

## *The Giving Tree 2017*

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink . . ."*

### Caring Hands

#### Pregnancy and Parenting Support

In a Christ-centered atmosphere, our center promotes life and healthy pregnancies, encourages sexual purity and strong relationships, and educates in principles of biblical parenting. By offering pregnancy tests at the center we have an opportunity to share factual information on parenting, adoption and abortion. Our Learning Rewards program is designed to teach participants initiative, responsibility, discipline and self-worth by giving them the opportunity to earn the baby items that they need. We have a heart for area families and serve both single and two parent families regardless of level of income. Volunteers, donors and those who pray for us are the backbone of our mission."



First Call for Help (FCFH), a program of Tiffin-Seneca United Way, provides direct information and referral services to the residents of Tiffin and Seneca County. The main objective of First Call for Help is to guide people to the appropriate services where they can find the help they need. Knowing where to turn when you need help is crucial. *FCFH is a carefully monitored program that families and people can turn to when help is crucial.* FCFH is able to meet their current need and advise the clients to additional programs to assist the families/clients.

FCFH administers several financial assistance programs: heating utilities, water, rent assistance, school supplies for needy children, holiday help for teenagers, help for low income senior citizens and health insurance assistance for the unemployed.

An example of people who benefit are those working low income jobs, the *working poor*. The family is trying to make ends meet, but need your donated gift cards to purchase gas to go to work or buy perishable food items, such as milk etc., to feed their families. FCFH is able to meet their short-term needs and connects the clients with programs that can help them become self-sufficient and break the cycle of poverty.

*And the King will answer "In truth I tell you, insofar as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did to me." Mathew 25:40*



Sisters in Shelter is a private home for victims of human trafficking. This is a safe-haven for these women. The average length of stay is 58 days. Last year, five women were helped with love, patience, guidance and hope. Arrangements are made for medical and dental care, psychological counseling and educational services. They learned to cook, engaged in exercise programs, participated in art and craft projects, and even went on some field trips. This program is to give these women a glimpse of the possibilities for the future and the hope of a new life.

## The Morrison House

The Morrison House provides a safe-haven for singles and families for a period of up to 120 days. It is commonly referred to as Tiffin's homeless shelter. All residents are required to participate in ongoing programs to help reestablish themselves in the community as productive citizens. The Morrison House has been open and serving the homeless population in Seneca County since December 5, 2012. Since that time, they have assisted 213 (unduplicated) individuals (154 adults and 59 children).

It is the goal for each individual to have successfully acquired a job and found independent housing by completion of their stay. This year the Morrison House is looking for items to support the shelter.

*“. . . I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me . . . “*

## Please Remember:

- **Tape ornament onto donation before** placing under the Giving Tree
- Donation items are to be **new** and **unwrapped**
- Feel free to purchase more or less of the suggested quantities listed on the ornament
- You can take as many ornaments as you want, just be sure to purchase the items on the ornaments you took off the tree