



**WEST SIDE  
CATHOLIC  
CENTER**



**SPRING 2014**

## **WSCC MAKE-OVER:** *Clothing and Household Distribution Room Transformation*

The Drop-In Center Clothing and Household Distribution program was fortunately selected for a pro-bono room makeover by members of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO). Each January, members of NAPO across the nation give back to local communities during Get Organized (GO) Month by spearheading events that help the community and allow NAPO members to do what they do best – organize.

Sandy Deem of Deem Designs, a member of the North Coast Ohio Chapter of NAPO and the local event GO Chair, was familiar with WSCC having worked at Saint Ignatius High School. She suggested to her fellow GO committee members – Eileen Adkins, Lean on Me Organizing, LLC, Teena Snyder, Organized Results, LLC,

and Leslie Podolsky, Organized by Design, LLC – that WSCC’s Clothing and Household Distribution Program room would be a great and worthy fit for this year’s GO “revamp” recipient.

an idea to reach out to another member of the NAPO community.

Enter Kathy Pietrick, who owns the Closet Factory with her husband Bob. Kathy and Bob were thrilled at the



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- March 9** Friends Annual Benefit
- April 3** Associate Board Social
- April 18** Drop-In Center/ Admin. Office Closes @ 12 PM
- April 24** Volunteer Appreciation Event
- May 26** Drop-In Center/ Admin. Office Closed
- May 31** WSCC 5K Race
- June 9** WSCC Golf Event

**For more calendar information visit the West Side Catholic Center’s website!**

“Helping the West Side Catholic Center was just a natural fit for NAPO,” Sandy said. “We help people de-clutter their homes and businesses and in doing so find clothes, blankets, and housewares that need to be donated. It just made sense for us to help streamline the process of getting donations to those in need.”

First on the agenda was coming up with a game plan on how to best improve the area. Hanging racks were purchased at a minimal cost from a menswear outlet’s close-out sale and all of the adult clothes were transferred from their cubby holes onto hangers. For shelving and infrastructural units, committee member Teena Snyder had

an invitation to help and enthusiastically stepped up to donate all of the hanging units for the Distribution Room. Kathy and Bob’s extremely generous donation of shelving units and systems for children’s and babies clothes, household items, shoes, and even waterfall racks for handbags took the project to a whole new level. Kathy and Bob additionally sent their employees to do all of the installation.

On January 6, after a week-long transformation by the dedicated team of NAPO and Closet Factory employees, WSCC’s Distribution Room was ready for the unveil.

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## DIRECTOR'S DIALOGUE: *Reflection*

### *Service in the face of challenges.*



An attitude of gratitude is what I strive to live by, but I have to admit, giving thanks for a new day is always a bit more challenging the first months of the year, when dark skies and frigid temperatures greet you as you walk outside in the morning. It just seems more natural to be happy in the summertime, when the sun is shining, the birds are singing and - as the song goes - the living is easy.

But as this seemingly endless winter has progressed, I have noticed an interesting phenomenon; the more fierce the weather is on the outside, the greater the spirit that prevails inside the walls of the West Side Catholic Center.

So many mornings during these past weeks of the polar vortex, I have come in prepared to put aside my administrative duties to cook and serve food in place of the volunteers that I thought would not be able to make it in. But more often than not, I underestimated those who come to serve at WSCC. Throughout this winter our volunteers did not only make it in, they made it in with huge smiles, animatedly sharing stories of their daring drives in while eagerly attacking their tasks as personal shoppers, chefs and servers for the hundreds of cold and hungry clients depending on them.

It made me think of the verse in Corinthians, about how God loves a cheerful giver. This winter, as I have observed the happy faces inside the Drop-In Center that belied the frigid temperatures outside, I wondered if God must love the WSCC between December and March more than any other time.

The truth is that while our services may be needed most in the winter, West Side Catholic Center is a blessing to those in need year round. In 2013 we served over 67,000 meals in the Drop-In Center. Over 6,000 people shopped in our Clothing and Household Distribution room, where all items are free. People continue to come to the WSCC for GED classes, showers, bus tickets, the nurses' clinic, and so many other basic services.

We could not provide many of these services without the countless time given by our volunteers. In 2013 individual and group volunteers served over 36,000 hours; the equivalent of 18 full time staff people.

As we welcome in the spring and anticipate the easier living of summer, we reflect on the past year, the harshness of this winter, and the cheerful spirit of giving that has warmed our humble walls. What happens at the WSCC are truly "Miracles on 32nd Street!" Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Please keep the clients, staff and volunteers in your prayers.

