



The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives



August 2018

For 19 years, First Presbyterian of Spokane has lead of summer group of KWAM students, Kids With A Mission. For all 19 years, these kids have walked from their church in downtown Spokane to The City Gate to include us in their mission. Marching down 3rd ave, a parade of kids can be seen carrying boxes and bags. They will arrive at The City Gate, excited to share what they have prepared and delivered to our friends. This is also a time for our kitchen staff, who work tirelessly day after day, to enjoy a well deserved reprieve. Our kitchen staff can rest, because our neighbors, KWAM, have brought with them a sack lunch for each and every person coming in that afternoon. Once lunch is distributed, the students divide amongst the tables of guests, and bring out a selection of board games. Such a simple way to brighten a day! Lunch, fellowship and games. An afternoon well spent for all who are there. For me, it is beautiful to watch. Smiles can be seen around the room. As the day winds down, food is finished & winners are determined in the games being played. Time for this parade of young servants to begin their march back to their church. We have been infinitely blessed by their time and gifts and yet, as they leave, THEY THANK US for welcoming them in to our ministry. This is a partnership nearing 2 decades of consistent service. I will anxiously await the summer of 2019, when we serve alongside group #20!



**See page 2 for messages from the kids who came to serve,
and their leader, Meg...**

A card of thanks from KWAM and some of the words written inside...

“This is KWAM’s 19th summer camp. As long as there has been a KWAM, we have had a relationship with The City Gate! Each year on the end of the week evaluations we ask kids if the mission sites we work on are important, tangible & if we should get back to. This year, our camper, Sophie B summed up The City Gate in this way- ‘It’s like family. We’re comfortable with them. You can learn from them.’ I love this. It’s so true!! Thank you for inspiring our kids to love Christ though loving people.” ~ Meg, camp coordinator (14 years)

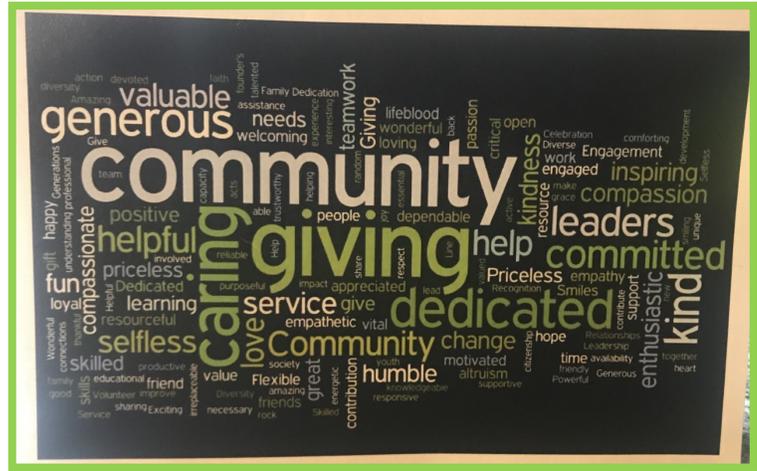
“Thank you so much for giving us the privilege to work here. I loved getting to know all the homeless people and their stories. Thank you for letting us help.” ` Sophia

“Thank you for letting us stay and serve!” ~Madi

“What a great experience! You have an amazing team at The City Gate. Very inspiring.” ~Julie

“Working in the kitchen is AWESOME!” ~ Hannah

“Thank you for letting us come and play games and hand out lunches.” ~Julian

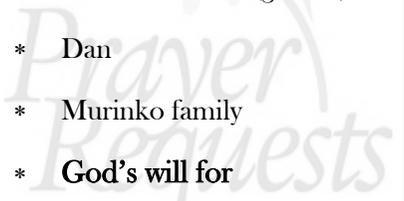


Our Kitchen is requesting simple cafeteria trays, similar to those pictured below. To have trays will make it much easier, and way less messy, for our guests to get their food from the kitchen to their table. They have been for purchase online. If you need some help in finding which ones or where to find them, *call Eric Tues-Fri 10-3 @ 455-9670*. He has done some research to simplify the search for you.



