

Spotlight: A Newsletter From New Life Ministries

HCCF GIVES GRANT TO NEW LIFE

In December of 2018 New Life Ministries was selected alongside several other organizations to receive funds from the Huntington County Community Foundation. We received \$2,000 to help pay for the security system that will go into the Women and Children's branch of the Life House.

We are so grateful to the foundation and the help that they have given us in this endeavor. God is blessing us and the Huntington community through the Foundation.

**SPRING BANQUET
UPCOMING
THE NEW LIFE
MINISTRIES' SPRING
BANQUET HAPPENS
MAY 9TH THIS YEAR AT
THE HISTORIC FORKS
OF THE WABASH IN
HUNTINGTON.
STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION NEXT
MONTH.**

MEAL MINISTRY LOOKING FOR MORE COOKS/TEAM LEADERS

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a team leader or cook for the Meal Ministry, please give Director Bob Burnsworth a call. The Ministry is looking to gain some new volunteers and to see already existing volunteers get even more involved.

We are always looking to help people try something new and help them grow in any capacity that they are wanting to. New Life's volunteer team is awesome, we would be blessed to add people to it.



Ben Kratz (on right) from NLM and other grant recipients for the Huntington County Community Foundation

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM PASTOR JIMI

In 2018 we had some major changes, with both ups and downs. Ministry work can be hard, long hours, and difficult decisions. One of the hardest decisions of 2018 was closing the New Life Thrift Store. After looking at things from every angle, the purpose of the store, and reviewing all the facts, the New Life Ministries Board decided to close the store. It is always hard to close a ministry, but sometimes it must be done. In 2018 mission teams from all over the country came to help serve. These teams helped in so many ways. Not only did they help New Life, they also helped a few other churches and helped with several city projects, like planting trees and park renovations.

Looking back at the Women's Life House, we see that not all of our residents have succeeded, that is unfortunate, but it does happen. But many of our ladies have succeeded and continue to every day, and we certainly celebrate them; in fact, every woman currently in the program has a job. There are many that did well, left the house, and are still doing well. The Life House is running strong and steady and we give praise to God for such a great year.

The Meal Ministry continues to serve a hot meal daily. This is vital to so many people and families. It is a blessing for the city of Huntington to have this ministry. We have been operating the Meal Ministry since 2007 and will continue to do so in 2019. It continues to meet the needs of the hungry and is a strong ministry in the community.

We are still working on the Women and Children's House. We have had some setbacks but continue to progress. However, we do need help with rehabilitating the house. If you are interested in helping, we could really use you. Please contact the ministry office using our information below to get involved. This ministry needs to get up and running.

As many of you know, we have opened up the basement of New Life Fellowship Church to function as an overnight shelter for the months of January and February. The shelter is open seven nights a week and at the end of the two month period we will assess how it has operated, whether it was successful, and then make a final report over the need of a local shelter. This will tell us how big of a need there is for a shelter like this in Huntington. It is better for us to have a trial run that costs \$8000.00 than to spend \$50,000 and find out that there really is not that big of a need.

Overall, it has been a good year and a busy one. As always nothing is perfect. We do our best with what we have. We pray over everything and every decision. We want to say thank you to everyone who has donated, partnered, and volunteered with us this past year. New Life Ministries is only possible through God and through our gracious family: You. We look forward to this new year and what it will hold. There will be many new people with broken lives and broken hearts. We will help them, serve them, pray for them, eat with them, lead them, mend them, teach them, and share the gospel with them. Please pray for us as God continues to use us at the crossroads of so many people.

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