



Storage & More

They came from far and near to help with the “garage project.” Our dream of having needed storage for food and equipment, and a place to “house” the truck, is finally a reality and we love it! Whether it was through donations of time, talent, materials, brawn, or money, all have contributed over recent months to make our garage THE RITZ! The outer work of replacing windows, enlarging the truck door entrance and a fresh coat of paint gave it a new look and easier access. The inner work — moving a stairway from one side of the garage to the other, filling in the “pits” in the floor, demolition of unneeded rooms, scraping and repainting the walls have made it possible to store food year-round as well as stash other needed equipment and items. A forklift and industrial pallet racks will enable us to utilize vertical shelving so that we can store things higher and have easier access to what we have. One of the biggest blessings is that the garage is ready for us to use by our busiest time of year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and for the winter!

The project would never have gone forward without the financial support of the following groups: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Niagara Falls; St. Christopher Parish, Tonawanda; Poverello Fund, Sisters of St. Francis, Rome, Italy; Kinetic Kitchen & Bath, Niagara Falls; Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, N.Y.; Town of Niagara Lions; Franciscan Sisters of Allegany; Maid of the Mist Corp; Joy Family Foundation; and East Hill Foundation. In addition, numerous individual donors also helped make the renovation a “dream come true.”

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Volunteers (l-r) Gary, Jim, Ernie and Mike.

New roof



Mark Your Calendar

Heart & Soul Annual Dinner

Thursday, April 3, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Heart, Love & Soul
939 Ontario Ave.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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And, we are especially thankful for our energetic volunteers. This includes Don Bowman “Engineer and Project Honcho”; Mike Promowicz, Carpenter; numerous Heart & Soul Guests; Niagara Metals for providing a semi-trailer for storage during renovation; Covanta Energy for engineering assistance, painting and lintel disposal; Sheriff James Voutour and the Niagara County Sheriff Office’s Work Program for assistance with loading the semi-trailer and interior demolition; 107th Air Lift Wing, New York National Guard for power washing and painting; Modern Corp. for dumpsters for demolition debris; R.B. U’Ren Equipment for donating the use of a scissor-lift; ATSI Engineering for expertise in reviewing and approving architectural plans; National Grid for assistance with power line removal; Ken’s Towing for helping to remove the enormous old lintel; and area middle and high school students who helped with painting in the summer.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped us achieve this dream; we couldn’t be more grateful. God bless you each and every one! 🙏



Masonry work on garage door.



Assistance from National Grid.



Volunteers relocating stairs.



Dumpster compliments of Modern Corp.



Covanta friends paint exterior.

Wish List

- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent (small bottles)
- Diapers for children, sizes 3 and 4
- Deodorant
- Body soap or body wash
- Toothpaste
- Razors and shaving cream
- Cooking oil (small bottles)
- Plastic grocery bags (TOPS, Wegman’s, etc.)



Old garage exterior.



Demolition progress and new lighting.



Second story demolition.



Covanta friends paint interior.



Removal of old concrete lintel.



Air Base friends power washing interior.



New glass block windows primed for final coat of paint.



Second story window replacement.

Calling All Volunteers



Christmas is fast approaching and we are in need of volunteers to assist in distributing gifts. Please help us for an hour, for the day, or for whatever time you can spare.

Volunteers needed for:

- Set-up and arrange gifts for distribution
Fri., Dec. 20, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Assist with gift distribution
Sat., Dec. 21, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Where: Niagara Falls Conference Center

To volunteer, contact: Barbara Malinowski at barbara.malinowski@msmh.org or 716-298-2474 or Janet Smith at 716-282-5684. 🍷



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Warming Heart & Soul

Sisters of St. Francis warmed the hearts and souls of our guests. With generous enthusiasm, members of the Health Center Community donated handmade blankets to help those in need. God reward you each and everyone! 🌸

