



## Holiday Reminders



We truly appreciate all that you do for the Samaritan Center, through your generous donations of time, talent, and treasure we are able to continue to function and bring assistance to those in need. As the Holiday season is rapidly approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of our holiday needs and policies.

### Christmas Adoption-

There are still families and seniors in need of adoption for the Holidays. Please contact us as soon as possible if you can help! If you have adopted a family please remember to have gifts in to the Samaritan Center no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Santa's Workshop-

Santa's Workshop will be open from December 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. This program allows families that are not adopted to "shop" for gifts for children in their household. Please bring non-wrapped toys to the Center during normal business hours.

### Food Donations-

We ask that all food donations be delivered by December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is due to time closed over the Holiday and to prevent food spoilage.

### Warm Clothing-

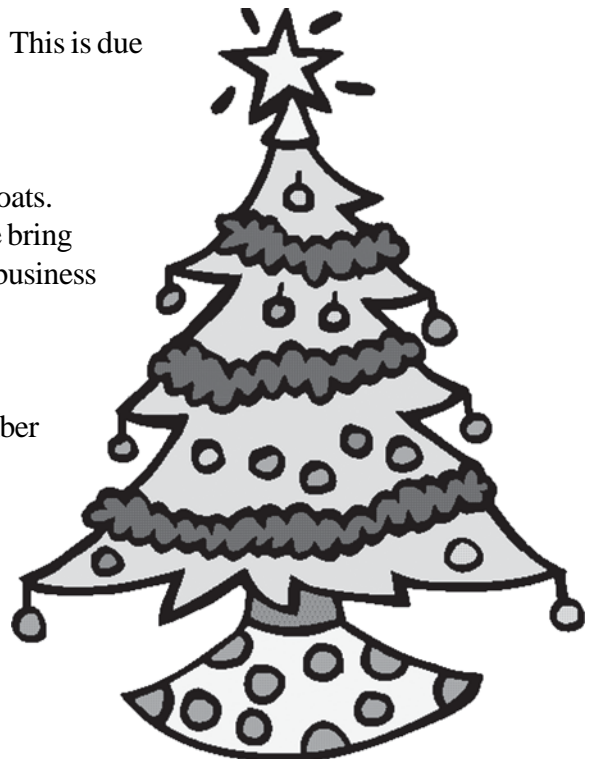
This time of year there is a special need of warm clothing and coats. Always in need and of short supply are children's coats. Please bring any clothing and coat donations to the rear door during normal business hours. If possible please bring on hangers.

### Thursday Evening Pantry Help-

Extra adult volunteers are needed on Thursday nights in December to help in the pantry. Our hours of service are from 4-6 on Thursday evenings.

### Groups-

Due to space limitations the Samaritan Center is unable to accommodate groups wishing to volunteer during the Holidays. We are appreciative of the many institutions who do volunteer as a group during the course of the year and look forward to having you back after the Holiday rush ends!



## **Thank You State Employees!**

We recently received word that your gifts to the Samaritan Center are up this year by 10% and all the pledges have not been tallied as of yet.. Your gift really helps us give those families that are hungry the nutritious foods that they would not otherwise be able to buy. God bless all of you and have a great Thanksgiving!

## **Thank You Board of Realtors!**

The Keep the Home Fires Burning Chili Supper was again a huge success. The \$5,613.50 that you raised has meant the difference between light and darkness to many families who were disconnected in our town. Your food was delicious and the music was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Donna Stone for all her work and guidance. God bless all of you for reaching out to those in darkness in our community.

### **Marylyn's Message**

Free Falling into the Holidays!

Here we go again down that slippery slope of holiday preparation. We have signed up over six hundred families and seventy five seniors who are depending on us to brighten their Christmas. Our friends in need have so many layers of problems that we try to help them keep their heads above water. Those with little ones are always so desperate to keep food in the house and lights and heat connected. We are giving every family that comes for food this month a turkey for Thanksgiving. We will repeat that in December with a ham for Christmas dinner. We are depending on all of your generosity to help us supply those needs.

I want to share a story of a young mother who came in to see me for Christmas sign up. She had two darling children eighteen months and three years. She was so thin and meek and said, "I do not want anything for me but my children need warm coats and any clothes they could get." When I asked what toy the children liked she said "Oh, Emily likes anything Dora or a baby doll. Willie would like a little fire truck. They don't have hardly any toys so anything would be wonderful." I insisted that she ask for something and she said a blow up mattress would be a blessing because the children sleep together in a crib and she sleeps on the floor with a couple blankets and it gets pretty cold. As she left my office I had the urge to run out and shop for this family. Mom is working and barely managing to keep the lights on and food on the table and pay the daycare. I reflected that this situation is mirrored over and over daily at the Center and we through your generosity reach out and help all those we can.

