

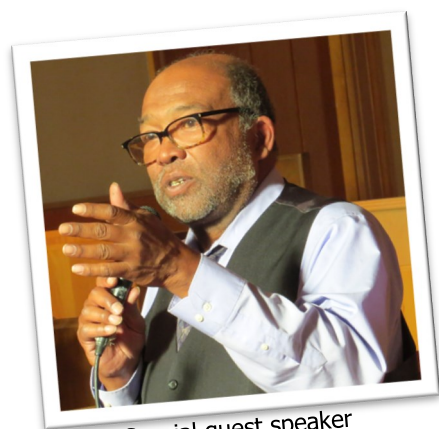
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2022 Theme: Creating Communities of Care



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Remembering Kindness

By Steve Schwartz, Director of Development

Mary O’Keefe contacted me. She wanted to stop by. I had been communicating with Mary about the CCU Highmark Walk. She had taken on the role of rallying her church, Salem United Church of Christ in downtown Harrisburg, to have a team of walkers for the first time ever. In fact, they named their team *The First Timers*. We had talked a few times about how to register walkers and direct donations to her team.

But when Mary contacted me this time it was not about the Walk. She said she had something for Gilvonna, one of our HELP Ministries staff members. Gilvonna Dancey has worked at CCU/HELP Ministries for 18 years. For many of those years, she served as a Resource Coordinator, meaning she was one of the first people guests would meet when they come through our doors seeking help. Gilvonna would assess their needs and begin the process of providing direction and help.

As it turns out, Mary had a family member seeking help a few years ago. Mary came with the family member to the HELP Ministries office. Gilvonna was the person with whom they met. As Mary recalls, her relative “wasn’t the most pleasant that day, but Gil was so kind and helpful. She moved mountains to get my family member the help she needed. I was so touched by Gil’s spirit in the midst of this person’s attitude.”

We often envision people asking for help with hearts of gratitude. And many times they do. At our recent staff meeting, our HELP Ministries Program Manager Leah Payne read an email to the staff from a woman who was so appreciative of all we had done for her recently. But many times people are stressed, tired, traumatized, or at the end of their rope. Typically, if they are coming to our office for HELP, they are not in a good place.

We try to keep this in mind. To be kind and loving and professional even when the guest is not. And to have compassion and understanding for the reasons they are struggling emotionally at this point in their life. Mary remembered Gilvonna’s kindness, so when she reconnected with HELP Ministries by coordinating the Walk team at her church, she wanted to say thanks by stopping by with some special cupcakes she baked just for Gilvonna to express her gratitude. These past months have been challenging in our HELP office with an overwhelming amount of requests for emergency shelter and rent assistance. It’s gestures like Mary’s kindness, and the occasional thank you note that we get directly from a client, that provide a boost of encouragement to our staff through tough times.



Mary (right) delivers shoe fly cupcakes to Gilvonna as she remembers and thanks her for her kindness to her family when they needed assistance from the HELP office.

2022 CCU Highmark Walk Results

Spring 2022—For the first time in three years, Highmark hosted their big Walk at Harrisburg Area Community College on Saturday, May 17. It was great to join with the community again, though the pandemic taught our walkers and teams who couldn't be there that day that they could still take part by finding their own date and location to walk. For example, teams from St. Michael's Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Churches, Harrisburg walked on City Island on June 4. **Thank you to the 17 teams and over 60 walkers who raised \$12,565 for our work helping our neighbors facing poverty, homelessness, and incarceration.**



2022 HELP Ministries Golf Tournament Results

June 2022—For 45 years, golfers have gathered each year to raise money for the work of HELP Ministries. We thought we would try something a little different this year, moving the date a week later in June to avoid another area tournament, but any advantage was offset by being further into vacation season as a number of our regular golfers were out of town. Lesson learned. We'll be back to the first Monday next year. CONGRATULATIONS to our winning team: Trinity UMC Church in New Cumberland. **Our 14 teams, 24 hole sponsors, 56 golfers, and numerous prize and auction item donors helped us raise over \$10,000 for HELP Ministries on June 13. Thanks everyone!**

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46th Annual HELP Ministries Golf Tournament

TOP WALK TEAMS

Team St. Michael Lutheran, Hbg	\$1,810
HELP HighSteppers	\$1,115
Inspired By God & Others-Messiah/ St. Peter's Lutheran, Halifax	\$1010
CHUMS on the Move	\$865
St Thomas UCC	\$785
Compassion Action Network	\$770
The First Timers, Salem UCC	\$680
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church	\$670

TOP INDIVIDUAL WALKERS

Wendi Wright	\$570
Hortencia Everett	\$565
Kevin Smith	\$445
Darrel Reinford	\$280
Beth Bard	\$275
Olivia St.Clair	\$225
Cindy Baldwin	\$180



Getting Ahead Class Graduates Five Households!

