

Founded in 1995, The Good Samaritan Mission is the only faith-based charitable organization offering free services to adults and children in need residing in Montour County and surrounding areas. The mission continues to grow offering free clothing, food for kids, beds for kids, hygiene products, crisis financial assistance, adult education workshops and educational assistance for students in the DASD and Columbia Montour Vo-Tech.

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MISSION NEWS

Serving Montour County and Surrounding Neighbors

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Good Samaritan Mission Friends,

As 2022 comes to an end, I'm reminded of why we do what we do at Good Sam. I, along with Good Sam volunteer program staff, had the opportunity to meet a unique young woman who stood out to us in so many ways. Despite facing the challenges of overcoming a difficult childhood and being a single mom, she was determined to change her situation and make a life for herself and her two small children. This is her story.

"Growing up I didn't understand healthy relationships. I didn't know what true support, trust, and love really felt like. I didn't have the kind of support that I needed to develop healthy life choices. All I knew was how to survive in my own unhealthy ways.

When I was 17, I had my first child, a son Elijah. I went through many trials as a young, single mom. I became pregnant with my second child, a daughter, Samyrah 4 years later. I knew I needed to make a change and relocated to Danville where I was able to stay at The Gatehouse until I was able to get on my feet. I met a woman who began to guide me and provided me with love and support. Eventually this woman would become my adoptive mother. She opened her arms to me and my small family. While at The Gatehouse, I was referred to The Good Samaritan Mission. I was going through hardship after hardship and needed additional support. They have so many programs that helped me in many ways. I was able to get assistance with a security deposit when I was ready to leave The Gatehouse and get my own apartment, clothing for myself and my kids, and hygiene products. They also offered a class called "Getting Ahead" which taught me how to motivate myself to search for additional resources in the community, make better choices, build relationships and how to better handle my finances. For me, it wasn't just about the financial assistance, clothing or hygiene products, the mission staff was able to help keep me strong when I felt like I had no other way. I really appreciated how they respected my faith and were able to keep me strong in it. They helped by guiding me and being there when I needed to talk to someone, encouraging me and by also praying with me. It's because of Good Sam that I was able to stay on my feet for myself and my kids. I wanted to share my story, so that hopefully it will help someone else who faced challenges like me".

We are very proud of Dee and the determination she has shown to break the cycle of poverty and make a change for herself and her family. There are so many others in the Danville community who will be impacted by what Good Sam can do for them. Your financial support will allow us to continue to help others just like Dee.

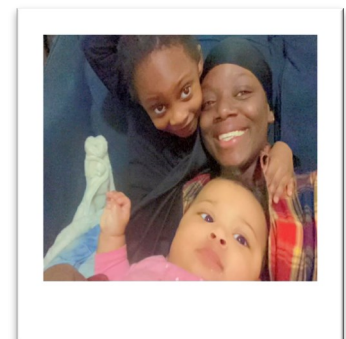
Checks can be mailed to:

The Good Samaritan Mission
PO Box 114
Danville, PA, 17821

Secure online donations can be made on our website
www.gsmdanville.org

Have a safe and happy holiday season. God Bless!

Carin



Dee with 5-year-old son, Elijah
and 1-year-old daughter, Samyrah.

PROGRAM NEWS

WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS



The Danville/Riverside Food Bank, in partnership with The Good Samaritan Mission and the Danville Area School District held the annual holiday food giveaway on Saturday, November 12th. We are so thankful for the many

volunteers, monetary and non-perishable food donations that allowed us to provide 435 boxes of food to families in need.

MANY HANDS HELPING OTHERS

Our Many Hands Helping Others Program provides students in the Danville Area School District with additional nutritional support over the weekend and extended breaks from school. This program is now housed in our new building. Program volunteers prepare bags for 158 students per week.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help! We are in desperate need of volunteers at our clothing store and Donation Center. Available shifts: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday from 9-Noon, Noon-2pm, 4-6pm, and the second Saturday of the month from 10am to Noon. Call 570-275-2500 x 10 for more info.



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HUGE CLOTHING DRIVE

The Good Samaritan Mission will hold a huge clothing drive on Saturday, January 14th from 9am to 3pm located at 568 Ferry Street. Use the Donation Center entrance on the side of the building. We are need of the following gently used items:

ANY SEASON AND ALL GENDER/SIZES OF CLOTHING

ALL SIZES OF WINTER COATS

NO LIMITS ON NUMBER OF BAGS

FULL-SIZE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

NEW TWIN SIZE NEUTRAL COLOR SHEET SETS

WE ARE IN SPECIAL NEED OF TEEN SIZE CLOTHING

We cannot accept household, toys, large baby items, electronics, or appliances.