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78 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

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JOIN OUR TEAM

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VISION: PFS seeks to provide, in a Christian manner, the necessary care and need to the individual that will give hope for a better life.

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Do you have a few hours to donate?
Once a year - Once a month - Once a week - Work from home?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



God's Care for the Poor and Needy

The number of verses in Psalms that speak to God's actions on behalf of those in need

Rescues/Protects 19

Defends 6

Provides/Blesses 6

Remembers/Hears 3

Sustains/Heals 2

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear PFS Friends, this is our first newsletter of 2022! The void left by former director, Jackie Burley is ever present, but we are endeavoring to move forward.

There is so much exciting information in this edition

FIRST, I must extend a love filled thank you again! As we all celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ in December, Protestant Family Service celebrated **our amazing and cherished Christmas Elves!**

Whether you contributed with your time, donations or prayers, as a volunteer, church, organization, business, staff, board member, personally or in any other capacity, **"YOU" made the PFS Christmas 2021 Adopt-A-Family Program a total success!** We were able to serve a total of 94 families, consisting of 261 children. Thank you for your generosity ensuring we had enough gift cards to bless everyone this year! Just know, the happiness and hope you brought to our families **Your Labor of Love** was truly appreciated! I thank God that He placed it in your heart to be a part of our PFS ministry.

PFS is looking forward to **the continued easing of Pandemic restrictions.** We pray our ministry will be able pass out "actual" gifts and food next Christmas! The Pandemic has taken a toll on everyone. However, the Lord continues to bless those who are willing to share and care for others. **As you pour out, the Lord refills.** Wishing you God's blessings of joy, health, peace, and prosperity throughout 2022. PFS is looking forward to hearing from and seeing you throughout the year. Our next annual fundraiser the Golf Tournament is coming up fast.

Blessings always, Cathy Pokrivnak

SAVE - THE - DATE



THE 2ND ANNUAL JACKIE BURLEY MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNATMENT

At Knoll Run Golf Course!

"FRIDAY" JUNE 17, 2022

To live in the hearts of others is never to die!



Rest in peace sweet friend!

*Jackie Burley
8/22/44 ~ 5/9/21*



THOSE WE SERVE

As each one has received a special gift,
employ it in serving one another as
good stewards of the
manifold grace
of God.

CLIENT OF THE MONTH

Recently a senior male client contacted PFS requesting help with his water bill. In the past he had reached out to PFS for help to purchase his medications. He lived with his elderly father who was the primary income provider for their household. Unfortunately, his father died due to Covid-19 complications. Dealing with his father's burial expenses and loss of the household's primary income, he got behind in his water bill. PFS was able to assist him using the Elderly Stability Funds. He was very grateful for this emergency assistance.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and raising inflation cost we have seen an increased need for food and assistance with utilities. Without the help of individuals, foundations, and churches donating food and money we could not do what we do for our community. We thank all our donors and all our volunteers. God Bless You All.

Donna James, MBA, MS
Caseworker/Accountant

VOLUNTEER

Appreciation
Luncheon

Dedicated to
our volunteers

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you."
(2 Corinthians 9:12-14)



**2022 PFS VOLUNTEERS
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

FRIDAY MAY 6

"NOON BUFFET"
A LA CART CATERING
429 Lisbon Road, Canfield

PLEASE RSVP BY 4-25-22

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(330 718-4733 Cathy's Cell)



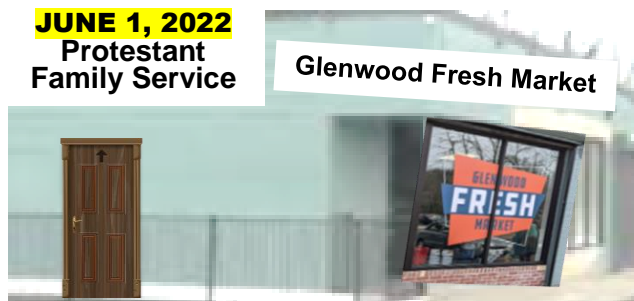
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GOD HAS US ON THE MOVE



JUNE 1, 2022
Protestant
Family Service



A huge thank you to YNDC and the awesome duo TIIFFANY SOKOL and IAN BENSITON!

