



OLIVET
neighborhood mission

Newsletter

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**New Director:
Julie Palmer**

A native of Linn County, Julie fell in love with human services & nonprofit work when she was only a teenager. Inspired at a local summer day camp, Julie quickly developed a deep passion for charitable work. This passion grew into her decision to complete a BA in Recreation Therapy at Iowa State University. She spent the first eight years of her professional career at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids working with behavioral health patients. Her professional journey has included working as the Director of the Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore; as an Associate Director for a research center at the University of Iowa; and as a local small business owner. In 2017, Julie completed a master's degree in Public Administration, with the intent to return to nonprofit work again. In June 2018, she accepted the position as the new Director for Olivet Neighborhood Mission. She is excited to use her passion to help Linn County residents improve their daily lives by providing clothing and food!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BRIGHTEN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR FAMILIES IN NEED?

2018 ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAMS

Olivet Neighborhood Mission's annual Holiday Adoption Programs are a way for families that are struggling with difficult financial situations to receive help with meals and gifts. Each year we have over 1,000 requests from families hoping to be sponsored and with your help, we aim to not turn anyone away.

THANKSGIVING

As a sponsor, you purchase the food needed to cook a Thanksgiving meal with traditional food items for the family (they then cook the meal themselves). You may choose the family size to sponsor and either deliver the basket directly to the family or drop it off at Olivet Mission. *Sign-up to sponsor a Thanksgiving Family preferably by November 1 so we have time to match you with a family.*

CHRISTMAS

As a sponsor you purchase at least two Christmas gifts for each child, 15 and under, in the family. You choose the family size you would like to purchase gifts for, and you choose your delivery preference to the family or Olivet Mission. *Sign-up to Sponsor a Christmas Family by December 1 so we have time to match you with a family.*

To Become a Sponsor, Fill Out the Attached Form and mail to:

Olivet Mission - 230 10th Street NW, Cedar Rapids IA, 52405

or quickly fill out the form online.



Staff & Volunteer Highlight

Not enough can be said about the contributions that Pat Glasier & Guri Wittstuck have made to Olivet Neighborhood Mission over the past 10 years! They hustled food donations and kept the facility running in tiptop condition. They coordinated the Adopt-a-Family programs for both Thanksgiving and Christmas which served hundreds of families each year! And never did they break a sweat, never did they forget your name. So, for these things and many others, we wish to honor the dedication and love that Pat and Guri have given to Olivet Neighborhood Mission over the past decade! Thank you! If you're interested in being a volunteer, contact Julie for more information julie@olivetmission.org

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25:35-36

Like us on  and see what we are up to next!

Donate Today at:

www.olivetmission.org

click on the  link





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Did you know you could give to Olivet Neighborhood Mission through your company's United Way campaign? Just select 'Donor Option' on your United Way donation form and write in Olivet Neighborhood Mission!

With the help of generous supporters, our second annual Food Pantry fundraiser, Adopt-A-Week, was an enormous success! We had 47 out of 52 weeks adopted, with a total of \$27,025 raised! We are so grateful for your support – without your help, we would not exist. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and the people we serve, thank you for investing in Olivet Neighborhood Mission.

Julie Palmer - Director
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Program Highlight – Summer Youth Program

This summer, the Olivet Youth Program was at capacity again with 84 registered children. The kids were kept active and engaged with several weekly programs including Triple Play Fitness, Healthy Habits Cooking, and Drop Everything and Read! Weekly field trips were a favorite amongst the children with visits to the YMCA, CR Public Library, and Collins Road Theater. Of course, summer isn't a summer without plenty of visits to local splash pads and pools! They were even lucky enough to take special trips to Chuck E. Cheese, Airfx, Bowling, the Playstation, and Adventureland. We partnered with Cedar Rapids Public Library to offer Summer Dare Everywhere and the youth were able to read every day and earn prizes.

Our Mission

Olivet Neighborhood Mission is built on a foundation of service and dignity restoring hope to families and individuals in need by providing basic needs such as food, clothing, and household items. The Mission also provides youth programs that encourage self-esteem, independence, and community long-term success through respect, compassion and community support.

Spring Cleaning

Keep us in mind when cleaning out your closets, toy rooms, or when you're upgrading your household items! We take donations of household items and clothing during our open hours (no furniture as we don't have the space), and everything stays within our local community. Thank you! Happy cleaning!