As you enjoy Thanksgiving with your families take time to say a prayer for our families and all those who have a turkey on their table because you reached out and bought a turkey or sent the money for us to buy one for you.

If you want to adopt a family for Christmas or a senior it is not to late to do so. Just call the office and we will take care of your needs. Remember that what you do for those in need means the world to them. Families who did not get to sign up for Christmas adoption will be shopping for two new toys for their kids in our "Santa's Workshop Room". If you would like to drop off any new toys for that project we would appreciate it very much. The toys need to be in our house by December 3<sup>rd</sup> as the Workshop opens on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Grandma's and Grandpa's who cannot afford gifts for their grandchildren who are twelve and under are so grateful that they can have a gift to give on Christmas morning. Last year we gave out gifts to over 400 families so the need for new toys is huge.

Our wish for you is that you have the very best Thanksgiving ever and that peace comes to our world soon! God bless you all!

## Dental Clinic Update

The Samaritan Center hosted the November meeting for the Cole County Dental Association Wednesday evening in an effort to recruit more much needed volunteer dentists.

“By premiering the Ossman Free Dental Clinic staff and equipment, some of which is state-of-the-art, we are in hopes of enlisting more dentists to chip away at the ever-growing waiting list of people in pain and misery waiting to get in with nowhere to turn for other help,” said Marylyn DeFeo, Samaritan Center volunteer executive director. “The equipment and staffing is all part of a large grant that we received earlier this year,” DeFeo said.

More dentists are always a pressing need. Please continue to ask your own dentist and any others you know to consider volunteering their time at the Samaritan Center Ossman Free Dental Clinic. The more professionals we have in our rotation, the quicker the waiting list can be resolved and people can live without pain. Please support our volunteering dentists and thank them when given the opportunity.

Presently the Clinic is served by ten dentists that volunteer in the clinic. They are:

Lawrence Davis, DDS  
Paul Dulle, DDS  
Joseph Ganz, DMD  
Matthew Gassen, DDS  
Brian Henningsen, DDS  
Spencer Kemmer, DDS  
Arthur Lee, DDS  
Robert Protzman, DDS  
Nathalie Tungesvik, DDS  
Michael Sodeifi DMD MD

Dentists seeing in office referrals are:

Richard Graham, DDS  
Jonathan Hanson, DDS  
Harry Richter DDS  
Ken Rowan, DDS MS

**Read about our newest dentists on page 4!**



Spencer Kemmer DDS, Matthew Gassen DDS, Brian Henningsen DDS (right to left) also serve on the Ossman Free Dental Clinics Advisory Board.

# Welcome New Volunteer Dentists

Michael Sodeifi, DMD MD has been accepting dental patient referrals from the Samaritan Center's Ossman Free Dental Clinic since he first came to Jefferson City, a year ago. He now comes to our clinic and sees them which allows him to see a few more - and the patients love him. Dr. Sodeifi's partners, Doctors Hanson and Graham have accepted patient referrals from the Ossman Clinic since the clinics inception. "We are very blessed to have such a supportive group of oral surgeons especially so close by. They are always so willing to help our people who have no other dental options and wait patiently in such pain," said Marylyn DeFeo, Samaritan Center's volunteer executive director.

Joseph Ganz DMD, who's new to Jefferson City became acquainted with the Samaritan Center's Ossman Free Dental Clinic when it hosted the Cole County Dental Association Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Ganz is not going to let any grass grow under his feet though he is already scheduled to start and has committed to coming every month. "It's just so moving to see these professionals come forward to help the poor in our surrounding community - their hero's to all of those they serve. Just as we've told many of our doctors and dentists before," said DeFeo, "To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world."

## Dates to Remember

### November

21-28 Ready to Ride Bike Collection at all  
Jefferson City Fire Stations  
24-26 Closed for Thanksgiving

### December

3 Christmas Open House  
6-16 Santa's Workshop  
8 Deadline for adopted family gift deliveries  
17- January 3 Closed for Holidays

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### Hours of Operation

Open to Public: 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday  
4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday  
Medical Clinic: 4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday  
Dental Clinic: by appointment Only,  
call (573)761-3473 for information  
Staff Office Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

