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#### \* Volunteers Wanted \*

- Warehouse Laborers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Food preparation
- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- *Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time....Thank you*

## On Death's Bench!

Meet Jamaica (Earl). The guys on the street call him this because he comes from Jamaica. He is the father of two daughters, ages 23 and 35. Unfortunately he has very little contact with his daughters because Jamaica has been an alcoholic for many years.

When Jamaica came to this country he worked in a Senior Nursing Home as a porter for 13 years. Whether it was a weekend 'social' practice or whether he battled hidden

problems or fears, he began the habit of drinking, until his life was spiraling out of control. This cost him his job. During this time he had lived in what is called an

S.R.O. (single room occupant)... a sort of Boarding House situation. When he was no longer able to pay because of lack of funds, he lost his room. Eventually that landed him on a park bench.

It was about 7 years ago when Jamaica heard about Hope For The Future. He became a regular, knowing he would have a good hot meal three times a week. Every week, especially in the winter Jamaica would ask for a blanket. It seemed he couldn't hold on to one without losing it due to his alcohol consumption.

It was a cold Saturday out-

reach in December, just before Christmas, with temperatures hitting a season low and the wind chill making it feel like it was 5° below, when some of 'the guys' from the park came to Pastor Diane telling her Jamaica was sitting on the park bench while others were on line to eat. Hours later he was still sitting there and had not come for any food. When Pastor Diane came over to see him with the youth group (Church of the Nazarene) that had been out to help them that

bench after a while. They did. Thank God, they did! His temperature was over 104° and was diagnosed with pneumonia, spending over 10 days in the hospital. At the age of 62, with his immune system compromised, coupled with the harsh exposure of homelessness, and alcoholism, the doctors told him if he had stayed out that evening he would have died. Jamaica's sister told him, "Those people saved your life!"

When he came out of the hospital, still very weak from his condition, he went to stand on line to register for a bed at the Bowery Mission, and by 'bed' we mean a hard bench in the chapel, with a blanket. During this time Jamaica has been reflecting on his life and has asked us to help him get into a program. Of course, he

needs to detox first, but the very fact that he asked for help is a positive sign, after a very long journey down a wrong path. Every one deserves a second chance, because every life has great value, and in God's eyes every soul has a purpose.

With your help and prayers HFTF and it's team will continue to help those lost souls who have been relegated to life on a park bench. Ω



**Quote of the Month**

*If you sit down at set of  
sun  
And count the acts that  
you have done,  
And, counting, find one  
self-denying deed, one word  
That eased the heart of him  
who heard—  
One glance most kind,  
That fell like sunshine  
where it went—  
Then you may count that  
day well spent.*

GEORGE ELIOT (1819–1880)



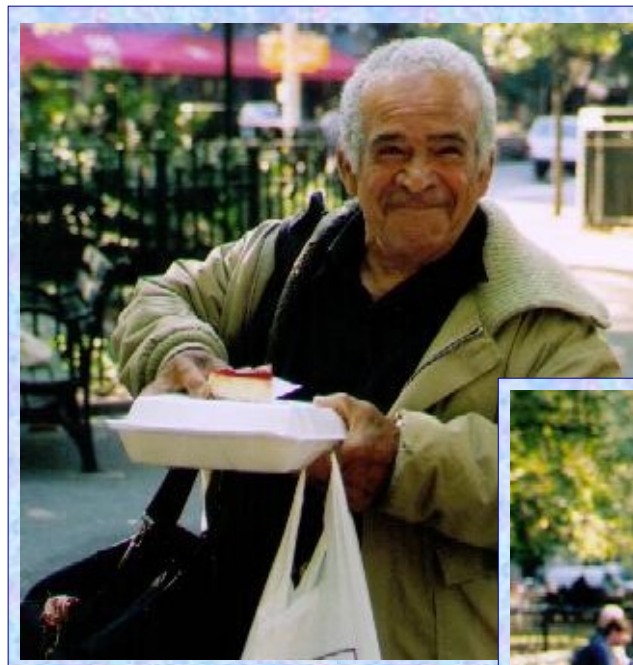
**URGENT!!!  
VOLUNTEERS ARE  
NEEDED ASAP!**

If you have any free time and you would like to make a difference... please consider joining our team. Your time and help are greatly appreciated!

**PLEASE CALL US AND  
VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

We need Professional Fund Raisers, Grant Writers, Graphic Artists, Warehouse workers, Office help and kitchen helpers.