I admit I have been stressed trying to find a new home for PFS. Then YNDC came in to our life with their Idora Restoration Project! Once we stepped in to the plaza space in that area we knew it was God's plan for us all along. It's perfect and we are so excited. I am sure Jackie had a part in all this. My lesson from this is a reminder, "always have faith in God's Timing"! Cathy

SAME PASSION
NEW ADDRESS
2915 Glenwood Ave #6,
Youngstown OH 44511

"PFS PANTRY NEEDS"

URGENT IN BLUE:

Peanut butter and jelly

Spaghetti Sauce (Dollar General has 24oz cans of Hunts Pasta Sauce at \$1 each)

Spaghetti Pasta noodles

Deodorant, body soap, lotion - all hygiene products

Laundry & Cleaning Supplies/Paper towels/Toilet paper

Monetary Donations/Gasoline Cards/Bus Passes

Diapers - men/women (all sizes) and kids (size 4/5)

Reusable bags w handles for our clients who take the bus.

Food for our homeless population. Items that open easily and no cooking needed. (Examples: Vienna sausage, sardines, tuna, plain/peanut butter/cheese crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, soup and veggies come with pop open tops).

PFS REALLY NEEDS

PLEASE VOLUNTEER: Could you commit to a few hours a year, a month, a week. We also have work that could be done from home!

- **MAJOR NEED** answering phones!
- **MAJOR NEED** we need a person knowledgeable about computers to help us decide the best way to upgrade.
- **MAJOR NEED** does anyone know someone that can upgrade our archaic phone system?
- Help us pack or unpack from our move.
- Help with projects, fundraisers, newsletter.

Contact April (aprilshowers@zoominternet.net) or Cathy!

PFS WANTS: Prayers for our continued good works helping families in crisis.

PFS WOULD LOVE: Support of our programs and fundraisers. Blessings for all churches, community, church groups, businesses, individuals, organizations who faithfully continue to support PFS.



In mid-May PFS will have the privilege of welcoming an amazing new intern, Samantha Smith. She is graduating this May from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies. Sam will be with us until mid-August. Her primary focus will be our clients. She will work with Caseworker, Donna James serving our clients. Sam will also oversee reimplementation of the "**More Money Than Month**" budget class, and our "Back to School" clothing and backpack program. She will also be helping with the golf tournament fundraiser in June, and the director in any capacity needed.

PS: Anyone previously involved in the **More Month Than Money** class that would like to share information or advice with Sam let me know.

STAY

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KNOW

Thank you for reading our newsletter it is full of so much important information.

Also visit us at
protestantfamilyvservice.com

PFS IS MOVING

- The movers are coming Friday, May 27th
- Our “official” first day at our new address will be Wednesday, June 1, 2022

PLEASE PASS THE WORD

- **We are looking for homes for desks, file cabinets we are not taking.**
- We have our huge “old” copy machine that works, and we have some toner for it.

HELP: GOLF TOURNAMENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

- We need help finding golfers. Please post enclosed flier everywhere!
- We also need sponsors, please see enclosed form.
(If you need copies our office could make them for you)



NEWSLETTER

- I have extra copies if you would like to pass them out at church or organizations.

NEW OFFICE BLESSING & OPEN HOUSE

- With the move and the golf tournament both in June we need a team to organize this event. Please contact Cathy ASAP if you are willing to help.

JULY BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING & BACKPACKS WITH SUPPLIES

- We begin mid-July asking for donations of backpacks and supplies. We will give out vouchers for Burlington for school clothing/shoes for families who sign up.

