



Open Door Mission, Inc.
156 N. Plymouth Avenue
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**Who helped Tangie find
a place to call home?
You did ... thank you!**



Your Thanksgiving newsletter enclosed.

FROM _____

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Thank you for helping
hungry, hurting people.
May God bless you!

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Dear **Salutation**,

Thanksgiving at Open Door Mission is a joyful time, thanks to your generosity! When you look out at the tables full of people enjoying a meal and sharing prayers ... it is a wonderful experience.

From the moment someone walks in these doors, they are welcomed like family and offered a hot meal. Most who come do not have anyone to lean on. But that changes quickly for those who draw close to Jesus Christ. Desperation turns to hope because of your giving heart!

Without you, we could not give what many are searching for: hope, a new life and an eternal relationship with God.

I am thankful for you. I appreciate you, and so does everyone who comes through our doors.

Sincerely,

Anna Valeria-Iseman
CEO

P.S. I pray that you and your family have a joy-filled Thanksgiving with loved ones. And please consider a donation to help us serve more of our hungry neighbors this Thanksgiving. Thank you!

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To send a gift please tear off the card below and mail it with your gift, or donate online at www.OpenDoorMission.com. Thank you!

Yes, here is a gift to continue God's work. Use it to provide meals, shelter and care for those in need.

Please correct your name and address if necessary.

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I've enclosed a gift of:

- ☐ \$26.30 for 10 meals or care.
- ☐ \$39.45 for 15 meals or care.
- ☐ \$66.75 for 25 meals or care.
- ☐ \$131.50 for 50 meals or care.
- ☐ \$_____ to serve as many people as possible.

To use your credit card or give online, please see other side. Please make checks payable to **Open Door Mission**. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Your email for Mission updates

Join Us for our Annual Hope Lives Breakfast

**Thursday, September 29th at 7:30 a.m.
Locust Hill Country Club**

You can still get tickets to our annual Hope Lives Breakfast! 2022 marks our 70th anniversary of service to the Rochester community and we are celebrating at our breakfast! Please join us for a morning of hope as we listen to the testimony of those we have served and honor heroes who have made our work possible.

We are excited to have Dr. Ben Carson as our featured speaker.

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Carson served as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, a position he assumed when he was just 33 years old, becoming the youngest major division director in the hospital's history. In 1987, he successfully performed the first separation of craniopagus twins conjoined at the back of the head. He most recently served as the 17th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. During his tenure as HUD Secretary, he had an unprecedented record of helping faith based organizations, like Open Door Mission.

We are thankful for the many sponsors of this event, including our Dove sponsor – Faber Home Builders.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.opendoormission.com.
For more information, please contact Kate Munzinger at kmunzinger@opendoormission.com.



Dr. Ben Carson



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Thank you for helping our hurting neighbors!

How to send your gift:

- BY CHECK made payable to **Open Door Mission**
- BY DONATING ONLINE at www.OpenDoorMission.com
- BY TEXTING Open Door to **(585) 207-3077**
- BY CREDIT CARD (please fill out the information below)

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Director's Message



Anna Valeria-Iseman
CEO

*Behold, how
good and
pleasant it is
when brothers
dwell in unity!*

— Psalm 133:1, ESV

Thankful to be Together

Dear Friend,

When God said in Genesis 2:18 that it's not good for man to be alone, He was emphasizing the significance of relationships: family, marriage, friends, church, neighborhoods ... all the social ties that bind us together.

That is especially true during the holiday season, which is just around the corner.

Most of those coming here have experienced broken relationships. Many have never had strong and healthy relationships to begin with. For them, Thanksgiving is just another day ... unless they spend it at the Open Door Mission.

Here, after celebrating the holiday around the table, we invite those who are homeless or alone to take the first steps out of isolation, and into a relationship with God. In our program, they will learn to repair, build and maintain positive, healthy relationships. In time, with God's blessing, they will realize the joy of living with — and for — others, making meaningful contributions to our community. They will have the confidence and support they need to lead productive, satisfying lives again.

That is truly something to be thankful for!

And we are thankful for you. You are a valued member of our family this Thanksgiving and always. If you have any time and would like to volunteer with us this holiday season, please sign up for a volunteer opportunity on our website at www.opendoormission.com. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Anna Valeria-Iseman
CEO

We're Hiring!



Democrat & Chronicle

If you want to make a difference with your work, please consider joining our team! Open Door Mission was recently voted a "top workplace" among area employers.

For list of open positions, visit:

opendoormission.com/job-opportunities

You Gave Tangie and her Son a Peaceful Place

“Coldwater House felt like home.”

Tangie never forgot how good it felt to have a place of her own. When she lost her house to a foreclosure, she also lost her sense of stability and direction. Along with her teenage son, she stayed with various friends and family members, “hopping from house to house.”

Finally, settling in with a friend, Tangie thought her days of drifting were over. But after an argument, she and her son were on the street ... and they had worn out all their welcomes. They went to a local shelter but maxed out their stay at three months. Then Tangie heard about Open Door Mission and Coldwater House.

“Open Door helped us so much. Everyone was so supportive,” Tangie tells us. “There were house meetings and I’d meet with my case manager. I had people who listened to what was going on with me. The other women staying there were good listeners. They’d been through what I was going through.”

Even more important, she says, “After being in the shelter, Coldwater House felt like home. We got to meet the other women and their children. It was like a family there. We felt at peace.”

Tangie and her son appreciated being able to live according to their work and school schedules, relax in a family-oriented setting in the evenings and even cook their own meals. Being in a Christian environment and attending Bible studies was another big plus for Tangie. “I am a true believer in God, so



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Just a few months after coming to Coldwater House, Tangie and her son moved into their own apartment. Their “house-hopping” days behind them, they are enjoying their new lives. Tangie is currently a bus monitor, studying for her CDL to become a driver. Looking further ahead, she hopes to return to college and complete her degree in child psychology. “I’d like to be a counselor or something of that nature,” she says.

Tangie knows she wouldn’t have hope for the future — or a home — without your support for Open Door Mission. “God has put it on your heart to give, and I’m grateful. He put Open Door here to bless us.”

Thanksgiving is coming ... and we’re expecting a crowd!

Last Thanksgiving, we gave out over 200 food boxes to those in need in our community and served hundreds of guests at our Samaritan House. This year should be just as busy, if not more so — will you help?

Please help us feed all who are in need this holiday season by dropping off any of these items.

Donations can be dropped off at our Caring Center located on 156 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY 14608.



Coming Soon: Miller Building Grand Opening

Last October, we broke ground on the renovation of our Miller Building. Now the Grand Opening is right around the corner!

This building, which we owned and used for storage, will soon provide 24 permanent supportive apartments for homeless, single adults. Our partners in this project, Hamilton-Stern Construction and Passero Associates, have worked hard to turn our vision into a reality.

Please watch for more information on Open Door Mission's Miller Building Grand Opening on Facebook and Instagram!



Generosity for Generations

When children arrive at Open Door Mission, they don't know it will change their life ... and the lives of the children and grandchildren they'll have one day.

They just know they have a plate of hot food in front of them and a warm bed to sleep in. They also have friends to play with and people to help them with their schoolwork.

But you know the lasting impact your gifts have on everyone we serve, including those who will reside in the Miller Building apartments. You know they break the cycle of poverty, transforming individuals and our community.

Please consider including Open Door Mission in your will, so you can continue to provide a place for more hurting people for generations to come.

Contact Kate Munzinger at (585) 645-0704 for more information on leaving a legacy.

