



# The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild, and Restore Lost and Broken Lives

## What Our Downtown Guests LOVE About The City Gate!



Sharkey:

I love the food!

- Gary: People are nice.  
Nicodemus: Lots of Love!  
Chrissy: The faith that people have in you.  
Sean: The produce.  
Anonymous: The peace and the staff.  
Rick: The staff.  
Kevin: All the BIG smiles! And everything else.  
Archie: The compassion for everyone.  
Steven: The usefulness.  
Terry: It's a place to get out of the weather.

Jasmine: I would be out getting high and I wouldn't be where I am today without The City Gate staff.

Jasmine with Pastor John



- Melanie: There is plenty of coffee and friendly people.  
Anonymous: Good place to go with good coffee!  
Jonathon: I love the hospitality, kindness & free food!  
Jason: All the help that's here and they're nice.  
Ross: The people. They are worth coming to see.  
Robert: The fellowship, food, and real life spiritually.  
Carey: Serving us in the evenings.  
Angie: There's always something to eat when you are hungry.  
James: Helps me meet my needs. I like the people who work here!  
Gary: Providing services for the homeless who are often looked at as invisible.  
Bruce: You help people no matter what condition they're in. I appreciate the love.  
Beau: People don't pass judgment. You have the freedom to be yourself.



Pam:

Friendly People!

February 2013

## A WORD FROM THE BOARD

I used to think that only certain people had spiritual gifts, then I took a class on this subject! I have learned that every one of us has at least one spiritual gift! I look to Romans 12:3b-4; 6a "... as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function... having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them.*"

The City Gate cannot function without our amazing staff and the many devoted volunteers. Our ministry is not just helping the people who come through the front door every day. Our staff and volunteers are a ministry unto each other. Everyone who serves at The City Gate, including me, is a better person for having served the people of our inner-city.

As His word tells us, we all have spiritual gifts. It is imperative that we all use these God given gifts for His glory. Remember that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. By doing this at The City Gate we become better servants. Faith and works go hand in hand. Ultimately, "Blessed are those who do His commandments that they may enter through the gates into the city". And yes, we are The City Gate. Come to The City Gate to discover or use your spiritual gifts, because you do have at least one. You will be better for it!



Bill Davis/President of the board



## NEEDS

### Men's Clothing

- Jeans (all sizes)
- Underwear (new)
- Shoes
- Winter clothes

### Women's Clothing

- Underwear (new)
- Bras
- Shoes
- Winter clothes

### Toiletries

- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shampoo

### Food Bank

- Non-perishable items

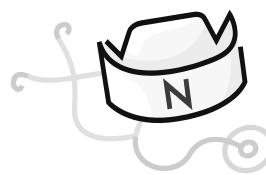
### Miscellaneous

- COFFEE (always!)
- Grocery bags

Now that winter is here we are in desperate need of warm coats, blankets, sleeping bags, boots, socks, and gloves for both men and women.

Please,  
NO summer clothing  
at this time.

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



## Visiting Student Nurses

My time at The City Gate has been life changing. The stories, the struggles, the perseverance, and the pain. It's all unforgettable. A place like The City Gate, which offers such great services in addition to being a safe and welcoming place for respite, is critically needed and much appreciated. The population served is often forgotten and deeply marginalized, but Pastor John and the staff here make it a point to treat everyone with the dignity they deserve.

I have so many precious memories to take with me.

Krystal, WSU Student Nurse



## Check out our needs list!

Now that the Christmas season has passed, our donations have decreased. We always have ongoing needs. It's still winter and still cold and wet outside. Please continue to pray how you can help keep those who live in our inner-city warm. It could be clothing, boots, sleeping bags, or hot chocolate, hot cider and always coffee.

We thank God continuously for our supporters!

## January 2013 Statistics

### Food Bank:

1,993 people served  
5,282 lbs. of food

### Kitchen:

4,904 meals served

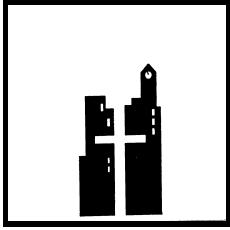
### Clothing Bank:

233 people served

### Volunteer Hours:

673.5





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**"A Gathering Place"**

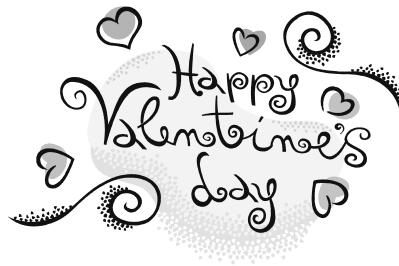
**Matthew 11:28**

## The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, Pastor
- Shirley Murinko, co-director/office mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko, co-director/food bank
- Jim Hahn, food bank
- Don Lanegan, dinning room mgr.
- Derek Deniston, kitchen supervisor
- Melissa Godin, kitchen
- Helen Crawford, clothing bank
- Andra Phelps, PR
- James Horton, cook
- Wes Heimbecker, social services
- Bruce Woolard, evening supervisor
- Carrie Brown, Alberta House Mgr.

## Please Pray For:

- Bruce P.
- Harley
- Jim A.
- Mike L.
- Alisha and Brandon



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.