*Anita Cook, Executive Director*

## LEADERSHIP CLEVELAND

Started in 1977 Leadership Cleveland is a flagship program of Cleveland Leadership Center.

Leadership Cleveland, a 10-month leadership development program, engages community leaders to further the growth and development of Greater Cleveland. Candidates are selected based on demonstrated civic



leadership and being established leaders within their profession. The WSCC could not be more proud to have Executive Director, Anita Cook

representing WSCC and the social service community as a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2014. The education and connections Anita will make will broaden her exposure and increase her passion for making a difference in our community.

*Anita will graduate with 69 fellow classmates in early June, 2014.*

## CY PRES:

### Lawyers Giving Back

The words “cy pres” are bringing smiles to many nonprofits in Ohio, including the West Side Catholic Center.

When a class-action lawsuit is settled, plaintiff and defendant agree to a fund amount to pay all class members. Since many class members have moved, passed away, or can't be found, millions of settlement dollars go unclaimed. That settlement money is intended to benefit the class—rather than revert to the wrongdoing defendant—now Ohio lawyers are distributing the millions of dollars of unclaimed class action settlement funds to worthwhile charities in our communities.



WSSC's first cy pres donation came from a firm in Sheffield in the early part of 2012. The law firm of O'Toole, McLaughlin, Dooley and Pecora, (OMDP) recognized that the Identification Crisis Collaboration, a collaboration in Cleveland to assist individuals in acquiring birth certificates and identification, was in need of funding. The firm's success in the settlement of a class-action lawsuit, allowed OMDP to designate WSSC as the beneficiary



Anita Cook receiving cy pres funds from Patrick Perotti of Ohio Lawyers Give Back at the 2013 WHWN.

of cy pres funds totalling \$315,000. The proceeds have been used by the collaboration to help thousands of disadvantaged individuals obtain proper identification documents and other records needed to confirm personal information often required by various public and private agencies.



Ohio Lawyers Give Back was founded by Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A. to promote the use of unclaimed cy pres funds as a means to support nonprofits in Ohio.

Patrick Perotti, a partner from Dworken & Bernstein, attended the 2013 WSSC Warm Hearts Winter Nights benefit in order to present the WSSC with a donation of \$50,609 to benefit the programs of the WSSC.

WSSC Advancement Staff applied in 2013 for Cy Pres funds that were being distributed by The Honor Project Trust.



The purpose of The Honor Project is to identify charitable organizations who demonstrate societal impact in the State of Ohio and to distribute grants to those entities selected. A portion of The Honor Project grant making process is specifically targeted toward charitable organizations that demonstrate a significant impact on employment related issues.

WSSC applied to The Honor Project for funding for the WSSC Employment Program. A program initiated to help clients with significant barriers to get training, mentoring and assistance in acquiring and maintaining employment for sustainable income.

WSSC was notified in December, 2013 that they received \$50,000 (the full amount allotted to any organization) in the first tier of nonprofits funded by The Honor Project.

*To date, WSSC has received over \$450,000 in cy pres funds to benefit our clients and the community we continue to serve.*

## WANT TO ALWAYS HAVE CURRENT WSSC INFORMATION?

WSSC always has new information to share regarding programs, upcoming dates, news stories and links to local media reporting on WSSC's work in the community. To stay in touch be sure to like, read and click often.

To sign up for newsletters, see current calendars, donate or volunteer go to [www.wscenter.org](http://www.wscenter.org).

To Friend us on Facebook go to [facebook.com/westsidecatholiccenter](https://facebook.com/westsidecatholiccenter).

To tweet about us use [@wscenter](https://twitter.com/wscenter).

To watch our latest 2013 videos visit [youtube.com/user/wscenter](https://youtube.com/user/wscenter).

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

### Thoughts from Joe Krivos



Joe Krivos volunteered as a seminarian freshman from Notre Dame University's Center for Social Concerns Summer Service Learning Program. For over 10 years a student from Notre Dame has spent a semester volunteering at WSCC.

Throughout my time at the WSCC I came to work with many amazing people. The volunteers, staff and clients immediately welcomed me as one of their own.

The first few days were overwhelming, as I tried to understand all of the programs of the WSCC and meet the people I would be working with. Soon, the routine became clear, and friendships were formed. The entire WSCC community became another family into which I had the distinct pleasure of becoming a part of.

