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Winter Bulletin 2021

PMN Programs

Kate's Kitchen

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Loreto House

51 Hamilton Street, Holyoke
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Margaret's Pantry & St. Jude's Clothing Center

56 Cabot Street, Holyoke
413-538-8026

Broderick House SRO

56 Cabot Street, Holyoke
413-533-5909

McCleary Manor SRO

40 Brightside Drive, Holyoke
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from everyone at Providence Ministries



Letter from the Executive Director Jennie Adamczyk

Love is a Verb

I am writing this letter to you all today, as snow is falling outside my window. There is something so peaceful about falling snow. I am not sure if it is the quiet or stillness, or if it is the blank canvas it creates, but it causes me to see things differently. In the snow, I am more aware of my surroundings, and ordinary things like tree branches, become objects of great beauty beneath the weight of it. While looking out my window

and observing the snow may bring appreciation, it isn't until I put an action to it, I use it, that it is fully enjoyed. Love is a lot like that.

You see, love isn't at its full beauty or potential until it is acted on. Love is a verb.

One of the greatest ways to act on love is to see people, not just a glance, but an acknowledgement of their presence. Much like when we pass a tree branch without a second thought until something causes us to see it differently, like snow.

We serve a population of people that just want to be seen, to be recognized. They want us to see them differently. Not as addicts, not as homeless, not as poor. Those are categories that speak to WHAT they are but say nothing about WHO they are. I saw people waiting in line at Kate's Kitchen today, in the snow and wind. People not dressed for the weather and clearly cold. I can tell you this, there is no free service in the world that would cause people to wait in line in a Nor'easter unless it was vital to their survival. That is where we show up. That is where we act in love.

If we are truly ambitious to love our neighbors as ourselves then it is evident by our actions. Love is an action. It is serving, giving, sacrificing, encouraging, and so much more. Our staff is small, but I can say that each one of them understands the concept of love being a verb. Not everyone can give of their time, would you give of your resources? That is also an act of love. It ensures that the work we are doing continues. That stomachs are full, warm clothing is attained and that sobriety is found. I am asking for you to consider supporting our organization in a way you may not have before. See those we serve with new eyes. Help secure that we are always in a position to ACT, because Love, is a verb.

Jennie Adamczyk

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Resident Spotlight



Meet Todd Seekins

Todd has been a resident at Loreto House since October of 2020 and loves to help out with projects around the house. When asked what he likes about helping and Loreto House he answered

“Volunteering to use my skill keeps my mind busy. An idle mind has caused me to make bad decisions in the past. Living at Loreto House has given me peace and the encouragement to work on my sobriety in a setting that is like having family” Todd, we know you are going to do great things, and we will be cheering you on the entire time!



Volunteer Spotlight



Welcome Carter Adams

Carter is currently a student at Bryant College where he is studying communications. He has been working on our social media platforms and creating content for us across Twitter, Instagram and Tik Tok (don't worry I didn't know what Tik Tok was either....) Carter comes and takes photos, has been getting to know the staff and residents and believes whole heartedly in our mission to help others. He has made it his goal to help get the message of who we are and what we do out to the public, especially the younger generation. We love having you be a part of the team, Carter!



Ways you can partner with us this winter season:

Use Amazon Smile when you do your Shopping and select Providence Ministries as a benefactor.



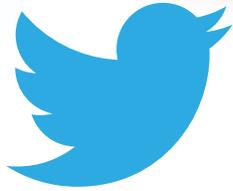
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rebuild lives and nourish hope in our community.

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Volunteers Needed

Come be a part our fulfilling volunteer program at Providence Ministries! We are looking for the following:



Time - if you are retired or furloughed this may be a great way for you to find some purpose!



Student - If you need to do community service for National Honors Society or just want to give back.



Skills - If you have special skills that you would like to use to help bless others.



Companies - If you own a company and would like to donate a service or project we would love to talk to you!

Please call **Stephanie** at **413-533-5909** to get plugged in to the many opportunities at Providence Ministries.



Ambassador Program

We are looking for companies and individuals that would be willing to step alongside us in our mission to feed, clothe and shelter those in need by monetarily supporting our life changing and life sustaining programs at Providence Ministries.

In this new Covid-19 era we have found ourselves at a loss in fundraising, events and sponsorships. We received a check from a local business not, as sponsorship of an event, but a yearly pledge as an Ambassador of Providence Ministries. Would you join them? Are you or

your business able to send a pledge for the year in the amount of \$500, \$1,000 or maybe more? If so please send a check made payable to Providence Ministries and mail to:

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and put Ambassador in the memo. Your yearly contribution will make all the difference.

Love isn't at its full beauty or potential until it is acted on. Act now and help those less fortunate. Here's how you can shine a light and give someone hope and a new beginning.



Host a digital fundraiser: on GoFundMe or Facebook



Consider Amazon Smile when ordering online



Direct your United Way gift by using donor designation



Consider a recurring **monthly** donation



Name Providence Ministries as beneficiary. As you sign up for a race or triathlon consider doing it in our honor



Make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches to offer to our Kate's Kitchen guests as take-aways for their next meal.



Volunteer your time. Special projects like painting or running workshops for our residents, join the fall events planning committee, host a house party to introduce your friends to our work, take a tour to deepen your understanding and affiliation.

PANTRY AND KITCHEN WISH LIST

- nutrient rich canned soups
- tuna fish
- meals-in-a-can (box)
- canned vegetables
- hamburger helper
- canned meats
- pancake mix
- cereals
- tomato sauce
- peanut butter
- baby food
- casseroles & meals
- spices & condiments
- furniture in good condition
- bedroom storage centers including:
 - dressers
 - wardrobes
 - desks
 - chairs
 - mirrors

Thank You!



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The positive, encouraging impact Providence Ministries has had on our community in 2020.

Sober Living

In 2019 **267** men were assisted at our transitional recovery housing program at Loreto House. We were able to provide **8,255** nights of shelter to men dealing with addiction and the issues that arise from addiction such as homelessness and trauma.

46 additional men have enjoyed supportive sober living in our two permanent houses Broderick House and McCleary Manor.

Kate's Kitchen

Served **70,656** individuals a hot nutritious meal 365 days no questions asked in 2019.

20 dedicated volunteers provided casseroles and PB&J along with a host of regular volunteers that assist with the day to day needs of the kitchen.

Margaret's Pantry

Under Margaret's change wording to say: In 2020 we served **22,020** individuals and gave out over **1.8** million pounds of food to those in great need.

St. Jude's

Our Thrift Store, St. Jude's, collaborated with the Department of Social Services to assist over **500** voucher recipients with their individual clothing and household needs. We assisted families & individuals displaced by nearly **35** fires!

We provided Christmas joy to **1,082** children in our adopt-a-family program where we had the privilege of partnering with local companies, churches and organizations.

All this work is made possible by a dedicated team of 6 full time and 2 part time employees plus dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to enhance the mission of Providence Ministries.