

*Opening a
Window
to
God's Love
and
Inspiring Hope
for
Changed Lives*

The Window View

RECENT EVENTS

Annual Walk for The Window



On June 21st, we asked the Goshen Community to walk along with The Window for a chance to raise \$10,000. So far we have raised over \$8,500 dollars! Pictured left is a miniature version of an illustration marking how much money we have raised. Come on in and check it out. If you've already given a donation, you'll be pleasantly surprised to find your own footprint "sauntering" through.

Part of that money will be used to finish renovations in our soup kitchen and food pantry. More room means more served. The Annual Walk for the Window will conclude on August 31st.

Walk along with us as we raise money to help those less fortunate. Leave an impression that will last through the waves of life.

Our First Fridays are sure to please a hungry crowd. In June, delicious beef and noodles were served by 1st Presbyterian Church of Goshen, raising \$345.00. 808 Church and Elkhart Christian Academy students followed up in July with a summer barbecue of bratwurst resulting in contributions of \$564.00. We hoped you joined us on August 2nd for the last cookout of the year sponsored by Clinton Frame's Share and Care Sunday School Class!

If your church or business would like to sponsor a First Friday meal, please call the Executive Assistant at 574-533-9680 ext. 203.



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The wall between the kitchen and the pantry is now in place, electrically wired, and painted! Thank you to Jackie Pendergrass and Leonard Penner for volunteering their time to this project. Pictured right is the Pantry and Receiving Room. Come on down and ask for a tour. Just a couple more steps and the washer and dryer along with the handicap accessible shower will be open to the Goshen community. If you or someone you know has construction experience or materials to donate, please call Ed at 574-533-9680 ext. 209. Thank you to everyone who has already lent us a hand.

Glenn Miller and Jace Peace



In a dog eat dog world, one dad is going the extra mile to show his stepdaughter the extent of love and generosity. "I decided to do this so that I could do something for her." Glenn Miller states about his stepdaughter, Jace Peace. Peace has been playing softball for five years. Each year, like many sports teams, a fundraiser is held to buy equipment and jerseys. Miller helped Peace by going to local businesses and asking them to donate towards the fundraiser without accepting the food that came along with it. The money is a tax write off whereas the food is not. Once the fundraiser was over, Miller and Peace came to Executive Director, Ed Swartley, and asked him to make a selection based on the amount of money given. Miller believed that the food should be used to benefit someone who needs it rather than sitting in an office refrigerator going bad. Swartley was astounded that a 12 year old would be interested in helping her community. After meeting with Miller and Peace, Swartley chose 45 gourmet cheesecakes to be served during the lunch hour in Katie's Kitchen.

Eric Nisley always knew he wanted to save the world. He is using his skills as a photographer to get the word out about volunteering for social service organizations. The Window was fortunate enough to be one of the organizations selected for this portfolio. See our website for the whole collection. In addition, Abby Deaton and Liz Core mentioned The Window on goshencommons.org, an online newspaper. See the article and video at <http://www.goshencommons.org/2013/07/seeing-home-through-the-eyes-of-the-houseless/>. You can also find the link on our website.

**The
Window in
the News!**

Viana Miller is a woman on a mission for the Goshen Community. Fondly known as "Vi", this happy-go-lucky charmer started working Katie's Kitchen the last week of June. The View got a chance to sit down with Miller and learn more about her incredibly positive attitude.



Meet Vi Miller, Our New Cook!
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View: Why did you decide to apply for the Kitchen Job at the Window?

Vi: I just felt I could get on board with your mission here. Hospitality is a huge passion of mine...I love having people over. It's just been within the past five years that I thought about cooking for a living. Previously, I've worked in the healthcare field since '81.



View: What's caused you to change your career path?

Vi: Several years ago, my husband and I got an opportunity to work with Youth With a

Mission (YWAM). So we packed up our three little girls and moved to India for a whole year. As soon as we got back, our contact in India was anxious to have us back. But it wasn't until Steve (Miller's husband) went on a mission trip with Carmen (one of Miller's daughters) when she was in high school that made us realize we needed to go back. This time though, we served as pastoral care ministries for local church planters. I loved that. I have a heart to open a retreat center one day.

View: It would seem that you love people more than cooking.

Vi: (Laughs) I also got a chance to cook authentic Indian for over 100 people when I was there and I had my own catering business for five years, but I think you're right.

View: What are you most excited about working here?

Vi: I am most excited about giving a place for the community to find hope, peace, and to be treated like the image of God that they are, just like I'm made in the image of God.

Stop by Katie's Kitchen during our lunch hour from 11:30-12:30 to see Vi and her volunteers in action. If you would like to volunteer in Katie's Kitchen, please call our Volunteer Coordinator at 574-533-9680 ext. 210.



