



The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

How well do you know our staff?

Can you match up the fun trivia fact with each of our staff members?

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Trivia:

- 1) "I used to be a nurse."
- 2) "When I was little, I wanted to be a barrel racer."
- 3) "I have 14 pets at home, including 2 parrots and a hedgehog."
- 4) "I married my childhood friend after 27 years. We hadn't seen each other for the last 15 of those."
- 5) "I grew up on the streets and finally got a home when I found The City Gate and Alberta House."
- 6) "I served in the US Army for 6 years as a cook."
- 7) "I received the 'Courageous Panther' award for high school wrestling."
- 8) "I used to be a competitive hip-hop dancer."
- 9) "One of my daughters looked just like Dora the Explorer when she was little."
- 10) "I have 17 pins and 3 plates in my head."
- 11) "Outside of Jesus and family, I LOVE old pickup trucks, little baby ducks, slow moving trains and rain."
- 12) "For 6 years, I jumped out of planes with the US Army airborne unit."
- 13) "I used to be a competitive runner."

Staff:

- A. Jimmy Hahn
- B. John Murinko
- C. James Gulbranson
- D. Buffie Harmon
- E. Shirley Murinko
- F. Don Saunders
- G. Bonnie Murinko
- H. Brenda Gulbranson
- I. Glory Phelps
- J. Wes Heimbecker
- K. Don Lanegan
- L. Elisha Shelton
- M. Jim Horton

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There is NO LUCK with God
in control. EVERYTHING
happens for HIS purpose.

EASTER

Our upcoming Easter dinner is scheduled to be served on Sunday April 5 from 2-4pm. On the menu is ham, cheesy potatoes, corn, fruit salad, rolls & pie. If you would like to help with food donations please call for the most updated needs list. We are still looking for volunteers to help us with this meal. Please contact Shirley or Bonnie Tues-Fri 10am- 3pm @ 455-9670.

ALBERTA HOUSE apartments & Emergency Shelters

Hello, my name is Michael LaCaze. I am a resident at The Alberta House in a shelter room. I would like to share my testimony on my experience being in this program. First, I have to say that from the beginning I felt like I was being heard and the people involved with my interview were more than professional. They really care about me and my situation. When I came to The Alberta House and The City Gate I was broken both emotionally and spiritually. Wes, Elisha and Pastor John decided to give me a chance and place me into a shelter room. This gift has given me a firm foundation to allow me to grow both spiritually and emotionally. I am a new man now and my life is getting back on track. I feel only gratitude for this fresh start. My counselor, Wes, has made big changes in my life. The Alberta House manager, Elisha, is not only a great property manager, but he is one of the men in my life that continually provides me with spiritual guidance and accountability to my program. Pastor John is hands down one of the most amazing men I have been fortunate enough to know. The things he does for this community go far beyond what we would expect from someone in his position. I know that my life will forever be changed because of this man as well as Elisha and Wes. They have taken me from the street with no hope, to a life with security and faith. THANK YOU Alberta House and The City Gate for believing in me.

Please PRAY for:

- Barton Fiat
- Jace
- Lee Nelson family
- Sharon
- Tom

The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko
co-director / office mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko
co-director / food bank
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Don Lanegan, dining room
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station
- Jim Horton, cook
- Glory Phelps, kitchen
- Brenda Gulbranson, kitchen
- Wes Heimbecker, social services
- James Gulbranson, security & maint.
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1) D 2) H 3) G 4) L 5) F 6) K 7) J 8) I 9) C 10) A 11) B 12) M 13)



Word from the board

By: Laura Wintersteen-Arleth



I had been on the Board of Directors for The City Gate for many years, then took some time off for other responsibilities. I am excited to be back on the board again and be more involved with The City Gate. In the time I was off though, our family still supported this wonderful ministry. As a community health nurse and educator, I see the richness of this ministry in different ways. I see the clients of The City Gate as they seek health services in the community and I see the growth in our nursing students from WSU College of Nursing as they learn how to use their gifts of nursing in many unique ways. As I reflect on the faithfulness of the Lord, I am reminded that The City Gate is here because of the faithfulness of Jesus. Each person who comes through the doors, whether it is the clients, the staff, volunteers or our partners in the community, can feel Jesus and the faithfulness he provides to this wonderful ministry. The faithfulness of Jesus is what sustains this amazing ministry and each of us. He shows His faithfulness each day to The City Gate in the generosity of the volunteers and supporters who listen to Jesus’ call to serve both in time and financially. The City Gate is a blessing in my family’s life in so many ways and I am sure is a blessing in your life as well. Thank-you Jesus for your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness*

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"A Gathering Place"

Matthew 11:28

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In Loving Memory

Lee Nelson

12-5-61 ~ 1-24-15

It is with heavy hearts we said goodbye to Lee. He was an amazing man who devoted his life to serving. Lee was a man we could call on day or night to help in any way. As spoken by Pastor John "What I learned quickly about Lee is that he was passionate and genuine. He loved well and reached out, never to gain a name for himself or draw attention to himself. Lee experienced mercy and for that reason was so active in helping those who are miserable. Lee was a non-judgmental man and believed everyone deserved a chance. Lee will be truly missed. A huge gap is in our lives. Lets close that gap by forever remembering him and continue the legacy that he has left for us to follow."



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 every-day. 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