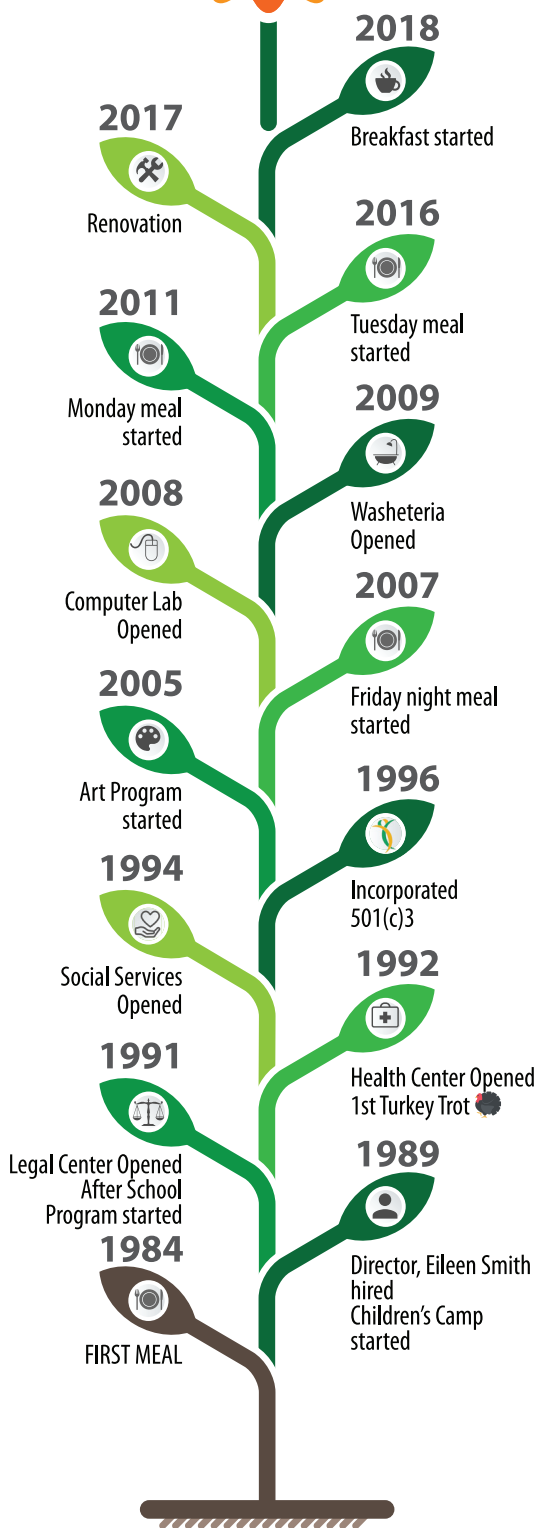


Your *generosity* has made a *difference* for



YEARS



35 Years and
growing

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 35 YEARS

Your support created a community of compassion and care

Mother's Day 1984 – A small group of parishioners approached Pastor Rich Rock, C.M., regarding their concerns about the increasing number of hungry people in Germantown. After much discussion and organizing, Saint Vincent's Hall opened its doors and served the first meal to about 40 hungry neighbors. It was a simple meal of soup and bread. In the early days the operation was primitive: Brother Al, C.M., got the food and volunteers cooked and served the meal. Services expanded quickly because the need was so great. People living in poverty, who were shunned on the street, came into St. Vincent's Dining Room and were seen and heard. Your generosity gave relief and dignity to those

in great need. On October 1, 1996, this parish outreach became incorporated as Face to Face, an independent 501(c)3. Because of supporters like you, it grew into a multi-service community center offering nutritious hot meals, health services, legal services and social services. Today you help thousands of people each year. Your gift has provided relief to those in deep poverty.



Face to Face FOUNDERS



Pictured left to right
Father Rich Rock, C.M., Steve Oldham, Brother Al Smith, C.M.,
Sharon Browning, Ray Torres, Eileen Smith
Missing: Maria Odilia Romeu, Janice Hill, Peggy Maguire

THE POWER OF THE SHOWER

Your gift helped William feel refreshed



Homelessness and substandard housing provide barriers to basic self-care. Lack of proper hygiene is a health concern and plays a key role in limiting the ability to belong to a community. Meet William. He is homeless and staying in a nearby shelter with no shower facilities. Just last week he told the story of his morning. As usual, he and other shelter guests were required to leave at 5AM. With no other place open, he wandered around the streets in shoes that were 1 ½ sizes too big for his feet. At 9AM he entered Face to Face and was greeted warmly. After having a hearty breakfast he discreetly asked a staff member if he could take a shower. He was given a full bag of toiletries, a fluffy towel and privacy. When he was finished in the Washeteria he boasted about how great he felt. Your support provided the shower that gave William the feeling of being refreshed. As he left that day, he said “I am so blessed”. You are the blessing. Because of you, William feels loved. Last month your generosity provided 110 showers.

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF 19144

You bring love and care to Germantown

Your zip code impacts how long you will live. Children born today in high poverty sections of Philadelphia have a life expectancy 23 years less than children born in economically stable sections of the city. Living in poverty also doubles the likelihood of developing diabetes.

Your support is working to change that. This year Face to Face has doubled the days that health services are offered. On March 30, 2019, our gym was home to a bustling Health Fair with over 30 vendors. Cohosted with the Junior League of Philadelphia, the community had the opportunity to get various screenings and valuable information on ways to improve their health. In April, a five-week diabetes education class was offered to help empower our clients with knowledge and practical tools to manage their disease.

You made this possible. Your generosity is helping to improve the health of those living in Germantown.



“I thank God for the ray of hope I get from coming to Face to Face.”



“I am currently living in my car. I am diabetic so the healthy meals help me. Thank you for the use of the shower, medical help and all the support.”



“You have improved the quality of my life over all these years. Thank you for all you have done for me.”




“Your support has helped me get a birth certificate and ID. It feels so good to be able to use my ID to go into the shelter and food pantry. I’m now using the Computer Lab to find a job.”

Fiscal Year 2017-18

Your Support Makes a Difference

 **20,144**
Meals were Served

 **1,504**
Social Services
Encounters

 **1,801**
Health Center
Encounters

 **507**
Legal Center
Encounters

 **23,956**
Volunteer Hours



Wish List

DEODORANT

TRAVEL-SIZED TOILETRIES

MEN'S BOXERS

SWEATPANTS (ELASTIC WAISTBAND)

SOUP BASE OR BOUILLON

SPICES

SAVE *the* DATE

Pub Night with Attic Brewery

June 20, 2019

Face to Face

Octoberfest

October 12, 2019

Face to Face

Turkey Trot

November 28, 2019

Forbidden Drive

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