



A Successful Season

This has been an amazingly successful season, highlighted by extraordinary cooperation among all the partners who serve those who are homeless. Did you hear about [the "100 Day Challenge"](#) a project set up through the Trexler Trust?

They reported 63 people exiting homelessness; and they also prevented another 46 households from becoming homeless! Kudos to all the organizations and groups that contributed to the effort, and to the Trexler Trust for initiating the project. More to come from them, I'm sure.

In addition, the Coordinating Committee at Zion also strengthened partnerships between agencies, varied ministries and the Warming Station as we all serve the same client-community. I'm also happy to say we have "birthed" a task force that will continue to meet after the Warming Station season ends. We hope to learn more about (and perhaps apply learnings from) the [Community First village project](#).

Zion's Became a 7-days-a-week Home for the Homeless

Here at Zion, we expanded our supportive role this year. In case you didn't know, for the past six months we have been the temporary home for the Ripple Community ministry five days a week; we also host St. Paul's community breakfast ministry on Sundays; and of course, we have continued our own Jubilee breakfast ministry three days a week.

One Way to Support the Mission

We appreciate the support we receive from individuals, churches and granting organizations! You helped us respond to the increasing numbers of people who have been coming to the breakfasts. However, as the Jubilee season draws to a close at the end of the month, we're facing an immediate need for dishwasher repairs (\$1,500). And anyone who has volunteered this past year knows the toll this seven-days-a-week programming has taken on the floor of our Fellowship Hall. We are seeking bids to replace the entire floor!

One way you can help is by supporting our fund-raising brunch. I'm attaching copies of a [poster](#) and bulletin-size [inserts/flyers](#) announcing our annual Jubilee Breakfast for the Homeless fund-raiser on Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Tickets: \$10 each / children 5-12: \$5 / children under 5: free!

You can [purchase tickets or simply make a donation](#) via Paypal. (To purchase tickets online, just type "tickets" in the box that says: "indicate where to use donation.")

And for sponsorship information or to reserve tickets, call Zion's UCC 610-435-2412.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Jubilee ministry to/with/for those who are homeless. I'll keep you informed about the projects that continue to develop over the summer months.

—Pastor Bob Stevens