## Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry

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# NEWSLETTER

## We Are All in This Together'





### Pentino Dental Practice Holds Collection Drive

Pictured above dropping off donations at YSS are Dr. Alex Pentino, daughter Eliana, 3, and son Davis, 5, with Winter Freeze Shelter employees Mary Ann Foster, far left, and Cheyenne Colley, second from left. In the far right photo above are, L-R, Pentino Dental staff members Judi Gildow, Emily Patrella, Shari Magnani, Jen Grilli (seated) and Kelli Lucas.

t. Clairsville dentist Dr. Alex Pentino and his wife Shaye, as well as the office staff at Pentino Dental, collected items throughout December for the Winter Freeze Shelter.

They donated personally, and staff also mentioned the drive to patients when they called to remind them of their appointments.

"The homeless are often a population that is maybe judged, or misjudged," Shaye said. "We just wanted to bring awareness to it, that it does occur in our community, and it does affect all families."

Shaye is a St. Clairsville native, and her husband is from Wheeling originally.

"We knew that we had a good community" of patients and neighbors who would be willing to give, Shaye said. As an added incentive, the person who brought in the most donations received a prize basket including an electronic toothbrush, whitening kit and other items.

Alex and Shaye brought their children, Davis, 5, and Eliana, 3, with them to drop off the donations at the Hazel-Atlas building, where they met two young employees and posed for a picture.

"We're all connected. We're all in this together," Shaye said. "So we just need to take care of each other." She added they plan to host another drive next Christmas

## Homelessness Is Not a Defining Characteristic

By John Moses, CEO

We served 100 different souls through our Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry in the first month. Last year, in all three months, we served 160 different people. Thank you for your support; it makes a difference.

A story for you: We have a

married couple staying with us. I will call them James and Emily. Both have health problems; with James, it's more serious. The other night, James's complaints were such that he and his wife were readying themselves to walk to the ER. One of my workers offered to drive them, and another

provided cab fare for their return. They spent the rest of the night and most of the morning in the ER. When they returned. Emily was anxiously looking for the worker who gave her cab fare to give him the change. I told her he had already left, which wasn't the answer she wanted. Only when

I told her he would be back that night did she seem relieved.

I was moved by Emily's virtue, and grateful that I witnessed this. Her homelessness doesn't define her. Her poverty doesn't define her. Her character, which can never be stripped away, certainly does begin to define her.

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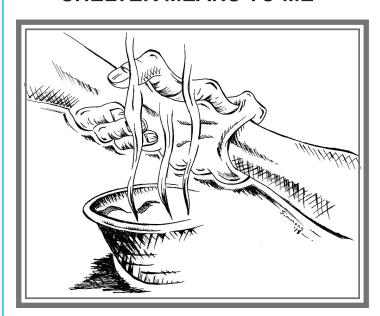
Donnie Yeager Paul and Julie Zogg

# Knights' Gifts Are 'Muy Valioso'

From left, Jack
Klug, Jenna
Howard and
Morgan Howard
hold some of the
blankets, socks
and winter gear
the Spanish Club
collected at
Wheeling Central
Catholic High
School for the
Winter Freeze
Shelter.



## 'WHAT THE WINTER FREEZE SHELTER MEANS TO ME'



Winter Freeze Shelter guest Chad Simmons put pen to paper to capture the heart and soul of the ministry.

#### **What We Need**

# TWIN XL SHEETS (especially FITTED sheets)



FYI: The "XL" stands for extra-long.
They are typically used on hospital and dorm beds.

ALSO: Men's boxers, women's underwear, sport bras, thermal underwear, men's sweatpants, men's coats, work boots, warm socks, gloves, lip balm, coffee and coffee supplies, paper goods, plasticware and disposable cups. For Project HOPE (homeless medical ministry): Latex-free gloves (S, M, L), adult gummy vitamins and boxed tissues.

#### **SAVE the DATE: SOUP SOCIAL**

A warm thank-you for our
Winter Freeze Shelter
volunteers and donors!
5:30 p.m. March 19
River City Restaurant.
Please RSVP to Holly Fox,
304-218-2847.

### MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME

The Winter Freeze Shelter is a ministry provided by YSS. Your tax-deductible donation helps us continue serving our neighbors in need. Send checks to: Youth Services System, Inc., P.O. Box 6041, Wheeling, WV 26003. Payable to Youth Services System, Inc.

#### **BEING THE BLESSING**



Danielia Gummer of Powhatan Point prepares Blessing Bags every year with her grandchildren for our male and female guests in the Winter Freeze Shelter.

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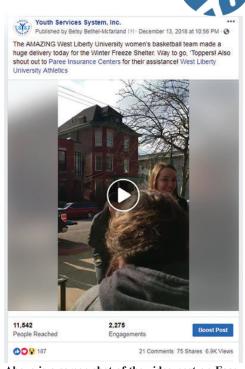
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## A Social Media Slam Dunk

Members of the West Liberty University women's basketball team are shown with some of the items collected through a drive organized by Paree Insurance Centers for the Winter Freeze Shelter. A brief video showing them hauling in the donations received a lot of attention on Facebook.





Above is a screen shot of the video post on Facebook that reached 11,500 people and netted nearly 7,000 views.