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VISION STATEMENT:

PFS SEEKS TO PROVIDE, IN A CHRISTIAN MANNER, THE NECESSARY CARE AND NEEDS TO THE INDIVIDUAL THAT WILL GIVE HOPE FOR A BETTER LIFE.

DIRECTOR'S GREETING

"Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all making mention of you in our prayers; Remember without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. I Thessalonian 1:1b-3

God's Blessing to My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord continues to answer our prayer requests through each of you. No matter how great or small, each request answered is gigantic to PFS and the clients we serve. As you continue to be the vessel that God uses; may His outpouring of abundance be in your life to meet your needs and answer your prayers too.

We were blessed to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Thomases Family Endowment of the Jewish Federation to help with the Pathway to Stability Program towards utility service that will be in disconnect or have been shut off. A \$13,000 grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio has been received for our Elderly in Crisis Program. Although this seems like a lot; it goes faster than the needs of the community (which are increasing at an alarming rate). We are available to do a PFS PowerPoint Presentation to you group. Please call the office to set up to set up a day and time. We are eternally grateful for your support. All Praises to God!

In His Service, Jackie

Read article and support 2015 fundraising projects:

1. Support our "Spaghetti Dinner".
2. Support our Feast of Salads/Fashion Show
3. Support our Christmas "Adopt a Family" project through one of your church Mission groups.

We are grateful for your loving and unending partnership.
In Christian love and appreciation as we serve.

2015 FUNDRAISERS

All proceeds used to meet our client's needs.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

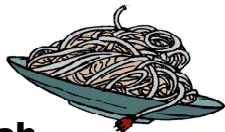
Sunday, September 20th
(CARRY OUT available)

Disciples Christian Church

565 Boardman-Canfield Rd., Boardman

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

\$7.00 Adult / \$5.00 Children 6-12 yrs.



2015 CROP WALK

Sunday, October 11th

Are you ready to join in again?

We need your support to help continue the fight to prevent hunger in the valley.

Get sponsors to PLEDGE, join a group of friends, ask church mission groups, etc. and help the challenge! SEE YOU THERE!



FEAST OF SALADS / FASHION SHOW

Saturday, October 24th

First Presbyterian Church
201 Wick Ave., Youngstown
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

\$20.00 per person



CLIENT NEEDS

Personal Care Products – Men's & Women's Laundry/Dish Detergent, Bus Passes, Paper Products, Cleaning Supplies, Disposable Razors, Gasoline Cards, Disposable Diapers Boy/Girl sizes 4 & 5, Adult Diapers Men and Women: S/M/L/XL. Please consider a donation to help our clients. As always, food donations are needed and welcome.

OFFICE NEEDS

Postage Stamps & Brown Bags

Reams of 28 lb. White - 8-1/2 x 11
(for newsletter cover).

Reams of 20 lb. White/Color Paper - 8-1/2 x 14
"Turntable" Scrabble Boards - 8-1/2 x 11



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Welcome to all our volunteers, old and new! I would like you all to know how much you are appreciated. Without **YOU** the office would not run so smooth; and many would go without help. Thank you for saying YES when I call – please keep passing on your good hearts. Remember to mark your calendar with dates you are working in the office when you get a call from Judy or myself. Kay Hurd and Mary Ball may also call to schedule. **We are looking forward to helping with the Spaghetti Dinner.**

Truly Yours, April & Judy

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on;

'Twas not given for the alone, Pass it on;

Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another's tears,

Til in Heaven the deed appears – Pass it on!

~Henry Burton, Pass It On~

Christmas in JULY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL

RESPONSE to our Christmas in July project.

The community, one again, has come together with this agency giving blessings for the ministry of helping others.

REMINDER: The Youngstown Foundation will provide a 5% match for any gift of \$100.00 or more given to Protestant Family Service.

