



# THE LIGHT

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Christian Clearing House

The light shines in the darkness ... (John 1:5a)

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Daily we see people walking through the door that are facing extremely difficult situations. Recently, we were able to help a homeless mother of a 4 pound baby girl (not a typo) seeking shelter, food and clothing for the baby.

The baby girl was two months old and just released from the hospital. Imagine a little person with no more than a t-shirt and not even a blanket with which to be covered. The

Christian Clearing House (CCH) volunteer was able

to issue the voucher for food and diapers were provided through the CCH

Caring Cupboard. The family was referred to Hope House to secure long-term housing and holiday help. The

immediate need of the baby being without clothes still existed. Debbie, CCH's Office Manager, jumped into action and contacted her daughter to get some newborn clothing and blankets, recently

used by her own granddaughter. Sometimes at the CCH office the staff is called upon to go above and beyond, especially if children are involved.

A serious auto accident involved family members of a volunteer at CCH. Reluctantly, the volunteer came to CCH seeking assistance

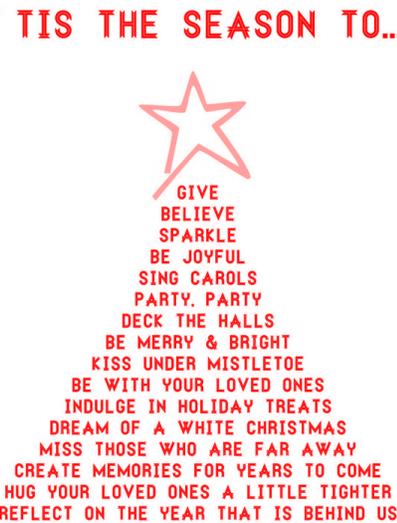
with a utility disconnect for one of those involved. It was a great blessing to have the individual stop by the CCH office and offer gratitude for the assistance received to keep the electric connected.

Linda (name changed) was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer, and referred to CCH from Cancer Patient Services, because she was facing disconnection of her

AEP electric bill. Linda was a nurse and was unable to work due to her medical condition and treatments associated with it. CCH was able to share the total cost of the disconnect notice with Associated Charities and keep Linda's power on. She was referred to The Community Action Commission to seek long-term assistance for her utilities. In addition, Linda received information about food assistance and holiday help in the community.

At CCH we get to witness struggles by those living in our community on a daily basis. Because of **YOU**, we also get the opportunity to make an impact and improve lives. The financial support you provide helps to make lives better.

**Thank you and God Bless!**



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## From the Executive Director

*Do good for others.  
It will come back in  
unexpected ways.*



Christian Clearing House (CCH) is committed to our community. CCH's fifty-one participating congregations, Board, Staff and volunteers (currently more than 80) work in a collab-

orative manner making a difference in thousands of lives right here in Hancock County.

CCH works with clients facing difficult times with the goal of helping those individuals become self-sustaining. This is sometimes a challenging quest as we realize some have limited employment hours, living on disability or Social Security incomes, have physical disabilities that prevent employment, or some not wanting to work with the mindset they are "on" disability.

During hard times clients may make less than desirable decisions that cause negative consequences. CCH's staff and volunteers will address those with clients, offering suggestions, alternatives and support; in hopes that clients seeking our services will make better decisions as they move forward.



Tammy Stahl

Everyone entering the doors is treated with dignity and respect, no matter the situation. Financial support from our fifty-one participating congregations and devoted donors continue to allow us to provide assistance to those clients and their families that are seeking assistance; **I want to thank you for your continued support.**

We continue to serve the Lord, strive to fulfill the agency mission, establish strong partnerships with community agencies and work to increase awareness of the assistance we provide, to the less fortunate in our community. At CCH we are looking for a better tomorrow for each and every individual that has a need in our community.

During the upcoming holiday season, please remember each man, woman and child in our community that struggle daily.

Donations can be made at: [www.cchsupport.org](http://www.cchsupport.org) or in the envelope included in the mailing.

**Thank you for your continued support of CCH.**

God Bless,

Tammy Stahl, Executive Director



**Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season!**



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# Caring Cupboard Items Needed

***"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish" and He fed 5000 people.***

The CCH Cupboard often seems to work in the same way. Regularly the staff will look at the cupboard and comment on the bare shelves...then through some mysterious way someone will knock on the door with full arms of items or a phone call is received stating they have a van load that needs to be dropped off.

Many area churches including Sunday School Classes and Bible Studies reach out to their congregations and take up collections for these needed items. Youth groups and other community organizations also make donations. These items cannot be purchased when using governmental food programs such as SNAP. **So the need is great!**

These items are vital to help our clients — a bottle of laundry soap or a package of toilet tissue is greatly appreciated by those who are without such necessary items. If you would like to donate to the cupboard, all donations are greatly appreciated.

## CCH Cupboard

- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Deodorant
- Feminine products
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes
- Bath soap (bars)
- Shaving cream
- Dish detergent
- Baby wipes

## Why I Volunteer.....

*" There can be a time in all of our lives when we need an extra hand. I volunteer to make sure it's available to those in need. "* Cathy Grossman



Cathy Grossman  
7 Year Volunteer

*"I love reaching out to others. I feel so blessed to be a part of CCH. "* Jan Miller



Jan Miller  
8 year Volunteer

**For more information on volunteering call  
Debbie at 419-422-2222.**



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### Our Vision:

Christian Clearing House represents Christ to the community through helping people become self-sustaining.

### Our Mission:

To provide non-sustaining, emergency assistance to residents or transients of Hancock County who have financial, physical, emotional, and/or spiritual needs and to collaborate with churches, agencies and individuals to promote effective and efficient use of community resources.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S.POSTAGE  
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FINDLAY, OHIO

### Donations Received

**In Memory of:** Florence Mills  
Bonnie Bloom  
Mary Woolum

### Holiday Closings

November 24 & 25  
December 24, 25 & 31

### Mark Your Calendars

**November 29, 2016**.....Giving Tuesday

**November 29, 2016**.....Panera Bread  
(Fundraising event 4 until 8 PM)

**January 26, 2017** .....Annual Meeting  
(5:30 PM at St. Marks Church DOCK)

**April 7 & 8, 2017**.....CCH Garage Sale  
(Now accepting donations of large items)

**April 22, 2017**.....Pancake Breakfast  
(8 AM-Noon St. Marks Church DOCK)

**A holiday gift in honor of a friend or family member is a wonderful way to say  
Merry Christmas!**



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