



Dear Friends,

March 2023

In March of 1983, Victory Mission (as it was called in the beginning) was making final preparations to open its doors for the first time in early April. The original storefront was a straight simple layout of less than 2,000 square feet. When you entered the building you walked right into the clothing room, followed by a small chapel, and then storage space for food in the rear. There was only one freezer and two refrigerators, but believe me, there was a vision. A vision to bring the Good News of Jesus, both in word and deed, to a part of our community that was in suffering. Yes, it was a humble beginning to say the least, but to say that we were excited to open our doors to the needy was an understatement.

I wonder what we would have thought to see ahead and know that the seed of just wanting to meet the needs of people would see such longevity and growth. It does give us pause as we offer thanks to the Lord for allowing us to be part of His plan that has now given birth to the Center of Hope. It also gives us great joy as we consider the partnership of so many like yourself who have been with Victory since the beginning. Whether you are a decades old partner or just joined the Victory family recently, we feel such a bond with you because of our mutual love for God and for others in need. As a partner you are the backbone of this ministry and what we call a Hope Restorer. For you indeed are restoring hope to others.

**“Those from among you
Shall build the old waste places;
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.” Isaiah 58:12**

Forty years ago, something special was born. We didn't know it at the time, but God had a divine plan for this little food outreach. There were lives destined to be changed, some even rescued from the harsh hand of poverty. In the same way Nehemiah came to “seek the well-being of the people”, Victory Ministries also came to do the same.

Moving forward, we invite you to join us this month as we continue the crusade to address all forms of poverty. Food insecurity is not going away any time soon. Although difficult to imagine, many of the families we help have children who are going to school hungry and are under-nourished. It takes all of us working together to address food insecurity and the many other needs that our families face each day. We believe there are solutions, and we can offer them to our neighbors to help create an opportunity for a better tomorrow and a much brighter future for so many who have lost their hope.

Your gift of \$88.50 will feed four families for five days through our Choice Pantry. \$327 will provide 100 families with fresh poultry and a gift of \$49 provides a breast and cervical cancer exam in our Women's Preventative Health Clinic. \$200, \$500, or even \$1,000 will just do that much more. Whatever God may lay on your heart to give will go directly towards helping a neighbor in need – someone you will probably never meet but I assure you is deeply grateful to you for caring.

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Victory Ministries P.O. Box 360833 Columbus, Ohio 43236

Thank you for your faithful love and support!

P.S. Please Join us for our special Open House celebration –“New Paths of Hope.”

40th Anniversary Open House - Sunday, April 23, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Enjoy tours, refreshments, music, and a walk down memory lane. Whitehall Mayor, Kim Maggard, will join our celebration and share words of recognition and encouragement at 3:00 pm.

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