Vi and Donna, Miller's sister-in-law, figure out the logistics for tomorrow's lunch. ElectricAngelPhotography.com

On April 22nd, 2013, The View sat down with three Meals on Wheels recipients and asked about their experience. All have mobility issues, medical problems, and are homebound. While Marilyn "Joan" Reith and Lloyd Miller allowed us to use their name and picture, a third client, referred to as "Esther," chose to tell her story anonymously.

View: Why did you decide to receive home-delivered meals?

"Esther": I was bedridden with no friends or family near.

Joan: I had six falls in 2011 due to over medication (sic)...In December of that year, I fell forward...I laid there 13 hours. My grandson found me, a stroke."

Lloyd: My wife was in a lift chair. Since I was working 5 or 6 days a week, caring for my wife alone, one meal a day was very helpful.

View: What other options were available to you if you could not receive meals at your home?

"Esther": I was not sure, might have had to stay in nursing home."

Lloyd: More runs to the grocery store and less attention to her care. She died this year.

View: What do you hope to gain by receiving home delivered meals?

"Esther": being able to stay in my home

Joan: My two daughters said I wasn't eating balanced meals, they are all working and will be for some time. This is my way of eating to feel better.

Lloyd: More variety of food, often ideas of food I can make. Some one checking on me regularly.

View: Is there anything else you would like to let us know?

Esther: Thank you.

Joan: I appreciate this service so much. I eat every bite. Thank you and your volunteers.

Lloyd: I love and appreciate those ladies! (His volunteer delivery drivers)

Almost all of our recipients are on fixed income through Social Security and/or disability. Each meal is valued at \$7.10, which will continue to rise with inflation. Coupled with the sequestering of federal funds in March 2013, The Window is pinching every penny to ensure no eligible senior goes hungry.



Marilyn "Joan" Reith is a frugal shopper and creative heart. She plays piano and writes her own songs. Over the years she had collected many antiques, though she loves her knockoffs. "We bought that (one) at Hobby Lobby, my daughter and I. But it looked like an antique so we got it!"

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Each recipient is asked to pay for a portion of his or her meal. This "pledge" is individualized and dependent on how much income each Meals on Wheels recipient earns a month. For some, they are more than willing to pay for the whole cost. For others, they can only afford to give \$5.00 a month because the rest must go towards their housing or prescriptions.

However, if no funding is found The Window will have no choice but to "stop the wheels" on this valuable community program.

You can help. We are looking for businesses, churches, service groups, or individuals who are willing to sponsor a senior who can not afford the meals. We were awarded NAP tax credits from IHCDCA to be distributed to any individual who sponsors a senior. See their [web-site](#) for more information. You can make a difference in the lives of others just like "Esther", Joan, and Lloyd.

The View would like to thank "Esther", Joan, and Lloyd for their courageous participation in this article.



Lloyd Miller is a kind joker who believes that he is lucky to be alive. A few weeks ago, Lloyd took a fall which landed him in the hospital. After being admitted for also having influenza A, he suffered a stroke. However, he recovered completely within two days. "The doctors say nobody can do that, but I did."

Greetings,

My intended topic for this newsletter was to only share about all the improvements that are happening in our building and to not ask for donations, but due to a shortage of financial donations and food for the kitchen and pantry, I must ask for your help again with the above donations. Please keep the Window in mind with your giving.

Secondly, we are continually moving forward with Phase One of our facility project. Our washer and dryer, Meals on Wheels and handicap bathroom/shower rooms are basically completed and will be in use as soon as the renovated hallway is completed with new flooring.

If you can help in any way with the above projects, please give us a call at 574-533-9680 ext. 209

Thank you for partnering with us in ministry,
Ed Swartley
Executive Director

There are several ways to feed and clothe the Goshen Community...

Volunteer!



Receivers and Pantry Hosts



Drivers and Dispatchers



Sorters and Clothes Closet Hosts

Donate!

Any food or clothing donation is accepted during business hours

Visit our website to join our email list and receive current needs right to your inbox

Join!

The Window Board is made up of members from local churches and businesses. If your church or business is not listed, The Window would welcome a representative from your congregation or business to serve on the Board. The board meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Call for more information.

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Upcoming Events**

Meet our New Cook!

See the Spotlight Article on page 2.

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awarded NAP
tax credits!
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for more**

Get your update on The Annual
Walk for the Window.
See Page 1 for the latest.

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 **Fridays**

September
St. Mark's
United Methodist

October
Goshen City Church
of the Brethren

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like to serve the First Friday meal at
the Window, contact Ed Swartley at
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