



August 2016

The Wilmington AM Rotary Club and the Clinton County Homeless Shelter (CCHS) would like to invite you to participate in **CARDBOARD CITY 2016!** The event will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, September 18th at 5:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse parking lot.

CARDBOARD CITY is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Clinton County Homeless Shelter and the Wilmington AM Rotary Club is proud to have sponsored this event for the past 17-years. Participants will be building houses from cardboard and then sleeping in them for a night to gain perspective on what it may feel like to be homeless. They will also participate in a community exchange of ideas, goals, and facts.

If you are not up to spending the night in a cardboard box, you, your family, your business, church, club or organization can still participate in this wonderful event:

- Donate to **CARDBOARD CITY** to support the shelter in the important and necessary services to less fortunate individuals and families of Clinton County. Checks should be made payable to Clinton County Homeless Shelter and mailed to Cardboard City 2016, c/o 253 Linkhart Road, Wilmington, OH 45177.
- Form a team to build a structure in our **CANstruction Contest** at CARDBOARD CITY! This year's theme is **Pokémon!** Remember your structure needs to be built out of can goods, box goods, toiletries, etc. and at the conclusion of the contest, all items will be donated to CCHS. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year.
- Join us at 7:00 p.m. at CARDBOARD CITY for **"Hands Together for Homelessness"** event. Last year was the first year for this event and we were so close to forming a human chain around the entire block of the Clinton County Courthouse to raise the awareness of homelessness in the area and the work being done by the CCHS, but we were about 50 people short of making it, so we need you to participate so we can make it this year!



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The CCHS provides emergency shelter, compassionate care and support to the homeless and underprivileged in Clinton County while remembering each resident is a person of worth. Each night they can house up to 38 men, women and children. In 2015, the Shelter was home for 219 individuals including 34 children. They called the shelter home for 6,986 nights and were served 34,930 meals/snacks. They also offer a 24-hour food pantry for those in need which served over 1,600 individuals and families in the community last year. In addition to providing shelter, CCHS offer counseling and resources to the families they serve to help them regain their independence and dignity. They not only assist them in finding affordable housing, but also help them acquire the tools needed to turn their lives around.

Our objective is to raise funds to keep the shelter open through the generosity of the Clinton County community leaders, individuals, businesses, churches, youth, and civic organizations. We are sure you agree that the shelter provides important and necessary services to less fortunate individuals and families of Clinton County.

Don't miss out! We invite you to participate as an individual or form a team! Please see the attached CARDBOARD CITY Registration Packet for additional details on plaques and prizes will be provided to coincide with the amount of funds raised along with a flyer promoting the event. Feel free to duplicate as needed. Should you have additional questions, call Sigrid Solomon at 937-382-6661 or Denise Stryker at 937-382-6272.

Sincerely,

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Denise Stryker
Clinton County Homeless Shelter