

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY**  
**OHIO COUNTY**  
**PARTNER AGENCY: ST. BENEDICT'S HOMELESS SHELTER**

Homeless, chronic alcoholic, jobless, and at the lowest point of his life, Jeff found St. Benedict's on November 23, 2013. Jeff was told by a dear friend St. Benedict's could and would get him the help he longed for. "I was only going to reside at the shelter for a week" said Jeff, "After a week, I knew I was where I needed to be and I found God". He was given simple directions to attend recovery classes and 100 AA meetings in 30 days while the shelter was securing him a bed in a recovery center. Jeff claims to have experienced compassion, love, and empathy without judgment. The day after Christmas Jeff entered a long term recovery center for his substance abuse issues. Jeff states "The shelter and going to treatment was the greatest Christmas present ever". Jeff has managed to stay sober since November 24, 2013, enroll into college, obtain and manage his own apartment, and recently started serving the shelter as an AmeriCorps member. Jeff volunteers in several recovery centers helping others to recover from their addictions and displays the same compassion he received while staying at St. Benedict's. Jeff has become an attribute to his community and will never forget where he came from.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **St. Benedicts Homeless Shelter** can:

- Purchase a pair of steel toed boots for a resident's job requirement
- Assist in paying for a copy of a resident's birth certificate or picture ID
- Assist in paying for application fees when residents are completing an application for an apartment
- Assist a resident who is struggling to purchase eyeglasses
- Assist a resident with a breathing machine due to a medical condition
- Help pay for the cost for a resident to obtain substance abuse treatments
- Purchase shoes for residents that have none
- Purchase supplies such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, paper plates, etc.
- Purchase food supplies such as milk, cereal, coffee, sugar, peanut butter, and crackers, etc.