HERE ARE SOME CHANGES -- WE ARE GROWING

- PFS spent many months partnering with Catholic Charities in the disbursement of COVID funds after vetting clients for the Mahoning County Commissioners office.
- PFS began working with a social worker and her 12 homebound families with disabled children around Thanksgiving continue to help through Christmas and now.
- On Christmas Eve our director joined an amazing group at noon to deliver dinner and gifts to families at Motel 30. They sang Christmas songs and prayed together.
- Now that we are part of the YNDC family so many new doors for PFS. I was able to network with the mayor at the ribbon cutting for our neighbor Glenwood Fresh Food Market on 4-12-22. I also met a representative from Akron Children's Hospital and will be working with them and their food program. Our neighbor across the street, Glenwood Grounds coffee, pasty & sandwich shop was also there to network with.
- PFS has enhanced our Senior Stability Program and will reimplement our MORE MONEY THAN MONTH budget class.

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THE JACKIE BURLEY MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT & Basket Raffle

(raffle tickets available to purchase)

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 2022

Knoll Run Golf Course, 1421 State Route 616, Lowellville, OH 44436

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE 18 HOLES (Dinner following event).

White/Red Tees & Gold Tees (70 years & older)

9:00 A.M. Shot-Gun Start

\$10,000 PRIZE FOR HOLE-IN-ONE (Targeted hole)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$80.00 PER GOLFER

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

If registration is paid by **JUNE 3, 2022** fees discounted from \$320 per foursome to \$300 (or) from \$80 per golfer to \$75!

1 st prize \$400 /team		2 nd prize \$200 /team	3 rd prize \$100 /team
Sponsorship/Registration DEADLINE June 10th			
<i>*Mail, Fax or Email forms (info above) or visit our website: protestantfamilyservice.com</i>			
GOLD SPONSOR	\$ 600.00 INCLUDES: Sponsor SIGN at one hole; and AD in golf program book; FOURSOME golfer package; Scramble, cart, snacks, dinner, cash/skill prizes & giveaways		
HOLE SPONSOR	\$ 200.00 INCLUDES: Sponsor sign at one hole and AD in golf program book.		
GOLF FOURSOME	\$ 320.00 INCLUDES: *Scramble, cart, snacks, dinner, cash/skill prizes/giveaways		
NON-GOLFER	\$ 25.00 INCLUDES: Dinner		
AD IN PROGRAM	PRICES: 1/4 page \$25; 1/2 page \$50; full page \$100		
#1 Golfer CAPTAIN Name/Address/e-mail/phone			
#2 Golfer Name/Address/e-mail/phone			
#3 Golfer Name/Address/e-mail/phone			
#4 Golfer Name/Address/e-mail/phone			
SPONSOR ONLY:	Provide contact information, sponsorship TYPE, payment, & copy ready AD		

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PFS BOARD



Hello to everyone and "Happy Spring" lol,

We are extremely blessed to have Cathy Pokrivnak as our Executive Director and she has on us the move - literally! PFS will soon be in our new location.

This is just one of the many exciting changes taking place for us. Please continue to pray for and support Cathy. She amazes me with her strength and endurance. Thank YOU for all you do!

*In His Service,
Apostle Maralana Martin
PFS Board President*

Thank You

PFS appreciates many of you using the EASY online donation button found on PFS website: protestantfamilyservice.com

DONATE

Welcome to our new webmaster, Brian West (owner of Method8inc)! Please take a minute to look through our website and offer any suggestions. Be sure to check out the newsletters and "latest news".

We Need Your Feedback

Email your suggestions: pfsnonprofit@gmail.com
Please put ATT: NEWSLETTER in subject line!

THE YOUNGSTOWN

FOUNDATION

REMINDER:

**THEY NO LONGER
ACCEPT CHECKS!
YOU MUST SEND
DIRECTLY TO PFS!**

THANK YOU!