



# The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

## Donny Sanders

Donny Sanders has been on staff with The City Gate, coming up on two years now. He is the head of our Food bank. His position includes helping people put together food boxes who are in need of that food. This is a huge blessing and a great resource to be able to obtain groceries from a place and people that are willing to help and give their time to help serve those in need. Donny is an incredible example of what it looks like to serve others as Jesus asks and shows us how to do so.

Donny's favorite part about being involved with The City Gate, is the fact that he loves helping people in need. He was very adamant about this. Donnie has a heart of gold and is determined to seek out the Holy Spirit in all he does.

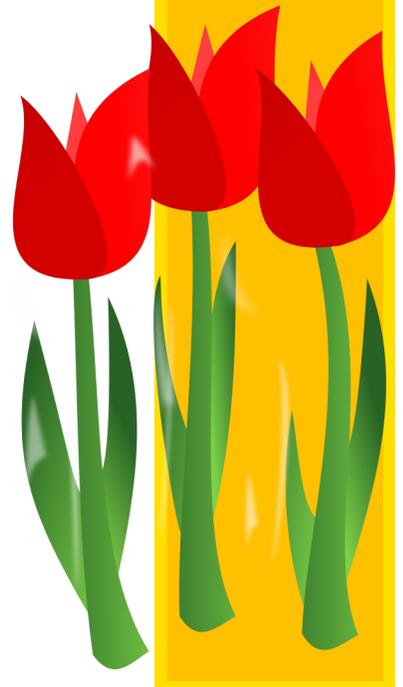
Donny has seen the Food bank grow and progress in many ways. Since he has been here he reports that he has seen more and more people use it.

Natalie from Spokane Regional Health Department works with Second harvest and recently came into City Gate to give different ideas regarding the Food Bank. "She talked about stocking, and how important it is to try and place healthy choices in the front of the Food Bank so people see that and hopefully fill their baskets with healthy choices first." says Donny. She took pictures and notes of what she considered to be a prime example of what a Food Bank should look like. Donnie is obviously very skilled at organization to say the least.

"It is by the Spirit of God and by word of mouth of people that are blessed by the Food Bank, that brings success to City Gate's Food Bank." Here, Donny immediately gives credit to God in the Food Bank's success. He gave Glory to God so casually and effortlessly, this is how we should give praise to our great God.

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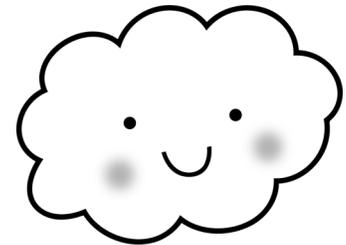


### The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko, director/office mgr.
- James Gulbranson, assistant director/security
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station/kitchen
- Parris Wentz, kitchen/newsletter
- David Elliot, cook
- David LaMoureaux, Soulutions
- Kathy Gibbons, Front desk
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.

Donny's interview continued...

Donnie stated, "The City Gate is simply a good place to be." He feels it is a great church to come to. "The City Gate has taught me how to serve others. Being selfless and thinking more for others is important to me." Donnie goes on to say, "Like the people we serve here at City Gate, I also, came from off the streets. I did not have it nearly as bad as some, but despite this, The City Gate has helped me focus my life towards the Lord and I am very thankful for that."



### The Alberta House

February marked my two year anniversary of when I took the roll as The Alberta House Apartment's manager. With the same Vision as City Gate, "to Reclaim, Rebuild, and Restore Lost and Broken Lives", I believe we will do just that one life at a time. We want this to be a place to call home and feel the same. Great things are happening at the Alberta House. Tenants are enrolling in college for the first time, and receiving their college degrees to landing their first job in years. Most of all, our tenants have been clean and sober now for over a year. Tenants are blossoming, breaking out of their shells and working hard to become who God has called them to be. It is all a beautiful process. Although we are blessed, we also, have some needs we want to share. We need new or used dressers, two person dinner tables and chairs, home decorations as well as a flat screen TV.

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

God bless,

Management: Elisha P. Shelton

### Please PRAY for:

- Mary
- Tracy
- Ben
- Vickie and Jimmy
- Neil
- Tennessee
- Jane and Ron
- Jordan

# Word from the board

By: Bill Davis, President of the Board

As you read this newsletter, Soul u Tions will be near completion and occupancy! Praise The Lord. You may ask, “What is Soul u Tions?” Last November we had to ask the tenant occupying the south half of our first floor to vacate the premises. Then, some of our staff got together with The Lord to seek His direction. Soul u Tions was the answer. This facility will provide a meeting place for AA and NA groups. It will be open all day, every day so these groups can meet. It will also, be a neighborhood, “coffee shop/espresso bar”, for inner city people to sit and visit even when City Gate is not open. Much of the remodel work has been done by volunteers! Our Lord, has had His hand in this entire project:. Painters donated their time, Avista underwrote the lighting, Alberta House tenants did much of the “demo” work, Gonzaga donated chairs/tables/cabinets etc. from their recently closed student center on Hamilton, and the list goes on! Once Soul u Tions is open and running, please come by to see it in person. There will be some musical entertainment from time to time also. We will keep you posted as to when we are opening. Thank you all who have supported this project.

Last year we applied for grants from several sources and received \$27,250! Praise The Lord! AGAIN! He does support The City Gate, I believe, because you all support this ministry of His. Without your prayers, your volunteer hours, donations of food and clothing, and dollars, we cannot open the doors. We have a dedicated staff, some of whom have been saved from addiction by God. They serve at City Gate because they know that they can help our clientele as they were helped in the past. They are not paid much above the minimum wage, but they love His ministry and the people who come through the front door. Every person who comes in has a story to tell. In many cases, all they wish for is someone to listen and understand—and love them! We serve a population that much of society prefers to ignore. I have posted on my computer Hebrews 13:16, “And do not forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.” Again, thank you all for your support of His ministry. We are “Reclaiming, Rebuilding and Restoring”, the lost and broken lives of Spokane’s most undeserved community members. We are a hub for services and support. In addition to providing for people’s basic needs of food and clothing, our comprehensive approach endeavors to support the social, mental, and emotional well being of those who use our services.

Please continue to support and pray for this ministry.

Bill Davis President of the Board

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**Matthew 11:28**

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***Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayonnaise in bulk***

***Pepper***

***Sugar***



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*