



# YOUR HANDS, YOUR CHOICE, YOUR RESULTS

How your giving and support has made a difference and impacted the lives of the homeless and needy in Philadelphia and around the world.

## MORE THAN JUST THE HOMELESS

*This year more than ever families struggled and relied on the meals we provided to make ends meet.*

**FACT: 1 out of every 4 Philadelphians are living below the poverty rate.\***

In 2011, many of the people that we served were needy families: fathers, mothers, and children looking for a hot meal. Oftentimes, they are families who have a place to live, however, due to the economy and loss of jobs, they have to decide what to do with the bit of money they have. Sometimes the choice is between buying much needed medication, paying for electric, gas and water or putting food on the table. This year we have helped to ease the burden by providing many families with food and an encouraging word to help with these hard times and hopefully make those tough decisions a little bit easier.

*\*Philadelphia 2011: The state of the City*



A family enjoys a dinner at the Pottstown Site. Many families may still have a roof over their head but still need our assistance to make ends meet.

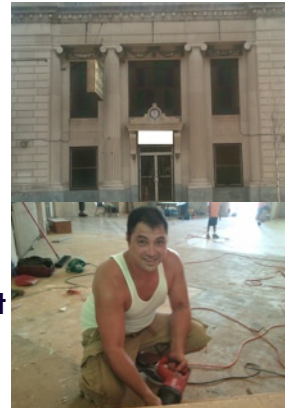
### Starting a Program at Your Church

In 2011, we served over 100,000 full course meals to the homeless and needy in the Philadelphia area with the help of 73 churches. We still have a need for other churches to join the fight against hunger. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! Here's how:

- 1) Make sure your church has the appropriate budget
- 2) Identify someone to be a team leader
- 3) Contact Chosen 300 to set up a time for us to give a presentation to your church

### West Philadelphia Site Opening in 2012

- The building was purchased in 2011
- Building permits are in process
- Construction and renovation will start soon!
- Services provided at our West Philly location include: Meals, Job Readiness Training, Computer Lab, and more



**IN PROGRESS • FUNDING NEEDED TO COMPLETE**

You've been there...you've walked down the street in any large city in America and have looked the other way when approached by a homeless person. **THANK YOU** for being part of the solution and getting involved.

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Dear Chosen 300,

At this time last year I was sitting in one of those chairs eating a Thanksgiving meal. A lot has happened for me in the past year. Some good, some not so good. But its all in the learning experience of life...My heart wants to give. I spent 10 years in prison. I was released 8-1-2011. I spent 5 months at the Ridge Center right up the street from your Spring Garden kitchen. It took 13 months and 700+ resumes (many of witch I sent out right from the computers there at Spring Garden St.) just to find a job. I just finished a course on the National Electric Code and Lord willing I will open a contracting business very soon. I've been an electrician for 23 years.

Financially at this time I am unable to as I would like. But I have myself. And that I give willingly. If you are in need of volunteers to help in any way this Thanksgiving Day, or any time at all, please contact me.

### A LETTER TO CHOSEN 300

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## • NIGERIA •



In 2011, Chosen 300 built a water-well in the Nduigo village. The village and it's surrounding community will now have water for drinking, bathing, growing crops, and serving many people who can now travel a short distance to get water. The water-well will also help to create jobs and afford a food distribution program, which will provide rice, beans, and dry milk every month to needy families. Currently funds are being raised to build a reservoir that will extract water from the well to flow directly into the homes of these families living in the village.

*Special thanks to Pastor Coleman and the First Baptist Church of Crestmont Family for your gift of \$6,500 in funds to build the water-well in Nigeria.*

## • LIBERIA •

On December 24, 2011 we opened an outreach program in Liberia. The coordinator of Liberia's food, program, Ms. Clementina states, "The Word of God will not only be administered to the people, but their physical needs will be met" thanks to Chosen 300.



## • JAMAICA & SOUTH AFRICA •

Typically Jamaica and South Africa are thought of as tourist attractions, but the impoverished people living in the villages and outside of the resorts are often forgotten. Our food distribution programs in Jamaica and South Africa are also badly in need of funding and are in jeopardy. Call Chosen 300 to find out how you can help these programs.

## UPCOMING EVENT!

### 2012 Walk Against Homelessness

START BUILDING YOUR

TEAM TODAY!

**Saturday, April 21st @ 9:00 AM**

Mondauk Commons Park  
Dillion & Susquehanna Rds.  
Ft. Washington, PA

**Get Your Business Logo and Info  
on brochure and t-shirt!**

- Sponsorship packages available for \$1K, \$5K, and \$10K
- Packages include booth space at the walk



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