NEW: YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE

Checks of \$100 or more made out to The Youngstown Foundation with **PFS indicated on the "Memo Line"** earmarking the gift to us. Donations can be sent to:

<http://www.youngstownfoundation.org>

Or mailed to: The Youngstown Foundation

P O Box 1162, Youngstown, OH 44501

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.



"MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

"Macy's Shop for a cause August 29th was a great success and we appreciate all that bought tickets to support us! We hope you had as much fun shopping as we did. We would love to hear if one of our ticket purchasers won the Macy's gift card drawing!!

THOSE WE SERVE

As good stewards of what God has entrusted us with to assist our clients, PFS is extremely grateful for the financial assistance and the food offerings from private foundations, individuals and churches throughout the community.

Recently, a young mother of three came to our agency needing assistance with her water bill, food and school clothing. She recently lost her job and has no income. The water bill is in her grandparent's name due to the fact that at the age of twelve, the client's mother had the utility turned on in her name. Therefore service in her name is impossible until the past due bill of over \$5000 has been paid. We were able to assist with the food and clothing; needless to say assisting with the water bill was impossible.

I am learning that desperate people do desperate things. Many individuals find themselves in situations they create and others are victims.

Donna Turner, LSW, Caseworker

DONATIONS NEED FOR 2015 CROP WALK

We are also in need of donations of 6-16 ounces of bottled water for the walkers. Please call (330) 746-4600 for pick-up or bring your donation to PFS at 496 Glenwood Avenue by October 8th. The office is closed on Fridays.

REMEMBER: Donation from Church World Service will help us to stock our pantry for the summer & fall months. It won't take long for it to come and go. Children are at home and more food is required. We certainly appreciate you and your participation in making the walk a successful one. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!



CALL US -- TO SPEAK AT YOUR GROUP/CHURCH/ORGANIZATION

Protestant Family Service is available to speak to your congregation, your mission or group. We welcome the opportunity to share the ministry of Protestant Family Service. Our mission is not only to the clients we serve but to our supporters to keep you informed on what changes are going on in our community, what the agency is doing and how we respond to the needs. Please call the office at (330) 746-4600 if we can be of service to YOU.

If your group would like to come to PFS for your meeting, we have a meeting room. You can also tour our office facility to see first-hand how we operate. You are welcome –just call.

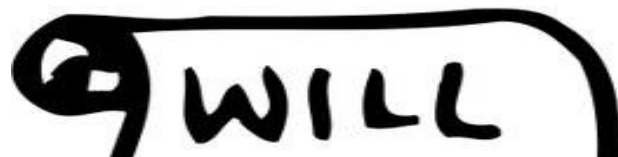


DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW FORMAT? We are trying to make it easier to read. Please send any suggestions to us.

FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT PFS

Each year PFS sponsors several fundraisers to help support our ongoing ministry. Your participation helps us to get to know you as well as raise funds for our mission of helping others.

Some of the fundraisers are: PFS's Annual meeting, Spring Scrabble tournament, Spring Concert, Spaghetti Dinner, Macy's "Shop for a Cause", CROP Walk, Feast of Salads/Style Show and Appeal Letters when necessary. Your support is appreciated. Please mark your calendar for our events and plan to attend. It's always a pleasure to fellowship with you.



Prayerfully consider, including PFS in your "Will" so this work will continue to glorify God.

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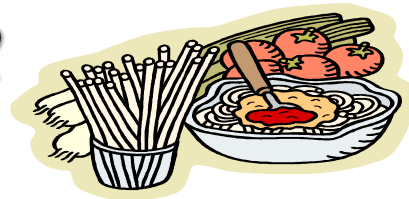
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Disciples Christian Church

565 Boardman-Canfield Road. Youngstown OH 44512

DONATION: Adults \$7.00 & Children (6-12yrs) \$5.00

TICKETS: Protestant Family Service (330) 746-4600

“CARRY OUT AVAILABLE” ---- (OR FREEZE FOR LATER)

Food for thought:

If you are not able to attend; BLESS someone you know is struggling with a ticket!