

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FOUNDED IN 1995

The Good Samaritan Mission is the only faith-based organization offering FREE services to adults and children in need in Montour County and surrounding areas. The mission consists of a Clothing Mission, Hygiene Products Giveaway, Crisis Counseling; Adult Education Workshops, Many Hands Helping Others, Feed a Friend partnership with Danville/Riverside Food Bank and the Danville School District.

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Good Samaritan Mission Friends,



Sandy O'Rourke
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Many of you may already know that we recently lost a very special member of our Good Sam Family. Sandy O'Rourke, founder of the Good Samaritan Mission, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

In the time I knew Sandy, she was a great mentor to me. She showed me her compassion, her love for others and her God given gift to serve others. She had Mother Teresa like qualities and would go to the ends of the earth to serve another person in need. Her desire to do God's will was very important to her. One of my cherished memories of Sandy was when she and I prayed with a client who was in crisis and needed spiritual guidance. Sandy was not only a mentor to me but also a fellow sister in Christ and a good friend.

Her impact on the Danville community will never be forgotten. We will press on and continue to grow Good Samaritan Mission Programs so that we can reach ALL who are less fortunate in the Danville Community.

Memorial contributions in her honor can be mailed to Good Samaritan Mission, PO Box 114, Danville, PA, 17821. Kindly note her name in the memo line.

Praying for a better 2021. Be safe, stay healthy, and be kind to one another. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

"Do Small Things With Great Love" - Mother Teresa

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PROGRAM NEWS

WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS



The Good Samaritan Mission and the Danville School District partnered with the Danville/Riverside Foodbank to feed nearly 400 families during this year's Feed A Friend holiday food giveaway. COVID-19 had no effect on the giveaway and the program was run extremely well by Food Bank Director, Joe Neizer. We are so thankful to the members of our community who gave a monetary donation to support this program. Over \$11,000 was raised. We thank the many volunteers who gave their time to make this program a success!



Local volunteers load food bags at this year's Danville Feed A Friend Program.



Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19 in Montour County and Governor Wolf's latest recommendations, The Good Samaritan Clothing Mission will be closed until Tuesday, January 5th, opening at 9am. Regular Clothing Mission hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to Noon. Regular donation drop off hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 4pm to 6pm. In order to serve more clients in need, we plan to open an additional day—Wednesdays, 9am to Noon, pending the status of COVID in our area beginning sometime in January. For questions, please call 570-275-2500, option 10. On behalf of the Good Sam Board of Directors and our team of volunteers, thank you for your faithful financial support of Good Samaritan Mission despite the economic and other challenges our community has been facing for nearly a year.

YOU RISE BY GIVING TO OTHERS

We are very grateful to our partners who made it possible to continue serving our clients in need during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Montour County Commissioners, Community Giving Foundation, Danville Area Community Foundation for COVID-19 Grant Funds; Trinity United Methodist Church—Danville and The Knights of Columbus for winter coat donations; Function of Beauty and Shape of Justice for Hygiene and Feminine Hygiene Products, Side By Side for bedding to support our youth bed program, many local churches and numerous private party donors who provided monetary donations to support our programming needs.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY FOR GOOD SAM

We are happy to announce that the Good Samaritan Mission has purchased a building located at 568 Ferry Street. This will allow all of our programs to be housed under one roof. We expect to move into our new building in Summer 2021 after extensive renovations are made. A capital campaign to raise renovation funds will be organized in early 2021; however, donations can be sent ahead of time to Good Samaritan Mission, PO Box 114, Danville, PA, 17821. Please note "new building" in the memo line.



Pictured is Donna Cush, Good Samaritan Mission Board Chair, at the new location—568 Ferry Street, Danville.