

## November 2023 Newsletter



### From our Administrator:

November is almost over, and we are nearing the end of 2023. It is a good time to reflect on how God has been with us throughout the year. How has He shown us His grace and mercy in our lives? How have we grown in our relationship with Him? This reminds me of a beautiful hymn that says:

"Sweeter as the years go by, Sweeter as the years go by. Richer, fuller, deeper Jesus' love is sweeter, Sweeter as the years go by."

Let us use the remaining months of this year to appreciate God's goodness and love. And let us share with others what He has done for us. Jesus is truly the greatest gift ever given. The gift of life and freedom from the power and penalty of sin.

Ps 107:8-9 "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

~ Aimee Izer

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**Successful Thanksgiving Tables Fundraiser**



Thanks to our supporters and donors, we replaced 20 tables (original from the 1970s), which will be used for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. We couldn't have done it without you! Watch our Facebook Page to see the tables in action. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopcenterhagerstown>

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## 68th Annual Great Hagerstown Thanksgiving Feast



We will host our 68th annual *Great Hagerstown Thanksgiving Feast* on Thanksgiving Day. This is a FREE meal for anyone in the Hagerstown and surrounding area.

All are invited to join us on Thursday, November 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. for our Thanksgiving celebration! No tickets or reservations are required to attend. You can just show up with your friends and family. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Our Thanksgiving buffet includes holiday favorites like roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, succotash, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and more!

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## Kids Coat Drive



# COATS4KIDS

This **#GivingTuesday** (November 28<sup>th</sup>), The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission is partnering with some of our area Christian schools to host a kid's coat drive called *Coats4Kids*. Schools will collect gently used coats, and on **#GivingTuesday**, The Hope Center will collect the coats. In addition, we will have a collection location for anyone to donate kid's winter coats. We will give away the coats to children using our free coats voucher system. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for more information.

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## Current Needs List

### ❖ CURRENT NEEDS LIST ❖

- COFFEE
- GROCERY GIFT CARDS
- COLD & FLU MEDS (NON-DROWSY)
- TYLENOL
- COUGH DROPS
- MEN'S (LG) SOCKS, UNDERSHIRTS, UNDERWEAR

Will you help us with our current needs list? Our shelter has the following current needs: coffee, grocery gift cards, cold and flu meds (non-drowsy), Tylenol, cough drops, and Men's (size Large or greater) socks, undershirts, and underwear. [CLICK](#)

## Monthly Pantry Need



**PANTRY ITEM**  
*of the Month*



**November Item:**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**

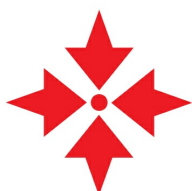


**THE hope center**  
*at Hagerstown Rescue Mission*

Our November Food Pantry item is pasta sauce. We have spaghetti noodles but we need the pasta sauce in order for our families to have a complete meal. To purchase directly from our Amazon Wishlist, go to [The Hope Center Amazon Wish List](#) and have it shipped directly to The Hope Center, 125 N. Prospect St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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## By the Numbers



### YEAR-TO-DATE NUMBERS

Help for today... Hope for tomorrow

*Food Bags*.....535  
*Meals Served*.....35,049  
*Overnight Guests*.....11,798 beds  
(312 different men)  
*Chapel Attendance*.....15,036  
*Clothing Vouchers*.....6,348

## Did You Know?



Sales generated from donated items sold in our thrift stores help to keep our programs and services free for our guests. We also give away many items for free to individuals and families in need.

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## November Birthdays

## Volunteer Opportunities



**November 8-** Marsha L. (Manager  
Chambersburg Thrift Store)

**November 18-** Terry I.  
(Superintendent Men's Ministry)

**November 27-** Michelle R. (Office  
Manager)

We always can use volunteers. If you or your group is interested in helping us, please contact Michelle at 301-739-1165.



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