I will never be able to fully express all my gratitude to each person whose presence I came to value. My experience at the WSCC Drop-In Center has changed me for the better in so many ways and I can never thank you all enough.

Service is being a voice for the voiceless in society, an ear for those with no one to hear them and a heart through which Jesus can make His loving presence felt. Graduating from The Sidewalk University is the greatest distinction in service I will ever receive.

## IN MEMORY OF:

Recently the WSCC lost two very remarkable advocates and volunteers.

Husband and wife team, Helen and Gerry Cohan, volunteered on Thursdays at the WSCC Drop-In Center for over 30 years. That is 30 years worth of clothes folded, meals prepared and clients helped.

Helen was the 2008 recipient of the WSCC's Dorothy Day Humanitarian Award for service.

Gerry was 97 years old and passed away on November 5. Helen, 94, passed away on January 12, after 70 years of marriage.

They were not only faithful volunteers at the WSCC but devoted parishioners of St. Christopher in Rocky River. Their service to the Church and community was exemplary.



Helen and Gerry's love and service throughout the years are an inspiration to all of us. They will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

## SPRING WISH LIST:

### Gifts from the Heart

Thank you for your donations of new and gently used items.

WSCC accepts donations  
Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 2:30PM.

#### Clothing

Spring Clothing  
Socks/Underwear/Bras  
Raincoats  
*\*Plus sizes always needed*

#### Baby/Toddler Items

Diapers (esp. larger sizes)  
Baby Wipes  
*New* Car Seats  
*New* Pack-And-Plays

#### Household Items

Umbrellas  
Towels  
Pots and Pans  
Inflatable Mattresses  
Silverware/Dishes  
Radios  
Irons  
Clocks

#### Miscellaneous

Duffle Bags/Backpacks

#### Toiletries

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Soap/Body Wash  
Deodorant  
Disposable Razors  
Lotion

#### Children's Items

Sleeping Bags (*for camp*)  
School Supplies

## CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Passages** is a volunteer mentor group working with our Zacchaeus Clients. Volunteer groups are linked with a family exiting homelessness to provide support. It is a year-long commitment.

If you are interested contact Volunteer Manager, Terrie Garr, at 216-631-4741 ext. 122.

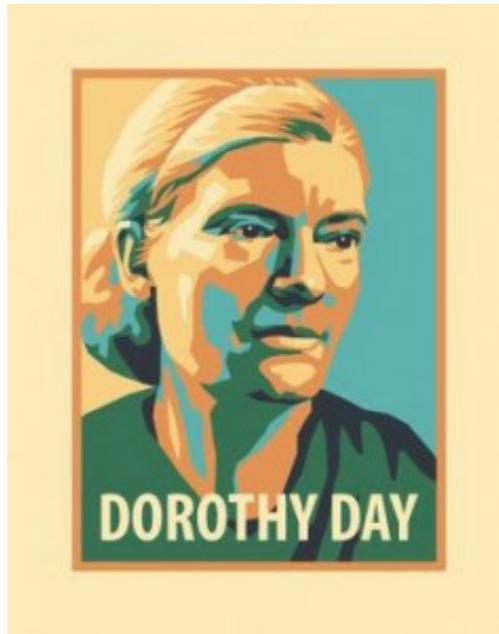
## APRECIATING VOLUNTEERS IS YEAR-ROUND:

### *But Celebrated in April*

April is National Volunteer Appreciation month. Here, at WSCC, volunteers serve as the backbone of our organization. With a small professional staff of thirty-five, we could not fulfill our mission without the dedicated volunteers who serve our program.

Thanks to more than 500 WSCC volunteers, we are able to continue to fulfill our mission to provide all who come in need with food, clothing, shelter and advocacy.

Volunteering for WSCC creates lifelong friendships, and rewards of immeasurable value. But most importantly, it gives volunteers the greatest opportunity of all – to



embrace diversity, compassion and acceptance by their presence alone.

WSCC appreciates the hard work, patience and dedication, and hope of all our volunteers.

WSCC will be celebrating and recognizing the exceptional efforts of the volunteers on April 24, 2014. The annual Dorothy Day Humanitarian Award will be presented to an exceptional volunteer, along with recognition of milestones and hours served.

*Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve, you only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.*

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## GIVING COMES IN ALL FORMS

### *Bucket Brigade*

WSCC would like to share a new in-kind donation opportunity.

