



The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild, and Restore Lost and Broken Lives

In honor of those who support what we do, to Reclaim, Rebuild, Restore and “make new”, to lift up your spirit here a just a few, of some amazing partners we have featured in Who’s-Who!

WHO’S WHO AMONG YOU?.....

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. - Dr. Seuss



When 11 year old AnnMarie heard from her mother that The City Gate was almost out of food, her heart of compassion was moved to DO something about it! Participating in a food drive previously with her school, she knew just what she CAN do! She grabbed a bag and took off down her street to ask neighbors for canned goods to donate. God bless you AnnMarie for reminding us that **ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME** can make a difference!



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ROAST HOUSE

As the only 100% organic coffee roaster in our area, we are overjoyed to be the recipients of Roast House coffee each month. Founded two years ago Deborah had the idea of creating a business she could enjoy while helping to support the community and local businesses. Instead of opening a drive through, Deborah distributes her coffee through grocery stores such as Yoke's, Huckleberry's and Super 1 Foods. She is passionately committed to helping our environment and local people by choosing only organic coffee which has great health benefits for our guests with compromised immune systems at The City Gate because of the restrictions on the use of fertilizers, chemicals and pesticides. We THANK GOD for providing QUALITY COFFEE for those who depend on our doors opening each day with a warm smile and a delicious cup of Joe!



THANK YOU DEBORAH

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CRAWFORD

Faithfully volunteering her time each week, Helen has been a regular for over one year serving at The City Gate. You can find her sorting through bags of donated clothes and welcoming our guests with a big smile as she helps them find what they need in the clothing bank. One of Helen's favorite things to talk with people and find out what their story is. When asked her about her dearest memories serving the downtown community, Helen shared that when asking a young girl what the #1 thing a ministry could do for her, she replied, "FIX IN HERE", pointing to her heart. Another occasion Helen remembers asking a similar question to a young man on the streets and he answered, "Show me how to be a man." Her compassion for people drives her to keep serving each week looking for opportunities to share the love of Christ.

If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please go to our website.

www.thecitygatespokane.org

Are YOU a WHO?

A person who cares? With the love of the Lord and a big heart who shares?

One who gives with your hands, money, prayers and the like, to spread the Good News that Jesus IS light, He is Bread for the hungry and Water for thirst, He is Love to mankind & you put others first? We thank you, yes **THANK YOU** for all that you do, & truly THANK GOD for making you, YOU!

1ST PRESBYTERIAN

Many local churches support The City Gate in various ways and First Presbyterian Church has been faithful for over a decade! From renovating the Alberta House (our upstairs apartments) to their youth group serving dinner each month, The City Gate guests are consistently blessed by the heart of First Presbyterian Church. Instead of holding VBS for incoming 5th and 6th graders, leadership established "Kids with a Mission".

The kids annually serve shelves and passed them out to their congregation after church service for them to take home and fill with non-perishable foods! We LOVE YOU 1st Presbyterian and can't thank you enough for all that you do!



NEEDS

Men's Clothing

- Jeans (all sizes)
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes & flip flops
- Summer clothing

Women's Clothing

- Socks
- Underwear
- Bras
- Summer clothing
- Flip flops

Toiletries

- Deodorant
- Razors

Food Bank

- Non-perishable items
(desperately!)

Miscellaneous

- COFFEE
- Grocery bags

**Please,
no winter clothing
at this time.**

**Summer is coming &
we don't have room to
store out of season
clothing.**

**Thank you for your help...
we depend on it now more
than ever.**

A word from the board...

July 4th is typically thought of as Independence Day, and rightly so. However, we should also pause and give thanks on this day to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for allowing us to live in a country free from dictatorial tyranny where we are allowed so many freedoms and provided with so many blessings. Some would say those freedoms are disappearing and the blessings (translated economic blessings) are lessening. But Jesus is still at work, still in control, and still providing spiritual blessings. At The City Gate, we are so privileged to see our Lord at work in the lives of those who, through poor choices of their own or others, find themselves seeking something of lasting value.

A recent letter from one who had come through The City Gate, typified what we are trying to achieve through "reclaiming, rebuilding, and restoring lost and broken lives". "O.S." had gone through a life that many of us would have thought unrecoverable, ending up with meth addiction and a jail term. But the letter he recently wrote started "Dear City Gate Fellowship, I am writing this letter to 3 people that I no (sic) your names and one I do not that changed my life forever and am in great debt to". He goes on to describe the compassionate service and responses that he received from various City Gate staff and volunteers, from coffee and pastries to the food bank and clothing bank. He finishes his letter by saying "to all of you who run City Gate and donate to it (my underline), thank you so much. You all rock and God loves each and every one of you."

The Board of Trustees at The City Gate would also like to say thank you to all of our donors for enabling us to help people like O.S. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are trying to solidify our donor base. You can help us do this by contacting your financial institution and directing a monthly amount to The City Gate through automatic withdrawal. It will free you from having to write one more check and will provide us with a more dependable income stream.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in serving our Lord through this ministry.

Blessings,
John Kittel, Board of Trustees



JUNE STATISTICS

Food Bank:

123 people served
38 new clients
3,548 lbs. of food given

Kitchen:

6,001 meals served
4,944 people served

Clothing Bank:

226 people served

Volunteer Hours:

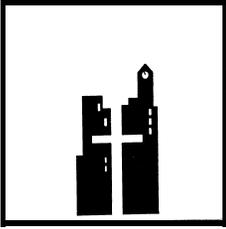
543 hours

Please Pray For:

- *The City Gate Block Party
- *Orrin S.
- *Abby Schuler- we will miss you!
- *Safety on the streets
- *The City Gate Food Bank

**We still need donations for
our block party, Aug. 25th!
Please call if you can help. This is
a great summer party for our
inner-city.**





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"A Gathering Place"

Matthew 11:28

The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, Pastor
- Shirley Murinko, co-director/office mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko, co-director/food bank
- Jim Hahn, food bank
- Connie Bryant, clothing bank mgr.
- Don Lanegan, dinning room mgr.
- Derek Deniston, kitchen supervisor
- Andra Phelps, PR
- Jamie Parker-Frank, kitchen
- Carrie Brown, Alberta House Mgr.

Partnership is GOD'S IDEA! The City Gate is able to do the work of Reclaiming, Rebuilding and Restoring lost and broken lives because of people like YOU!

Without YOU, our partners in ministry, there would be no food, clothing or 'gathering place' to draw men and women in to hear the good news, that Jesus loves them and has an abundant life purposed for them. **Thank you for being a part of something BIG, making an eternal difference as we bring the message of hope to downtown, Spokane.** Together, we can do far more than any of us could do alone!

Our prayer for YOU:

(Philippians 1:3-6) Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Thank You!

Without the support of all the 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, whether time, money, food, or clothing, have done much to help the people who walk through our doors everyday. As a staff 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.