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## ‘Overwhelm the World’ With Good

YSS Winter Freeze Shelter employee Emileigh Rose makes a wish before blowing out the candles during her surprise birthday party last week.



*“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” — Bishop Desmond Tutu*

Celebrating special occasions and good news together is something we make a point of doing at the shelter. The joy created by this fellowship is rare and precious.

On a recent frigid night, Winter Freeze Shelter employee Emileigh Rose arrived at work to the shouts of “Surprise!” and the glow of candles on cupcakes. It was a sweet birthday surprise baked up by her family members and delivered to the shelter so everyone could join in the celebration.

Your support allows these bonds to be built, these moments of joy to impact our lives. Thank you for your “bit of good.” You are making a difference.

### Being the Blessing

Every year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, [Wheeling Country Day School](#) conducts a day of service. The second-grade class takes the opportunity to learn about homelessness and how the Winter Freeze Shelter provides food, warmth, rest and companionship to people in need. The children also make cards for our guests and provide blessing bags filled with toiletries and snacks.

Shown stuffing bags are, from left, Sero Swan, Helena Douglas and Chad Stradwick. At far right, Miles Mulder works on a card.





## Massive Meal Prep



YSS staff, [Ziegenfelder Co.](#) employees and [Vineyard Church](#) volunteers deliver thousands of prepared meals to the TwinPop maker's massive freezer facility in East Wheeling. The Vineyard mobilizes every December to prepare enough meals to feed Winter Freeze guests throughout the season.

## Bright Spot



Cardinal Power Plant in Brilliant, Ohio, donated thousands of dollars worth of goods for the Winter Freeze Shelter after Christmas — from tents to warm socks to coffee to soap. CEO John Moses was on hand to collect the donations from Cardinal employees, from left, Ken Vannoy, Bethany Schunn and Melissa Sadlowski.

## Roaring Success



Matt and Mike Rafa of the [Ohio County Virtual Lions Club](#) dropped off several boxes full of food donations in December. Thank you for your support!

## The Beauty of the Basics



Thank you to [Panty Claus](#), a nonprofit that donates undergarments to people experiencing homelessness around the country! Pictured are Jenny Fry from Panty Claus delivering bags full of undergarments to Jenni Velez of YSS.

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