Many Case Managers put together relief kits for clients. These supply kits help provide necessary items for people during times of crisis or change. Kits include; Moving-In Kits, School-Supply Backpacks, Bedding Kits and Cleaning Supplies Buckets.

These packages are distributed to families moving into a new home from our Women and Children's Shelter or Zachaeus Housing Solutions Program; children starting the school year need the necessary supplies, and those who need basic bedding supplies to keep warm and covered during the night.

These kits help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies. They provide vital support for WSCC's clients and make a tangible difference in people's lives.

The Friends of the WSCC have been creating "Friends Coming" and "Friends Going" kits for the women entering or exiting our Women and Children's Shelter. Their kits include all the bedding necessities needed while at the Shelter and then the items needed to start up a home as they exit the Shelter (pots and pans, dishes, silverware, alarm clocks, coffee makers, etc.).

St. Raphael's Women's Guild has started to put together Cleaning Supply Buckets for our Zachaeus Housing Solutions clients to receive as they move into their new homes, but their generosity is not meeting the demand for these kits.

Without donors like the Friends and St. Raphael's WSCC clients would not be able to have the means to acquire these basic supplies.

If you are interested in creating kits, contact the In-Kind Donations Manager, Terrie Garr at 216-631-4741 extension 122.



#### CLEANING SUPPLY BUCKETS

Families leaving homelessness rarely have money to purchase the necessary items for cleaning and maintaining their home. Some donor groups will put together Cleaning Supplies Buckets to welcome them into their new homes.

#### SUGGESTED LIST OF ITEMS:

- Bucket
- Mop
- Broom
- Window Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags
- Bleach
- Scrub Brushes
- Wash Clothes
- Bath Mat
- Dish Rack

# NEWS BRIEFS

## CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE: Distribution Room Makeover

And clients like Fayolanda Ambler would be in for a most pleasant surprise.

"I've been coming to the WSCC for clothes since 2002," Fayolanda said. "Back then, you had to get in line at 4:30 in the morning if you wanted a chance to get a ticket to come in and get clothes. With all of the clothes on hangers and the room looking the way it does – I just love it!" Fayolanda said. "Thanks to the WSCC I can get the things I need and use what money I have from a fixed income to pay other bills."

And this is why the West Side Catholic Center is here -- to provide clients like Fayolanda with the things they need. And with the highest quality friends like Sandy Deem, Kathy and Bob Pietrick, and all of the wonderful local NAPO GO team members, WSCC will always remain committed to providing the highest quality things.



## MOBILE PANTRY: Distribution Increased

Vegetables are so important to a well balanced diet. We already know that people on limited incomes struggle to get enough fresh vegetables in their diets because they lack access or fresh produce is just too expensive for their budget.

### *That is where we can help!*

The West Side Catholic Center's Mobile Pantry program is providing our community with nutritious food - including potatoes, cabbage, onions, apples, watermelons, greens oranges, bread and other products on a **monthly, and now, weekly basis**. All produce distributions are free and open to anyone who wishes to come. They take place generally on the last Saturday of the month from 10AM-12PM and every Monday from 1-3PM.

**Monthly Saturday Dates: March 29, April 26, May 17, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 and December 20.**

## FROM THE WSCC KITCHEN: Easter Hot Cross Buns Recipe

Christians adopted hot cross buns as a special bread to be made and eaten on Good Friday.

### HOT CROSS BUNS

12 oz. evaporated milk  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 1/1 tsp. yeast  
1 egg, beaten  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp nutmeg  
5 cups all-purpose flour

1. Preheat oven to 350F degrees. Lightly oil baking sheet.
2. Stir milk and butter in large bowl. Stir in sugar, salt and yeast, until sugar dissolved.
3. Mix in egg, cinnamon and nutmeg, then flour one cup at a time until dough is formed. Knead dough for 5 minutes.
4. Put dough in greased bowl and turn to grease all sides of dough. Cover and let rise for 1 hour.
5. Knead out air bubbles from dough.
6. Divide dough into 9 large or 12 small balls, and shape into rolls.
7. Place on baking sheet, cover and let rise for 30-45 minutes or until double in size.
8. Slash X on each bun top.
9. Bake for 45 minutes or until done.
10. Add icing if desired.

