



Right NOW, the focus of our efforts is preparation for the Fall/Winter ahead! Actually, it becomes a matter of FOOD on the pantry shelves and SUPPLIES (Toilet Paper, Soap/Personal Hygiene Items, Cleaning/Laundry Supplies, Linens) for a staggering number of people whose lives will literally depend on the mission.

PLEASE HELP FILL THE MISSION PANTRY (Mission Storerooms/Supply Cupboards)

October 2023



Dear Friends and Partners with Olive Branch Mission,

It is that time of year when we must begin our frantic sprint of preparations for the upcoming cold weather months. It is a terribly active time of Mission **DEEP CLEANING!** Activity everywhere: waxing/buffing floors (for the thousands upon thousands of muddy, salty and snow-covered shoes/boots); oiling hinges and repairing doors (that will open thousands upon thousands of times every day); servicing the furnaces/checking filters; re-counting/laundrying/replacing blankets and linens; repairing beds/replacing worn out mattresses; replacing light bulbs/cleaning light fixtures; plumbing/toilet repairs; winterizing windows and doors; our kitchens' deep cleaning of ovens/stoves/fridges/freezers; cleaning pantry shelves and store-rooms; organizing the clothing rooms; washing and repairing dining room chairs/tables; ...and the list goes on... Most of our preparations must take place in the overnight hours when our current homeless individuals and families are asleep. Yet we know that many more will be coming. As we have come to accept – with so many in need and many other homeless agencies filled to capacity – the need for The Mission is overwhelming. Last year we provided over 100,000 nights of shelter and 260,000 meals, this year we are on track to double those numbers. So, **PREPARATION** has a greater meaning and necessity than ever before.

By the way, Olive Branch Mission is now officially in its 156th year of continual service to hurting and homeless men, women, youth and children of Chicago. Quite Remarkable!

It is hard to imagine that in our nation, we have hungry and homeless veterans, homeless elderly men and women, homeless families, homeless women and children who have been the victims of domestic violence and abuse... The need for Olive Branch Mission will by far exceed any other time in its history. **Please help us as we must prepare for freezing temperatures that leave homeless individuals and families without any other options.** Please help us prepare to take in, love, serve, help, encourage and comfort, bless many strangers who will need us.

Thank you for giving and for caring for The Mission and the men, women and children we love and care for so much. **We desperately need your help.** May God continue to bless you for your heart of compassion, for your support and your prayers.

✂ Please cut/tear off this section and mail with your tax-deductible contribution.

My/Our Gift to HELP FILL the Mission Pantry (October 2023)

Please find enclosed my/our Gift of: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$750 \$1000

\$ _____ to apply towards the immediate and ongoing needs of Olive Branch Mission.

Please charge to my: OVISA OMASTERCARD ODISCOVER OAMEX Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

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