FURNITURE BANK OF CENTRAL OHIO

RED CHAIR TIMES

Winter 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In April of 2016 we launched our Furniture with a Heart thrift store at 2165 Morse Road in the Northland neighborhood. The store was our first 'social enterprise', a business model that creates sustainable revenue to support the mission and goals of its parent organization.

In the first eight months of operation, we have generated a \$40,000 surplus from sales at the store. That revenue has been invested back into our mission to help families in need. This exceeded our first year expectations. Thanks to Furniture with a Heart shoppers, 160 families were able to receive furniture.

This year, we are launching another social enterprise - **Downsize with a Heart**.

Downsize with a Heart is a senior move

Downsize with a Heart is a senior move management program. It will help older adults and their families with the sorting, packing, and moving.

Just like our thrift store, proceeds from Downsize with a Heart will be reinvested back into the Furniture Bank's main mission to help families in need.

I would like to thank you for all your support as we work to make Furniture Bank of Central Ohio more self-sustainable.





May 6th, 2017

We're springing towards our second Bed Race this May!

This exciting fundraiser for the Furniture Bank is far from a snore of an event. Get a bed (or rent one from us!); decorate and dress in family-friendly costumes- then raise money to race on May 6th 2017! Teams must have one rider and four racers. Participants must be 13 years of age or older.

Volunteers and teams should sign up by April 30th at **furniturebankcoh.org/bedrace**





Downsize with a Heart is our newest social enterprise. We offer a personalized, fee based, one-stop service for home downsizing, moving and dispersal of unwanted items. Our services can include:

- A FREE in-home consultation
- Sort, organize, and pack your belongings
- · Schedule and oversee movers
- Unpack and arrange your new home
- Donate unwanted items to the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio
- · Arrange an auction for your belongings
- Provide general cleaning services after move
- Coordinate with other services realtors, attorneys, assisted living facilities, etc.

As we develop your customized transition plan, we are simulataneously generating revenue and furniture donations to support the mission of the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. We offer a personalized, fee-based, one-stop service for home downsizing, moving, and dispersal of unwanted items. Our expert staff are members of the National Association of Senior Move Managers (NASMM) and are dedicated to helping you take the next step.

Call 614-545-3844 or visit our website to schedule your FREE in-home consultation at www.DownsizeWithAHeart.org



2016 by the numbers

3,175 families served

8,704 individuals served

4,838 children served

44,409 items of furniture given to families

2,107
volunteers donated
20,945 hours

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday September 8, 2017 6pm to 10pm

Strongwater Food and Spirits





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Winter Featured **Volunteer: Liz**



Liz has volunteered for the Furniture Bank for over seven years, and we couldn't operate without her help. Twice a week Liz works behind the scenes in our office. She keeps our plants alive, decorates for the holidays and helps out with everything from data entry to special events and everything else we can throw at her! We are so grateful and lucky to have Liz help us with our day to day operations. Thank you Liz, for everything you do!

Books for Bedtime

Books for Bedtime is a nonprofit started by thirteen year old Bexley resident Meagan Warren. Meagan visited the Furniture Bank in December 2016 and donated nearly 600 books for families who visit the Furniture Bank. The Furniture Bank helps nearly 5,000 children each year who now will have the chance to get a new book to go along with their new bed! Thank you so much Meagan!



Our 8,000th Dresser!

Our volunteers built the 8,000th dresser in our woodshop this January! Each Tuesday and Wednesday a dozen or so volunteers work in our woodshop to build dressers out of wood donated by Sauder Woodworking.





New Mattresses Now for Sale —

Our Furniture with a Heart thrift store is now carrying BRAND NEW locally made mattresses. We have several levels from economic to luxury in twin, full, queen, and king sizes in stock, along with box springs. All proceeds from these mattresses are invested back into the Furniture Bank to serve more families in need.



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