**JOIN US TODAY.**  
Thank you~



**BULLETIN...BULLETIN...  
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This just in... It is the consensus on the streets of the metropolitan area... that Hope for the Future serves the most delicious hot meals among any of the mobile or stationery soup kitchens. This is quite an accolade considering that Hope for the Future is way less funded than our colleagues. It has to be the secret ingredients-a little spice, all things nice and especially the love of God in the hearts of Rosemarie, Gloria, Lucy, Jean, Hazel, and our loving volun-



teers. Hope for the Future gratefully and humbly accepts this honorable distinction. We give all the glory to the Lord. **Ω**

***Last, But Not Least, Another Christmas Miracle***

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Hope for the Future celebrated the Hempstead outreach's Christmas by "takin' it to the street".

A friend of Annette told her about the Outreach because of the plight Annette was in and the fear that was accompanying it. Christmas was bearing down on her and with an empty wallet, a flat tire, and an SSI check that is ridiculous in this economy, she was in despair that she could not provide any gifts for her five children. Reluctantly, Annette gathered her family and drove on a bad tire to the Christmas Shindig, being thrown by a group she hadn't heard of before, with little expectation. Was she ever in for the shock of her life. Usually, Hope for the Future has a list of people they are prepared to provide for and of course Annette was not on it. But by now, you know God. Pastor Diane was compelled to call Annette out of the crowd. By the grace of God and the funds our supporters provide, miraculously there was enough food and presents to fulfill way more than Annette even dreamed of providing for her family. Someone even changed

her tire! Before the night was over Pastor Diane took her back to the Warehouse and gave her a turkey, a ham, and all the fixing's for a holiday meal. Even though there was no tree, her children, Tianna, Gabrielle, Christina, Ryan, and Julia, were shocked at the abundance of presents for them on Christmas morning and heartily enjoyed the bountiful dinner their mom was able to cook as a result of her trip to our Hempstead Christmas outreach.

Annette needs another miracle, as she is enrolled in the Section 8 program for housing, but finding a place that is not in a drug infested area has been a trial.

This tale does not end here. Annette was so overcome with gratitude that even though she is debilitated with herniated discs, she and one of her daughters have volunteered with the kitchen staff. She feels deep in her heart the need to give back whatever she is able, to those who made her family's Christmas "more than enough". Ω

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will not leave so  
deep an impression  
as one deed.*  
*Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906)*



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with  
**Pastor Diane  
Dunne  
&  
Pastor Deborah  
Mitchell**

**HELP WANTED! URGENT NEED! HELP WANTED!**

Desperate times call for desperate measures!

If you any of these talents and have a desire to help the poor  
**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

We are in need of the following help...

- |                |              |                           |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Fund Raisers   | Mechanic     | Warehouse Laborers        |
| Office Workers | Kitchen Help | Kitchen Preparation       |
| PR Person      | Food Pick Up | Musicians/Worship Leaders |
| Grant Writers  | Volunteers   | Van/car (donation)        |

**OUR MINISTRY RELIES ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU.**

**PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN...IN JESUS NAME...THANK YOU!**

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### ***A WORD FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

*Dear Partners,*

*Everyone is talking about the Stimulus Package to help boost America's economy. I was listening to a news broadcast where one suggestion from our political leaders was to have a benefit for 'buying American' to stimulate our local economy. Great idea. The minute America becomes healthy again the nations around us with whom we trade will do better as well. We would then be in a position to help others.*

*And then I thought of another great idea. How about a plan for 'giving American'. I love foreign missions and have traveled extensively to many nations with a passion for the mission field, for its laborers, and the winning of souls. However, the local church and 'Homeland' Ministries need to be operational and healthy for it to branch out beyond its Jerusalem and Judea.*

*Our phones here at HFTF are ringing off the hook for help. Our lines for food have been growing. Our local food pantry is seeing an influx of those in need who normally wouldn't be asking for help. Some of our faithful supporters have lost jobs and have written or called to let us know why they are not able to continue their pledges. It has become increasingly difficult to keep up with expenses and bills. I know there are those of you who have heard this from many of the works you support and if you are on as many ministry mailing lists as I am, you are being bombarded with pleas for help. And I personally know why, because the needs have increased.*

*It was greed that led to out of control debt. We are either a part of the problem or part of the solution. We need to focus on getting our country back on track and we need also to focus on our homeland ministries and local churches. I believe that it will be in our own capabilities to be part of the solution. We can become the bridge that crosses over to help other people.*

*It is my own conviction that in hard times we do all we can to be that bridge. It could be as simple as cutting back on a soda a day (or a latte a day). That could be sent to a ministry that helps feed the poor. I know food pantries that have had to close their doors due to lack of funds and help. I would hate to see HFTF have to cut back at a time where the communities needs are at their greatest. Please help us become part of the solution, and remember ...Minus a latte a day will help keep poverty away!*

*May God richly bless you for your faithfulness.*

*Sincerely In His Service,  
Pastor Diane Dunne*