

OPEN M  
A MINISTRY OF FAITH, HEALTH AND HOPE

SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER



## OPEN M UPDATE

### GOOD THINGS CONTINUE

We remain doing good in our community as we continue to welcome seasoned and new volunteers to the food pantry, medical and dental clinic and employment services program. We have many new and renewed partnerships with longtime neighbors and friends, and we are blessed each day by you - our beloved volunteers who give generously of your time, talents and treasures.

During the summer months, we look forward to continuing our partnership with Christ N Cuts by offering free haircuts at the July 21 Community Cookout and on Saturday, August 13. Through our partnership with Cleveland Clinic/Akron General, we offered free breast exams to our active patients, complementing our Women's Health Day on June 8.

Please save these dates on your calendar and be sure to visit our website at [www.openm.org](http://www.openm.org) to stay current on the good things we have scheduled.

Your continued prayers and support for OPEN M helps us daily as we serve our brothers, sisters and families in need.

Gratefully yours,

Christine R. Curry  
CEO

STAY IN THE  
**LOOP**



**OUR**  
MISSION

THE MISSION OF OPEN M, A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, IS TO PROVIDE PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY FOR ALL BY **FEEDING** THE HUNGRY, **CARING** FOR THE SICK AND **STRENGTHENING** THE COMMUNITY.

# ANNUAL GALA

FULLY IN-PERSON EVENT RETURNS FOR 2022

Please make plans to join us at this year's Gala on Sept. 9 at St. George Fellowship Center, where Steven and Tina Dimengo will serve as Honorary Chairs. Thank you to our 2022 Gala Presenting Sponsor - Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC.

We are currently accepting sponsorships and silent auction gifts for the event. Visit [www.openm.org/2022-gala](http://www.openm.org/2022-gala) to make a donation or purchase tickets.

Interested in volunteering for the Gala? Contact Kelly Daw at [k.daw@openm.org](mailto:k.daw@openm.org).



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

LADONNA PAUL

Join the OPEN M family in congratulating our Employment Services Manager, LaDonna Paul, for graduating from the Child & Family Leadership Exchange Program as a member of Class XXVI. Recognized for her strong leadership qualities, she was also nominated to serve as Vice President of the class.



During the past year, LaDonna, along with 21 other leaders in the community, participated in gaining an in-depth understanding of the county's child and family services through full-day class sessions, pre-class activities and interactions with leaders from various organizations.

Class XXVI coordinated a class service project and formed many lasting relationships that will help them better serve Summit County children and families in the future.

## CHRIST N CUTS

RETURNS FOR 2022

Joshua Hahn and his team of volunteer stylists are back at OPEN M this summer, offering free haircuts at the July 21 Community Cookout and on Saturday, August 13. Watch our social media feeds for updated information. We are so excited to have Joshua back for the summer!



*Christ N Cuts participant, Desmond, sits for Joshua at the May 2022 Christ N Cuts event.*

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

- Jeremiah 29:11

## CURRENT NEEDS

**Over-the-counter medications:** We have need for new, unopened bottles of acetaminophen and ibuprofen in the Clinic.

**Auction Items:** Join us as an auction item donor for the OPEN M Gala, our biggest fundraiser of the year!

# SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



We have several opportunities for volunteers on both regular and one-time basis.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** High school students can earn eight volunteer hours by creating and delivering 50, 3x5 encouragement cards to OPEN M. Students receive a letter from OPEN M documenting volunteer hours. Sign up today by emailing [j.fabian@openm.org](mailto:j.fabian@openm.org). Questions, please call Jill at 330-434-0110 ext. 428.

## Individual and Group Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Mountain of Food:** Package and distribute 20,000lbs+ of food the 3rd Friday of each month from 7- 11 a.m.
- **Community Garden and Landscaping Maintenance:** Help maintain outdoor spaces in the spring and summer. Anytime Monday-Friday during regular business hours.
- **Clinic Non-Medical Role:** Assist with the Clinic front desk, make appointments, file charts, help with Clinic research projects and data collection. Monday - Thursday morning and evening clinics.
- **Clinic Medical Role:** Nursing intake to include rooming patients, taking vitals, medication review. Pharmacy support. Monday - Thursday morning and evening clinics.
- **Front Desk Reception:** Assist with the building front desk, answering phones, screening and assisting visitors, assisting with special clerical projects.
- **Grab & Go Lunch:** Sponsor a day and provide about 50 fresh meals for carryout during the last two weeks of the month (excluding November and December).



## IN TRIBUTE

**Dorothy (Dottie) Brei Marsh**, OPEN M's first staff nurse and nurse practitioner, passed away on April 6, 2022.

Dottie faithfully served OPEN M patients for 17 years. She was a long-time donor, providing support for the medical and dental clinic, food pantry, Gala and annual campaign. She was a beloved member of the OPEN M family.



**Joan Ellen Marsh**, a long-time donor of OPEN M, passed away on May 3, 2022.

Along with her husband, the late Rich Marsh, she supported many OPEN M programs, including the dental clinic, Christmas for the Love of Children, Gala and annual campaign.

Joan's long-time commitment to OPEN M's mission was inspirational.



OPEN M is grateful for the many gifts made in honor and memory of loved ones throughout the year For a full list of tribute gifts, visit [openm.org/news](http://openm.org/news)

2021  
IMPACT

1,216  
PATIENT VISITS  
IN THE MEDICAL  
CLINIC

41,296  
INDIVIDUALS  
FED THROUGH  
FOOD SERVICES

354  
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## GIVE. PRAY. GO.

### July - September

#### GIVE

Donate an auction item for the 2022 Gala or sign up to be a sponsor!  
[www.openm.org/2022-gala](http://www.openm.org/2022-gala)

#### PRAY

Pray for families facing food insecurity over the summer months as school is out of session.

#### GO

Sign up for a volunteer opportunity. Visit [www.openm.org/volunteer](http://www.openm.org/volunteer) or call 330-434-0110.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (OFFICES CLOSED)
JULY 11	SUMMIT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY MABEL CLINIC ON-SITE
JULY 15	MOUNTAIN OF FOOD
JULY 21	COMMUNITY COOKOUT
AUG 19	MOUNTAIN OF FOOD
SEPT 5	LABOR DAY (OFFICES CLOSED)
SEPT 9	GALA
SEPT 16	MOUNTAIN OF FOOD



Celebrate Christmas in July with OPEN M! Be a part of making Christmas a little brighter for children and their families. Donate through the month of July to the pajama and book drive campaign (part of the Christmas for the Love of Children program). Visit: [www.pajamas.givesmart.com](http://www.pajamas.givesmart.com)

Look for more information on participating in the Christmas for the Love of Children program early this fall. And thank you for all you do for OPEN M and the Greater Akron Community.



We are committed to providing quality care at OPEN M. For a third year in a row, we have earned a top 2022 Gold Rating from the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC) Quality Standards Program.