

Our mission as a non-profit, faith-based

organization is to provide services to meet the essential needs of anyone with limited income.

THE WINDOW VIEW

Director's Corner

AUGUST
2021

J. Edward Swartley, Director of The Window, Inc.

Greetings,

I recently had an investor approach me and thank me for all the work that **The Window** is doing in the community. I thanked them for the words of encouragement and their donation. This is not a one time occurrence, but has happened many times during my 13 years as Director here at **The Window**.



This donor, along with every person, church, business, club, group..., are a part of the mission of **The Window**, Inc. Yes, the staff does the leg work, however, with out all donors, (What ever the size, from pennies to \$35,000) every donation is important for the mission of **The Window** to be fulfilled. In Matthew 25:35 Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty

and you gave me drink...36 I was naked and you clothed me", everyone that has donated to **The Window** is part of **The Window**, Inc. ministry.

Thank-you for your generous contribution,

- Ed Swartley

MEALS ON WHEELS

We appreciate our MOW volunteers!

Meals on Wheels is back and mobile. **The Window** temporarily was unable to offer warm meals to MOW recipients throughout the thick of the pandemic. This required **The Window** to improvise and offer five frozen meals to participants. Many recipients miss the warm nutritional meals offered by volunteer drivers. If you are interested in learning more about this vital program continue reading to page 2.



April 3rd, volunteers delivered the first hot meals to MOW recipients since the beginning of the Pandemic. A nutritionally balanced meal, served hot allows recipients to receive a service that assists their dietary needs. MOW Director, Tyler wanted to acknowledge the volunteers who returned after the pandemic and went above and beyond to provide support for this much needed program.

“The Greatest Good we do is what we do for one another”

Mother Teresa

Thank You Donors!

Our Haystacks Dinner in April was a HUGE success! Your support and continued sponsorship allows us to fulfill our commitment to community members residing within our community.

We just wanted to take a moment to thank the event sponsors. **Faith Mission of Michiana, Miller Poultry, and Heartfelt Creations, RMH Insurance Group, Judd Family Dentistry, Yoder-Culp Funeral Home,** were instrumental in making this event a success! Thank you for your generosity. Your investment in **The Window** allows us to maintain pivotal programs that assist community members residing in Goshen!



DONATIONS:

How you can invest in The Window

The work of **The Window** is a vital part of the Goshen community, by offering basic needs to families who are struggling financially. Contributions from our community allow us to sustain vital programs that enable clients to obtain basic needs for survival including food and clothing. Your financial contributions allow us to maintain our mission objectives and instill valuable resources that offer hope to community members who are struggling.

The Window is grateful for a community that is eager to support our ministries. Whenever we express a need people step up quickly and fill it. Some of you are faithful monthly givers, some of you see a need and come to the rescue, some of you are willing but want to know our needs. We want to make sure you know how you can help!

Here are some practical ways you can invest in us:

1. Clip the slip from this newsletter and send it back with a donation.
2. Head over to our website, www.thewindowofgoshen.com, and click “How You Can Help,” and then click “Donate.” Find the donate button and use your card to donate.
3. Shop on Amazon using AmazonSmile and indicate The Window, Inc. as the beneficiary.
4. Support one of our upcoming fundraisers. We will be holding a 50 Mile Run by Darrin Eichorn and a Drive Thru

- Haystack Dinner. Call us for more information.
5. Come up with your own way to raise funds!
 6. Set up monthly giving. Determine a day each month you plan to send a check.

All of these are so helpful to us. We are grateful for your investment!

Volunteer Spotlight:

Dave Kindy Perspective

Question: How long have you frequented **The Window**?

“7 years (6 years board member)”

Question: “What makes you continue to come back to **The Window**?”

Dave-“The Holy Spirit draws me to **The Window**. Jesus commissioned me to help low-income, orphans, and widows.”

Question: “What is your favorite position at **The Window**?”

Dave-“Food Pantry—I like to personally connect with people.

. . . their smiles (reference to clients), I offer words of encouragement, and this makes me happy.”

Question: “As a member of the board at **The Window**, what is your role? Is there a specific event that you enjoy?”

Dave-“ I am apart of the fundraising committee . I enjoy the Haystack event the most because I love cooking. “

Question: ‘What is one thing that you want our reader’s to know about you?’ “

“It’s not important that they know me, however; I implore you to come and get to know **The Window** and our mission. I am only a small piece in a BIG puzzle.



United Against Hunger Food and Fund Drive

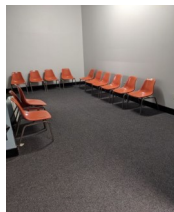
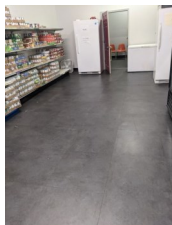
The Window isn't a stand alone organization in the community. Bringing the services that are needed in our county requires partnerships between organizations that have similar mission statements. We have received

assistance from many organizations and individuals, throughout this time. Saturday, May 8th you had the opportunity to join with 9 other pantries to help end food scarcity in Elkhart County. As a local community member you can still donate your time or items that you have lying around your pantry. If you were unable to reach our location on May 8th, you can donate financially by sending financial contributions to the following website www.thewindowofgoshen.com



Construction: started and finished!!!

River Oaks made a substantial contribution that allowed us to fix the floor in our pantry. This allowed families to safely shop within our pantry and not worry about tripping on the rugs that were laid down for their protection. This contribution was incredible and here are the final results.



Currently, we are in need of a back overhead door that would enable us to get food in and out efficiently and effectively to serve clients who are in need of our services. If you are interested in contributing to this project please give us a call at (574) 533-9680.



Mark your calendar

Upcoming Events

**Drive-Thru Haystacks Dinner
November 13, 2021 4:30-7pm**

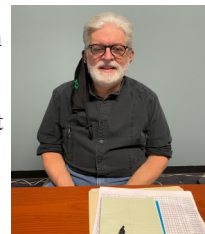
Join us fo dinner!! Hop in your car, drive to Grace Community Church, and have your dinner and dessert delivered to your car!!! Tickets will be on sale on our website or at The Window's front desk. Adults \$10 Children (4-13) \$5

New Meals on Wheels Director

Welcome Tyler Klassen!!!!

I was born, and educated here in Elkhart County, graduating from Concord High School. After a two-year break from formal education and time living in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I have a degree in photojournalism from Ball State University and a Master's degree in Christian Formation from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.. I was a newspaper photographer in Elkhart County for 31 years until 2015. Since then I have been doing freelance photography and I managed Chain Reaction Bicycle Project.

My wife Mary and I have a daughter, son-in-law and a beautiful granddaughter.



We Will Miss You!!!

Lauren Unternaher has chosen to embark on the journey of raising a family. Although we are excited for your new direction, we will miss the joy of working with you. Thank you for your Wonderful Service!!!!



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Staff Spotlight:

Tyler is taking over the responsibility of the Meals on Wheels program.

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PRAY:

- Pray that we are able to care for not just the physical needs of people, but also be a light in our community.
- Pray that we receive enough resources to meet the needs that have arisen during the outbreak.
- Pray for wisdom for our local leaders. Pray for the decisions they need to make. This is a difficult time for them.
- Pray that our staff stays healthy so we can serve others through the outbreak and beyond.
- Pray for those in our community that are struggling financially as a result of losing their jobs or being furloughed.



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