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Open Door Mission

Candace Gregory from Open Door Mission, was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 29. She has four children. Her husband is retired. She has worked at Open Door Mission since 1994.



Candace Gregory & Bill Vorthmann

Open Door Mission is a Gospel Rescue Mission founded in 1954 committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. They have had almost 14,000 people donate time. Recently 300 Treynor 6-12 grade students and parents came to be part of the Community Service Learning program.

Open Door Missions has 8 shelters in the area with 860 safe shelter beds. 30% of the men in need are Veterans. They serve 2300 meals each day. There is a drop box at Zion Church for meal donations.

A recent Baylor University study shows that faith-based organizations provide 58 percent of emergency shelter beds in the 11 cities surveyed across the nation, in addition to providing an array of vital services and personalized interventions necessary for long-term recovery and independence. These services include, but are not limited to, education, healthcare, job training and addiction recovery. As a result, the study estimates that faith-based organizations create

\$9.42 in taxpayer savings for every \$1 invested by the government. It further shows an estimated \$119 million in tax savings in the 11 cities during the three years following implementation of faith-based Residential Recovery and Job Readiness programs. See <http://www.baylor.edu/mediacommunications/doc.php/281856.pdf>

For Open Door Mission, \$0.90 of every \$1 goes toward services. They recycle everything they can. They now have 14,000 square feet of gardens where they have planted potatoes and onions and 650 tomato plants. They serve 10,000-12,000 pounds of food every week.

90% of panhandlers in the area are not homeless. They live in efficiency apartments. 82% of the people served by Open Door Missions are employed, just not gainfully employed. 60% have less than a 6th grade education.

Open Door Missions has a new outreach center at 16th and D in Council Bluffs that opened a year ago. They serve 300-320 sack lunches each day for 155 families.

Open Door Missions is lobbying for more vocational training in Middle Schools.

They have over 43 programs for graduation. 191 students are working on their GED. 26% of their graduates continue their education.

Candace said they have seen a large increase in youth aging out of foster care. They serve 1000-1200 per day.

50% of the women served are victims of domestic violence. The elderly is their fastest growing area of need.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann conducted the April 29, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club. Twelve members and three guests were present.

The meeting began with humor from Chad Guttau and Bill Vorthmann. Gary Guttau offered the prayer.

Dee Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Steve Chambers was not present to collect the attendance prize.

Bill Vorthmann contributed one dollar to the Youth Fund for bragging rights to recognize the Youth Appreciation program. John Klein contributed to recognize three successful Cardinal Core events:

- Mother Daughter meeting at school on April 20. There were 127 girls and their mothers present.
- Pitch, Hit, and Run last Sunday. There were 31 youth and 17 volunteers
- Yesterday was the Juvenile Diabetes Walk at school. 5 youth in the school have Type 1 diabetes. The 393 Elementary youth raised \$8,000.

There will be a mock car crash on May 5 at 1:30 at the school to raise awareness of distracted driving.

The can kennel for St. Paul Youth raised \$1020.90.

The club voted \$100 for Stacie McKern for a trip.

Calendar

Can kennel sorting, May 3, 17 for Zion Youth and Summer Games

Birthdays

Apr 20 – Steve Chambers
Apr 25 – Irvin Saar
Apr 28 - Gene Seran

Anniversaries

Apr 7 – Jim & Diane Clausen (recognized)

Speakers

May 20 – Carol Flaten, Treynor Community Schools Art teacher
May 27 – Chris Clausen, Assure coming to CB..

Richard Vorthmann is in room C24 at Risen Son Nursing Home.

The babysitting clinic will be May 10 at 1:15-5:00 for 5th to 7th graders.

Fine Arts night will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



Duncan Clark gave his oratory contest speech on Optimism. He is pictured here with Gary Funkhouser.

For auction items, a combat hat raised \$3 and a bag of finch food raised \$7.

Programs

May – Jeff Jorgensen & Judy Gutttau
June - Jim Clausen
July - First two weeks open
Last two – Jerry Hempel
August - First two weeks open
Last weeks – Bob Mantell
September - Ken Graham
October - Gary Gutttau
November - Mick Gutttau
December –