



Servants Center helps the mentally ill homeless and poor get off the streets and provides ongoing support with dignity, reflecting Christ's love.

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So Loved by God and Worthy of our Care

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"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Proverbs 31:8-9

Besides spending time out on the streets with homeless individuals, Servants Center also receives referrals for our services from Adult Protective Services, local hospitals, and case management agencies to help vulnerable individuals. Servants Center recently received a referral regarding a young man in need of a guardian. After learning his history, our hearts ached when hearing the troubles this young man has experienced. We agreed to become his guardian. This story is one of many difficult stories that Servants Center encounters on and off the streets.

Let's call him Adam. Adam has schizophrenia and a mild cognitive disorder. His thought process is that of a young teen. While he lived with his dad, he inhaled gasoline often and damaged his frontal cortex. While still a teen, he lit himself on fire. Over 60% of his body is covered in burns. Adam has been in detox treatment for substance misuse, but detox was not effective. Because Adam doesn't understand his illness or how to help himself, he was discharged from the program. Dad couldn't handle him anymore and sent him off to live with his mom.

Adam was eventually kicked out of mom's house. Mom wants no contact because there are still other young siblings in the home. Last year there was an incident where Adam restrained mom for hours. Mom was not hurt, but she was screaming for help for two hours until a neighbor finally called 911. Adam has no boundaries, no understanding of his odd behaviors and how they impact others. He had spent some time in jail after he was found walking around drunk and naked. He's been kicked out of motels, both locally and in neighboring towns. He's burned all those bridges for housing. Adam's continued substance misuse has made his conditions worsen. It is becoming clear that he is not capable of functioning on his own. He was currently living in a tent on State land. The last time Adam was seen drunk and naked, law enforcement picked him up and just brought him back to his tent.

One morning we were contacted about an emergency guardianship hearing scheduled for that same afternoon. Another proposed guardian pulled out at the last minute, citing the difficulty of the case and the work it will take. Yes, Adam will take a lot of work, energy, and patience. He has no income and needs disability benefits. He will need better housing and to be seen frequently. We said we were willing to serve as guardian. We were appointed guardian and began the disability application process. We have him in temporary housing for the time-being. We see him weekly and so far he appears to be stable. We just learned this week that he has been approved and his disability benefits will begin July 1!



Servants Center is known for its willingness to work with individuals that are difficult and turned away by others. Many have become long-time clients. Adam is SO precious in God's eyes. We have to look upon each individual we meet with the eyes and heart of our Lord. Adam is valuable to HIM, so Adam is of value to us and worthy of our care.



Helping the mentally ill homeless get off and stay off the streets

"I Got New Teeth!"

Tim had been missing some front teeth for quite some time. We were finally able to get him in to see a dentist to be evaluated for bridge



work. He was excited to learn that he would be able to have the work done. After the last trip home, he turned to us and gave us a big grin and said, "I can smile now!"

Thank you for the gifts!

A BIG thank you to the Calvary Church Choir and Orchestra for all the Christmas gifts they provided for Servants Center clients last December. Their generosity made a difference for so many! You all are SO awesome!

Kenny had to put everything on the moment he opened his gift!



I like the card too!

Food on the Road

Got some **McDonalds** and **Burger King** gift cards to share?

We are running individuals to and from doctor, dentist, or psych appointments daily. Often these appointments cause the individuals to miss a meal. They usually don't have extra cash to buy food on the road. By having one of these gift cards handy, we will be able to take them through drive-thru and buy them food so they don't miss a meal.

Card values from \$15-\$25 will be MOST welcome! Thank you!



Paul sent us this scripture verse recently. He struggles with manic depression (Bipolar). He says without Hope, all is lost!

"Why, my soul, are you down-cast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 43:5

Please help us expand our services so we may help more homeless and mentally ill individuals.

Will you consider making a regular monthly or quarterly gift?

Additional Staff Needed

We are looking to add to our team. Kait left when her dream job with at-risk youth opened up. We are continuing to get referrals for our services. The need is so great!

We'd like to add an additional Client Services Specialist to our staff. Will you help us with this?

If you would like to underwrite part or all of this position, we would love to hear from you! Email us at scgr@scgr.org or call us at 616-456-8512.



Living under a highway overpass

THANK YOU! A very generous donor wanted to help Servants Center with our need to purchase a 2nd vehicle. This is a huge blessing, as we are out and about daily going every which way transporting clients to appointments. We bought a 2019 vehicle with only 17,000 miles!

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