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## Scenes of Passion Proclamation



Church Without Walls celebrating Palm Sunday and Resurrection Day on the streets of NYC



*No man was ever honored for what he received. Honor is the reward for what he gave.*



**Urgent!**  
**God Needs You!!!**  
**Men Women & Young of all ages!**  
**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**  
**CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM. YOUR TIME AND HELP ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**  
**PLEASE CALL US AND VOLUNTEER TODAY!**  
**Warehouse Workers, Kitchen Prep, Food Pick-Up Volunteers, Kitchen Helpers, Office help**  
**Musicians, Mechanic, and Grant Writers, Graphic Artists, Professional Fund Raisers, .**  
**JOIN US TODAY.**  
**Thank you~**

## The Bank That Gives Back!



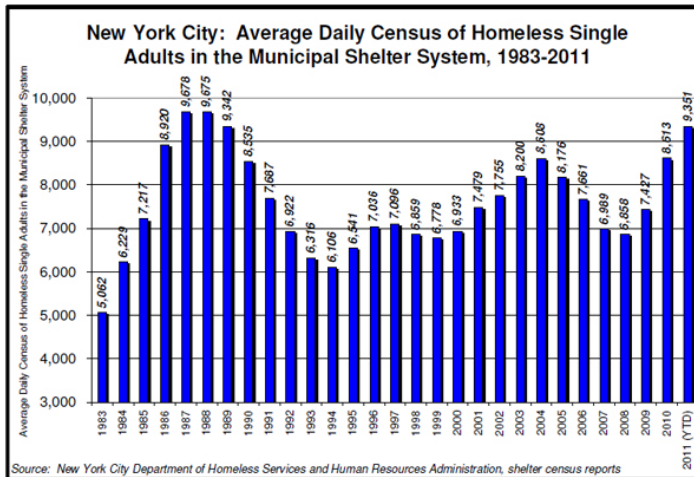
The Supermarkets that participated in the fundraiser were Meat Farms, Stop & Shop, Pathmark, and King Kullen. Many thanks to American Community Bank of Commack (100 Commack Road) and E. Northport, NY (1968 Jericho Tnpk.) and their employees for caring enough about their community to reach out, eradicating hunger, one box of food at a time. Ω

The American Community Bank proved themselves to be a bank with a true heart for it's community when they gave their time to run a food drive for HFTF. The project was spear headed by Matthew Nartowicz and Jon Nieman. For

one month 15-17 employees stood in front of local supermarkets of Commack and East Northport, in the cold, and raised about \$2,000 worth of food, helping HFTF provide the needed product to continue feeding the needy.

◀ Matt Nartowicz, Mike Pilet, and Jon Nieman proudly pose in front of boxes of non-perishable food with Rev. Diane Dunne at the American Community Bank located at 1968 Jericho Tnpke. in East Northport, NY.

### Lack of Affordable Housing Main Reason For Homelessness In New York!



In NYC almost 9,400 single adults (not including families with children) fill municipal shelters each day. That's also not including areas outside of NYC. Together it amounts to roughly 45,000 per day! TO GET A GRASP OF THAT NUMBER... IT WOULD FILL MADISON SQUARE GARDEN ALMOST 9 TIMES EACH DAY!!

### Stats of NYC Homeless People Living in Shelters

(www.coalitionforthehomeless.org)

- Each night 45,000 people, including 17,000 children experience homeless.
- Currently more than 41,200 men, women, & children bed down in municipal homeless shelters, and thousands more sleep rough on the streets, or in other forms of shelter.
- Each year more than 110,000 different homeless New Yorkers, including more than 40,000 children, sleep in the municipal shelter system.
- The number of homeless families has nearly doubled over the past decade.

### NY TIMES reports on Homelessness in Long Island, NY

- According to the NY Times, the LI Coalition for the Homeless reported... almost 3,000 homeless people are without a place to live.
  - Very difficult to get an accurate count on the number of homeless in the area.
  - The homeless are so spread out ... living in campgrounds, parks and on beaches... it's harder to see and to count.
  - All 52 shelters located in Suffolk alone are full to capacity.
- (www.wordpress.com/homeless on long island) Ω



# The Blessing of the Two Way Street

## Karen Gill

I am a stay-at-home mother of three wonderful children. In the fall of 2010, I found myself alone most of the day. My 21 year old son was away at college, starting his senior year. My middle daughter, age 18, had just left for her freshman year at college. And, my 13 year old daughter (my baby) was starting high school and would be playing Varsity field hockey, which would keep her at the high school until 4:30 in the afternoon.