We are celebrating five graduates from our second Getting Ahead class! These graduates include three families and two individuals. The Getting Ahead curriculum was developed to help those in poverty to build the assets and skills needed to exit poverty. The 16-lesson curriculum helps each participant create their own plan for economic stability.

Thanks to trained facilitators Marcia Mitchell and Aisha Mobley for all the work they put in to making the class happen, and to Tabernacle Baptist Church for providing the facilities.

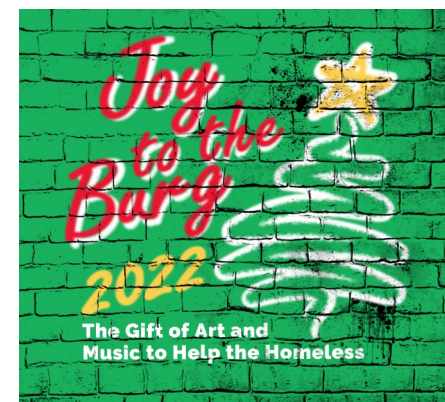
Join us in celebrating with these individuals and families!



National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Faith Leader Appreciation Breakfast & Volunteer Recruitment Fair
November 17, Camp Hill United Methodist
Breakfast 8 - 9:30 a.m.
Recruitment Fair 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Sign up via QR or contact
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Joy to the Burg 2022 is Coming!

Music

More Artists! More Songs! More Excitement!

In 2022, we formed a partnership with the *Central PA Music Hall of Fame* as our music curation

partner. This deepened our reach of performers and genres. The result: 33 songs from the area's best artists including **The Badlees, Stuart Malina, Steve Rudolph, No Last Call, Shea Quinn, The Jellybricks feat. Glenn Hamilton, Greg Platzer, Dandy, Susquehanna Chorale, Corina Rose, Seasons, Tony Wayne, Leap of Faith, Amma Jo, Canaan's Land**, and more! Also, this Christmas we'll introduce a new feature song, co-written in Nashville by Grammy Award winner Phil Madeira with our very own Steve Schwartz, performed by Central PA's **Peter Rogan: A Home For The Holidays**.

Art

Joy to the Burg adds Greeting Cards! *Susquehanna Art Museum* joined hands as our new Artwork Curation Partner, producing a set of 8 greeting cards from area visual artists **Carol Scott, Stephen Michael Haas, Ross Tyger, Janice Hagstrom Bailor, Brad Gebhart, Nora Carreras, Andrea Minick Rudolph, and Lori Sweet**. *A new way to spread joy this holiday season to benefit our neighbors facing homelessness!*

Events

Back and better than ever: our one hour TV special on ABC27 and a full day of live music at The Englewood in Hershey. TV special will feature 6 songs as well as highlighting the greeting card project and the impact *Joy to the Burg* is having on homelessness locally. Then, on December 11, celebrate with a full day of live music at the The Englewood in Hershey. A three-hour easy listening brunch will be followed by a five hour music extravaganza featuring an all-star lineup of *Joy to the Burg* artists. Get your tickets for these special holiday events at englewoodhershey.com!

Impact

From 2019-2021, Joy to the Burg raised over \$93,000 to support our neighbors facing homelessness in Harrisburg and surrounding communities through the work of Christian Churches United's Street Outreach Team. In 2019, proceeds from *Joy to the Burg* funded the start of a new women's winter shelter. In 2020 and 2021,

proceeds helped expand men's and women's shelter operations during the pandemic, grew street outreach work (food, laundry, help to find housing, etc.) and sustained people in long-term housing after leaving the street. Over 400 people on the street have been provided 6,000+ nights of sleeping in a warm bed with staff support, while 75 people have been assisted to obtain and maintain long-term housing.

www.JoyToTheBurg.com



Joy to the Burg 2022 Details

The Album
◇ Release Date: Nov. 3, 2022
◇ Digital Download Album (no physical CD this year)
◇ Suggested Donation \$20

The Greeting Card Set
◇ Release Date: Nov. 3, 2022
◇ Packaged Set of 8 Cards
◇ Suggested Donation \$15

Album and Greeting Card Set available at area retailers and joytotheburg.com

TV Special
◇ Date: Dec. 8, 2022, 10am
◇ Live on ABC27, one hour of music, art and impact

Live! At The Englewood
◇ Event Date: Dec. 11, 2022
◇ Brunch Show 10am-1pm
◇ Tickets: \$25 (includes brunch)
◇ Concert 3pm-8pm
◇ Tickets: \$35
◇ Tickets on sale Nov. 3, 2022 at englewoodhershey.com

