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FROM THE DESK OF PAT

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men. Matthew 5:15

I am drawn to this piece of scripture as I think about all of us and our jobs of helping people in our community in need. Dear friends, if we don't take seriously our calling to help people, we will lose our saltiness and be no good to anyone. So it is important that we from time to time renew ourselves. We will be having another training event. This one will be helping us keep our listening skills sharp. This event will be led by Father Vince Hawk, and Rev Bob Mitchell. We don't have a date set for this yet, but it will be coming up sometime in the next couple of months.

We have received a grant for education and we will be using this grant to help us hone our listening skills. Then we will continue to use these skills to help our clients. We will be in teams and offer this class to our clients who have come into our office on frequent occasions.

I will be sending you more information as soon as I receive the word.

Blessings & Peace,

Pat

FROM THE DESK OF DIANE

We did it! As they say at the Olympics, "We Won the Gold!" Last week, CHM was notified by Guide Star that we had achieved the highest level of accreditation in terms of business development, accountability and transparency!

We have received their Gold Award in the form of a widget, now affixed to our homepage at www.CommunityHelpMission.com. Guide Star maintains a data base of more than 100,000 grant makers. If we apply for funding from any of them, that grant maker can go to our website, click on the Guide Star widget, and be taken directly to our accounts with IRS and Ohio Attorney General. They can see at a glance our level of compliance at any moment in time. Grant makers will also know, by seeing our Gold Award, that we have been thoroughly vetted by Guide Star, and the elements of our operation meet the highest standard in all areas.

I will happily take credit for this as The Paper Tiger who filled out the forms . . . but the real kudos go to our staff and our board who created this operation worthy of The Gold! If you weren't doing it, I couldn't write about it! Thank you!

While celebrating our success, I want to bring up a fact I didn't want to talk about before now: According to government statistics, most (83%) 501c3's fail in the first two years of operation. We hit our two year mark January 1, 2014. Back in 2011, we researched why this failure rate was so high so we could avoid the pitfalls.

The number 1 reason for early failure is inability to build a solid business plan underneath the original good idea.

The number 2 reason (closely linked to #1) is inability to attract adequate funding.

The number #3 reason (again closely linked to #1) is trying to do too many things at one time, ultimately causing the organization to cave in on itself.

All Praise and Glory to God for his leadership in our project, and many thanks to our staff and board for their ability to be still and hear His voice.

Diane Geiselman, Project Director

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