

Friends of Night People

Current Needs:
Men's Winter Jackets & Boots

Hello, Joseph

Planning For Winter

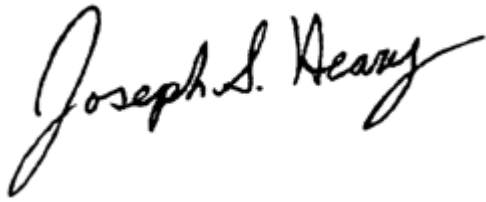
These next few weeks are a time when everyone in Buffalo, NY is preparing for the long cold winter ahead. For those who are experiencing hunger, poverty, and homelessness these preparations are a bit more urgent. Jason asks, "Do you have any boots, my sneakers have a hole. And, I could use some socks too. I hope it doesn't snow soon." As I assure him we will have appropriate footwear to help him, I cannot help but notice he will also need a jacket, gloves, and long underwear.

During the fall, the nights are damp and cold. Constantly being outside or needing to move from place to place, outdoors or indoors, is the reality some of our community members experience. It is how they survive.

You and I can help them, we can make their experience better with a small amount of compassion and care. This fall we ask you to donate the following items to help us reach our goal of 250 each. We are collecting blankets/comforters, mens gloves, gently used travel mugs, socks, boxes of hot chocolate mix, and of course, turkey and ham for holiday meals. Help us provide these much needed items directly to individuals and families in our community. Donations can be dropped off at 394 Hudson Street, at our side entrance seven days a week from 11AM to 7PM.

Help us make things better with a small personal donation, a collection at work or in your neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Joseph S. Heary
Executive Director

PS: Please take a moment to let us know how we are doing by completing a quick survey.

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Serve Kindly, Serve Compassionately



staff member.

Friends of Night People is here to help others in need, NOW. These men and women have come seeking help, primarily meals because they are hungry. We can feed someone a meal but they may still be hungry, or fear being hungry in 15 minutes, 6 hours, or 12 hours from when they leave, if they do not have any other food resources. Being able to identify and react to these situations is a key ingredient in our program. By understanding their past and current situation, you and I can help change their future. The next time you're volunteering remember to take an extra look around, together we have helped FONP become much more than a place for meals. If you have any suggestions or would like to do more, please never hesitate to speak with a



Events and More...

Our 2016 Party for the People was an evening filled with good music, food, and friends. The highlight of the event was our Silver Spoon Award presentation for service and commitment to the organization. This year's inductees have been volunteering together for nearly 40 years, once a month. The dedication by this group to helping others is also a testament to our organizations strength and ability to maintain a great circle of friends as volunteers and donors. Photos from the event can be found on our [facebook page](#).

Congratulations to: Betty Crump, Jan Cooper, Cathy Bailey, Mary Goulding, Gary and Joan Runckel, Paul and Rosemarie Sugg.

Saturday, December 3rd is the [Annual McCarthysim Holiday Bash](#) to benefit FONP at the [Sportsmens Tavern](#). Join us 8PM to 12:30 AM to kick of the holiday season. Donations of gift cards for a auction or gift baskets are welcome. If interested please email joe@friendsofnightpeople.com.

January 28, 2017, [Buffalo Soup Fest](#) will host Empty Bowls for student artists to display and make available their bowls for a donation to Friends of Night People. Student artists throughout WNY design bowls that symbolize how hunger affects them and out community. Bowls range in price usually from \$3 to \$10 and will be located at the main entrance lobby in the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

April 2, 2017 - FONP's Annual Putting Hunger on the Run 5K (Run and Walk) Sponsors, Volunteers, and Participants needed. Please mail joe@friendsofnightpeople.com.



Michele's Musings

Michele Beal, program coordinator for the Friends of Night People Friends of Friends Program, reflects on the past couple months, and talks about housing and our new interns Dan, Brittany, and Alicia.

[Read her article here.](#)



Foundations help with new ovens, steamer, and kettle for kitchen at FONP

Thank you to the Statler and Patrick P. Lee foundations that assisted with the purchase of new equipment to facilitate our production and service in the community.



FONP welcomed New York Life for the 2016 United Way Day of Caring. Many tasks were completed by the group including painting and gardening. Thank you for making a difference.



Volunteer Information

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued support. We would just like to give a little friendly reminder for everyone to please arrive at our facility to volunteer at 4:30 p.m to serve dinner and 6:45 to help in the food pantry, if possible.

If something should come up that you, and/or your group cannot make it, please contact joe@friendsofnightpeople.com Monday-Friday, or Marty Bensch, Chef, at 716.884.5375 ext. 204 on Saturdays and Sundays, if you are volunteering that weekend. Thank you!

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Meal Count: as of 9/30/16, 2016, FONP has served 104,673 meals.

**Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from
Noon to 7 p.m. at 394 Hudson St., Buffalo, NY 14201**

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