## 2014 FUNDRAISING EVENT DATES

March 9	Friends Annual Benefit @ La Centre in Westlake
April 3	Associate Board Recruitment Social @ Wine Bar in Ohio City
May 31	WSCC 5K Race @ WSCC through Ohio City
June 9	WSCC Golf Event @ Westwood Country Club
August 23	Associate Board Sips & Swigs Event @ 78th Street Creative Studios
November 8	Warm Hearts Winter Nights @ Westin Downtown Cleveland

For more information on sponsorships, donations or attendance for these events email [info@wsccenter.com](mailto:info@wsccenter.com).



## 5K RUN 1 MILE WALK & PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

**BENEFITING WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER**  
WSCC THROUGH OHIO CITY | PARKING AT ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

- 8:00AM ►► Race Day Registration  
9:00AM ►► 5K Run  
9:05AM ►► 1 Mile Walk  
9:30AM ►► Free Pancake Breakfast

### PRE-REGISTRATION BY MAY 30

Individual [\$20]  
Group of 4 [\$70]  
12 and Under [\$10]

### RACE DAY REGISTRATION FOR ALL [\$25]

### Online Registration

[www.hermescleveland.com](http://www.hermescleveland.com)

Registration Questions: 216.623.9933

Sponsorship/Donation Questions: 216.631.4741

## DONOR GRATITUDE

WSCC EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR THE RECENT DONATIONS MADE IN HONOR/MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

### In Honor:

Fr. Don Dunson  
Tim Evans  
M. Colette Gibbons  
Norelle Gress  
Shane Haddad  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien  
Cy and Audrey Zupan

### In Memoriam:

Helen Cohan  
Alice Flaherty  
Robert Hadney  
Joan Klein  
Mary Anne Kinzly  
Joseph Paterniti  
Leo Ready

## SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING OPPORTUNITES:

WSCC hosts 3 major fundraising events each year: **5K Race**, **Charity Golf Scramble** and **Warm Hearts Winter Nights**. **New this year is the WSCC Associate Board's Sips & Swigs** beertasting event. Each event has opportunities for sponsorships, marketing, and in-kind donations. For more information contact Jennie Highfield, Director of Advancement at [JHighfield@wsccenter.org](mailto:JHighfield@wsccenter.org) or extension 132.

### CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014 / WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

### OUTING INFORMATION

11:00AM ▶▶ Registration  
And Lunch  
12:30PM ▶▶ Shotgun Start  
5:30PM ▶▶ Awards Dinner

#### Contests:

Hole-In-One Challenge  
Chipping Contest  
Longest Drive contest  
Closest to the Pin  
Golf Ball Raffle



#### DUE BY MAY 30

Event Sponsor \$10,000  
Dinner Sponsor \$5,000  
Gold Sponsor \$1,500  
Hole Sponsor \$500  
Team \$1,000  
Individual \$250

#### Online Registration

[www.wsccenter.org/golfouting](http://www.wsccenter.org/golfouting)

#### Questions

216.631-4741 ext. 132

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GIFT / LUNCH / 18 HOLES OF GOLF / CART / CONTESTS / PRIZES / DINNER

## MORE PEOPLE ACCESS OUR SERVICES EVERYDAY

Today you can offer hope, a future and a second chance for those who need it most. When Jesus gave up his worldly possessions, died on the cross and rose again, his story became one of victory and hope.

Like anyone, when the homeless find their world in disarray, they need a place of comfort and safety to help them rebuild it - whether they are chronically homeless, newly homeless or are just keeping a roof over their heads and food to eat.

Like the Easter story, there is hope and prospect of a new life.

Within these walls, the WSCC is committed to transforming the lives of the homeless, hungry - the most vulnerable members of our community.

**But, we can't do it without you.**



In our Drop-In Center we are experiencing a significant increase in clients to serve. Our meals in the Drop-In Center average 175-200 people *each day* at lunch.

Help the poor, discouraged and broken discover hope, a future and a second chance.

**Make a special Easter gift today and open hearts by sponsoring hot meals.**

\$18 - Provides 6 meals & support  
\$28 - Provides 10 meals & support  
\$51 - Provides 18 meals & support  
\$75 - Provides 27 meals & support  
\$100 - Provides 36 meals & support

## YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE IN NEED



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## IT IS OUR MISSION :



West Side Catholic Center is grounded in faith, hope, love and respect for those we serve, we assist all who come in need of food, clothing, shelter, advocacy and a path to self-sufficiency.

*"Jesus knows the countless hungers of man, and He gives of Himself. What a gift, what proof of His love."*

- Mother Theresa

