

Thank you to The Good Sheperd Ministries supporters.

**Giving Tuesday Update**

We had a great response on Giving Tuesday thanks to our great Board of Directors raising and donating money. all the the businesses that donated MVP Walk in Tubs, Solid Blend Technologies, Matrix5, Dayton/Phoenix, McAfee Heating & Air and everyone in our community who helped support our mission. We were able to raise money for all our great programs: Feed the Streets, Garden of Hope, Community Cleanups, Community Bus of Hope. This will help with buying food, fuel, materials, and help us continue saving lives, and making a difference in the community. Thank you.



**Please Consider Supporting Our Mission.**

We are incredibly grateful for our supporters of Good Sheperd Ministries. As this year comes to a close, we are thankful for all the goals we have reached and for the programs we are able to provide our clients, with much thanks to you.

Please consider donating and becoming a partner for GSM by filling out the form below and returning to us. Happy New Year!



First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to make a monetary donation in the form of:
- Paypal (send to XXemail)
  - Enclosed Check (payable to Good Shepherd Ministries)
  - Credit Card  MC  Visa  Discover  AMEX

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Expiration date: \_\_/\_\_/

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also donate via our website at:

**TheGSM.net**

Mail Checks to: 1115 E 3rd St, Dayton, OH 45402

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Here's to a Great Year!



What a very trying but fulfilling year for our ministry. We had our independent audit this year and found out we are almost \$20,000.00 down in fundraising from previous years. Which is understandable with Covid19 and a lot of the restrictions. We have had to adapt to the new norm and try to find different ways to create funding. We started GSM Maintenance, cutting grass, landscaping, and painting interior and exterior, etc. Also still collecting good condition furniture, appliances, for our Thrift Store. We have still had a wonderful year working in the community. We have teamed up with a lot of local organizations, and non-profits to perform bi-monthly cleanups. We were able to clean up Linden and Xenia Avenue over 65 ton of garbage, and 20 ton of tires. Teaming up with great local companies and with the significant help from homeowners and recovering brothers, and sisters. We were able to expand our Community Gardens, and install a Community Basketball Court, and purchase the property at a discounted price through Montgomery County Land Banks. Thanks to local churches for helping us put on our neighborhood celebrations, 4th of July block party, and the two big Halloween Events on Linden and Xenia Avenue serving over 600 families. Our Feed the Streets Program fed over 10,000 people. We teamed up with Food For The Journey, and Good Neighbor House. In closing, thanks for a wonderful year and appreciate your continued support and God will keep blessing our awesome recovering brothers, and our community. Thank you for helping us help others.

Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Shawn Trapp  
- Program Director



**68%**  
Success Rate

**26**  
Clients

**10**  
Working

**16**  
in Program

**Triple the National Average!**



### 2021 Highlights

- We had 30 clients graduate from the Miami Valley CTC Construction Core Classes. Also 6 clients received High school Diplomas in the last 2 years.
- Our Feed The Street program served 200 lunches weekly, over 10,000 yearly. We also served 80,000 hours for our community.
- 25 clients were employed over this past year at area companies including Dayton/Phoenix, Solid Blend, Corner Cupboard, 2 j tool & die, Good Shepherd Thrift Store, and Matrix 5 Construction.
- We've cleaned up over 65 ton of trash in the past 2 years which included 20 ton of tires that were removed from nearby neighborhoods.
- We have produced lots of free food and produce from our Garden of Hope in Vandalia and our Community Gardens & GSM Park which are donated to local churches and give away on Xenia Avenue.
- Community Garden & GSM Park installed a community basketball court.
- We successfully turned a burnt down trap house into a beautiful safe community garden.
- Our Thrift Store helped hundreds of families with furnishings their homes.

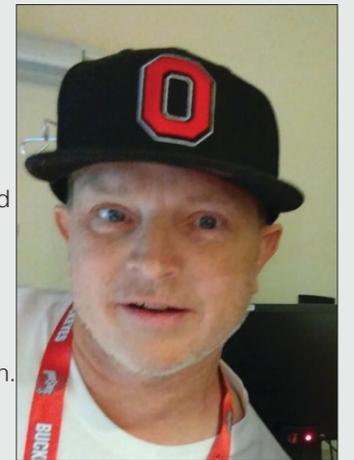


### Client Testimonial

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**My name is Sean I am a recovering Good Shepherd brother.** I just celebrated 18 months of sobriety. I am 48 years old and truly blessed by God. I am sharing my story hopefully to help someone who is struggling and needs the message of Hope. I grew up in Columbus Ohio. I had a great mother and lost my father at an early age so I did not know him. I am a single child raised by a single parent on the Westside of Columbus. I grew up poor but always had love from my mother who always worked two jobs to barely make ends meet. I had a rather good childhood until I suffered physical and mental abuse from my uncle who would drink a lot and take his anger out on me. He would watch me when my mom was at work. I would dread going to his house, but I knew I had no choice and we could not afford a babysitter. Abuse had a lot to do with my early drug use. I started using drugs early in high school. It helped me forget about the abuse and my anxiety went away and I felt good. I started off drinking, then smoking weed, and then eventually started doing pain pills which then lead to heroin.

But after dropping out of high school I got a job and started helping my mom pay bills. I always had a chip on my shoulder not having my father in my life growing up and wishing he were there for me. I would not have had to go through the abuse by my uncle. I went from job to job and then my mother got married. I was happy for her, she was happy, and had someone to finally love and take care of her. I started isolating and was drinking and using pain pills or whatever I could get my hands on to numb the pain. Then my mom passed away suddenly and that sent me into a deeper depression and drug use. I was homeless, had nothing, lost everything I had, and I was living in the shelter. I met a great friend at the shelter, he was always nice and telling me to go to treatment. So finally, I did, and it was the best decision of my life. I surrendered and they got me into Woodhaven Treatment. I graduated Woodhaven in 4 months and went to Good Shepherd Ministries. These have been the best decisions of my life. Both places saved my life and Good Shepherd introduced me to a family and a brotherhood. I have been able to get my high school diploma, construction core certification, and am the store manager at the Good Shepherd Thrift Store. I paid all my fines (thousands of dollars) to get my license back and got a free car that was donated to the ministry. I found out a few months ago that I have colon cancer and have been doing chemo and radiation. I just finished the last treatment. Through this I have leaned on the Good Shepherd and my brothers who supported me financially, and mentally, sometimes crying on their shoulders. I have stayed sober through all of this and reconnected spiritually with God. Please help us help others!



*A huge thank you to all the hard work from our recovering brothers and sisters.*

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