I have always worked for my husband's insurance business part time from home, but with the three kids gone most of the time I needed (wanted) to do something for myself. I wanted to do

something where I would feel useful. Before I had children I worked as a secretary and really enjoyed office work.

I came across an ad in the local newspaper for volunteers to help at Hope For The Future in the kitchen, warehouse or office. I immediately called and arranged to meet with Pastor Diane. She was extremely busy (as she always is), especially since it was the week be-

fore Thanksgiving. I told her why I was looking for work and was hoping to help her in the office.

I started working with Pastor Diane right after Thanksgiving 2010. I love working at



Hope For The Future and love working with Pastor Diane. She is very smart and inspirational. I definitely feel useful, needed and appreciated by her.

I have heard people talk about using their gifts for God. I didn't think I had any "gifts" - I can't sing and I am not very creative, but I am organized and great at paperwork - I never thought of doing paperwork as a

gift! I feel blessed to be able to give my time and experience in office work to helping a ministry like Hope For The Future accomplish God's work.

Pastor Diane tells me often how thankful she is that I am there. But I should thank her, because the reward I get from working at Hope For The Future is so great. Ω

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*Every thing that is done in the world is done by hope.*

*Martin Luther*

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***Thank you and May the Lord bless you!***

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plans that I  
have for  
you...plans to  
give you a hope  
and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*



## A Word From The Pastor's Desk

**Dear Partner,**

One of the hardest things for me to do is turn people away when we have run out of food. Yet this is happening at almost every outreach because the need seems to be increasing. As I looked at some stats from the Coalition for the Homeless, I saw that NYC has almost the same numbers of homelessness as it did during the start of this ministry in 1987. That is astounding! As the economy lingers in a state of recession, I find that many whom we service are becoming hopeless. Unemployment is running out, jobs are hard to come by, food prices are soaring, housing costs are skyrocketing.

In our Farmingdale pantry outreach we are servicing 175 households, and have more who come each week, requesting to be added to our waiting list in the unlikely event that we have anything left over for that day. They wait for a call. Our numbers continue to grow, and so is the need for the funds to facilitate our growing client list. It is easy in times like this to get discouraged. But I have learned that discouragement is a distrust of the future. The whole theme of this ministry is based on hope for the future. But if we forget our blessing and look to our circumstances, then that is when discouragement begins to take hold. What we need is encouragement. We need hope and peace and the knowledge that the Lord knows our troubles and has great concern and compassion for us. He is not leaving us unloved or uncared for.

I've said this many times before, and it warrants repeating: Jesus said, 'The poor you will have with you always,' because it gives the Church the opportunity (or should I say the responsibility) of being the Church! When we are blessed, we need to remember that with it comes the responsibility and call to be a blessing, This is what He told Abraham. *"I will bless you, and make you a blessing."* But what about the times we are 'distressed?' I am reminded of the scripture in 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 that says: *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."* We are able to give out to others in need the very comfort and strength that we have received from God. How many of us, because of a trial, have been able to help someone else better because of that trial? Someone once said, 'God doesn't comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. Lighthouses are built by ship-wrecked sailors. Roads are widened by mangled motorists. Hospitals are built by those who were sick. Where nobody suffers, nobody cares.' When we suffer we learn to care. But Christ suffered first. This means that all comfort, encouragement and hope that we receive whether through people, or through the Word or through our circumstances are filtered through Jesus. And the God of all encouragement is waiting to show us his mercy and love. Trust Him today... We need to remember the Lord's blessing. We need to depend on Him. Turn our eyes to Jesus. And when we are blessed, helped, strengthened or encouraged, we need to remember to be the blessing, strength, or comfort to those who are in need.

Please remember us with your prayers and support, as we continue to shine the beacon light of hope to the least and the last. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness. May God richly bless you and yours.

Sincerely in His Service,