Please pray for

- * Finances
- * Our board of directors
- * Dale
- * Olivia
- * Ruthie’s Corner (growth)
- * Dan
- * Murinko family
- * God’s will for this ministry



June Foodbank Statistics

Households served ~201

Individuals served ~230

**TOTAL POUNDS SERVED...
6,650**

* food bank stats DO NOT reflect the meals served from the kitchen

THE CITY GATE STAFF

John Murinko, Pastor

James Gulbranson

Kathy Gibbons

Dave Volluz

Buffie Harmon

Jimmy Hahn

Dale Sanchez

Misti Santos

Robert Santos

Eric Murinko

Elisha Shelton



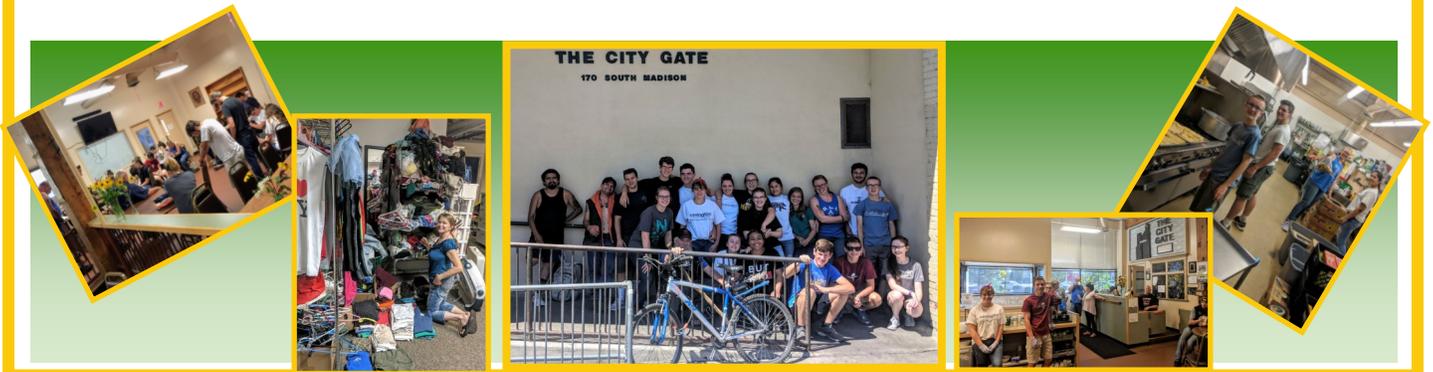
The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40



A mid-July visit from New Hope Student Ministries, from Kent, WA was exactly what The City Gate needed. Both staff and guests were delighted by their gifts of service. The

group of teens and leaders came in 20 strong, prepared for whatever came at them for the duration of our work week. In the spirit of inner-city ministry, New Hope Students tackled everything from sitting and making new friends to painting our ENTIRE FOYER. Taking turns, each member got to experience clothing bank, food bank, kitchen prep and serving, serving coffee and of course all the icky cleaning chores. No complaints. Only an eagerness to serve. As greatly as we were blessed by their visit, I have no doubt that each and every student and leader left with a new or renewed passion for serving those less fortunate. You see, that is the beauty of serving in our inner city...no one leaves lesser than they came. Thank you for your time serving beside us!





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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

Time to think about winter prep

Sorry to burst your bubble, but its true. We must plan ahead here. Nights will be cold soon. Looking to build a winter supply before we are caught off guard. Common items we anticipate running short on:

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| Heavy socks | Gloves |
| Hats/Scarves | Hand warmers |
| Heavy coats | Winter boots |

*** Donated items can be dropped off at 170 S Madison Tues-Fri 10-3. 455-9670**

Don't forget Ruthie's is on Facebook...

Ruthie's Corner Espresso

Drink specials, promotions and our latest creations posted on here.

If you've already "liked" our page, please share and invite your friends. 100% of Ruthie's proceeds come back to THE CITY GATE. **Get coffee. Give hope.**

1102 W 2nd AVE.

Corner of 2nd & Madison



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