

THE MISSION OF WINTER HAVEN

November 2024

Volunteer Blessing

This year, incredible volunteers, like Addy and Samuel, pictured on the left, have dedicated countless hours to serving meals, folding clothes, stocking shelves, and bringing smiles to every face they meet. They embody the true spirit of the season, providing joy, warmth, nourishment, and hope to those in need—not just during the holidays, but every day. Thank you for all you do. We couldn't do it without each of you.

David Berry, Executive Director

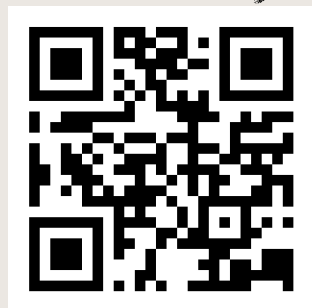


In this season of **gratitude** and reflection, we're reminded of the beauty in life's simplest moments. One such moment was recently captured in a photograph at The Mission of Winter Haven: Wayne, a longtime client of our homeless services, and Zeta, the young daughter of our Day Center Director, Justin Scoggins, working together on a word search coloring page.

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Current Needs



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Collecting toys for our Christmas project ensures we bring joy and hope to children in need, making the holiday season brighter for families facing hardship.



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With a simple scan or website visit, you can help us provide warm, nourishing meals to families in need, ensuring no one goes hungry during this special season.



DIGNITY CENTER A HUGE SUCCESS

Our Dignity Center is up and running. It is a place where individuals can regain a sense of self-worth through essential services like hygiene, showers, laundry and access to clean clothing.

By offering these resources, we empower our clients to face each day with confidence and renewed hope.



NOURISHMENT CENTER GRAND OPENING

In September, we celebrated the grand opening of newest center, a space dedicated to providing families with food and support through our choice pantry model. This milestone was made possible by our donors, whose contributions turned our vision into reality.



MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED

Completed projects enhanced accessibility and safety, including installing new handicap ramps, upgrading our driveway and parking lot, and making critical restroom repairs. These improvements ensure our facilities are welcoming, functional, and inclusive for everyone we serve. Thank you!

70,000+ MEALS SERVED, OVER 15,000 ITEMS OF CLOTHING DISTRIBUTED, HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES ASSISTED... AND WE AREN'T DONE YET! HELP US FINISH STRONG!



...Gratitude

It's a scene that speaks volumes. Two individuals from vastly different walks of life—different ages, different races, and different phases of their journeys—sitting side by side in complete peace and unity. What brought them together? A child's pure heart and the simplicity of shared activity.

Children don't see the challenges or scars that life may have left on someone's journey. They see people for who they truly are—human beings with inherent value and worth. Zeta didn't see Wayne's struggles; she saw a friend to color with, to laugh with, and to simply be present with.

Moments like these remind us of our goal at The Mission of Winter Haven: to create spaces where people from all walks of life can experience hope, connection, and dignity. Wayne and Zeta's interaction is a beautiful example of the power of human connection—how it transcends barriers and brings out the best in us.

As we approach the final few months of the year, let it inspire us all to look at one another through the eyes of a child. Thank you for being part of The Mission of Winter Haven. Together, we can continue to create a world where every Wayne finds a Zeta—and where hope, love, peace, and unity shine brightly.

Arlene Berry
Operations Director



This holiday season, you can be the reason someone's life is changed. Funds are lower than usual this time of year and we could use your help. Whether you choose to donate, or share our mission with others, your support means the world to us. Join us in building a stronger community. Together, we can make a difference because hope begins with a hand!



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