that Alaska Air gives out each year.



**June received the award!** She was presented with her award and able to share her story, and share about The City Gate at an event in Seattle with numerous guests including Alaska Air leadership. Much to her delight, June was informed at the ceremony that Alaska Air would be making a great donation to the charity of her choice. Needless to say, she chose THE CITY GATE! We are so thankful for June and the compassion she has shown to our guests through her crafting. Now, extending that compassion to provide financial support from her employer ALASKA AIR GROUP.



**THANK YOU JUNE &  
ALASKA AIRLINES!!**



# The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

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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*



## The Alberta House has rooms open!

The Alberta House is low-cost housing located above The City Gate. We are a secure, clean & sober community. We are often full with a waitlist, but currently have rooms ready to rent. If you or someone you know is in need of low-cost housing, please call for details.

Please call for additional details  
and application process.

509-455-9670 Tuesday-Friday 10-2

- Single Room Occupancy
- Clean & Sober
- Shared bathroom
- Application/Background check required
- Secured Access
- On-site coin-op laundry available



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