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OUR MISSION

St. John Center was founded in 1986 to provide a safe, peaceful and affirming place for the homeless who have no where else to go during the day. We strive to accept each person with respect and dignity

St. John's mission is to foster an atmosphere that allows all persons to develop at their own pace and to help each create a life full of hope

Dear The Reverend Lattis,

**Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00.**

The holiday season is upon us, complete with shiny decorations, twinkling lights, gifts, family gatherings, traditional songs, and people wishing each other well. It's a time many of us look forward to every year.

But for a moment, imagine you are homeless. The crisp, cold air that makes noses run and breathing visible, causes your fingers and toes to ache before they suffer frostbite. Every day you awake to a new struggle to find a place to sleep that offers protection from the wind, rain and snow. Long ago an ongoing addiction and/or mental illness made your family ask you to stay away. Instead of wishing you happy holidays, people rush silently by, avoiding your gaze. Your wish list consists of two things - a hot meal and a warm place to sleep.

St. John Center supporters are well aware that homelessness knows no season, but it does become a more difficult situation in extreme weather conditions. That explains why the number of homeless men seeking comfort and encouragement at St. John Center increases during the harsh winter months. And that's why we really need your help to remain open every day of the year, offering the chronically homeless basic services and a very real opportunity to gain control of their shattered lives.

Please accept a heartfelt **thank you** on behalf of those who have already benefited from your generosity, as well as the homeless who will experience your kindness in the future. May God bless you and yours with peace and love in the coming year.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Kathleen Sheehan, SCN  
Executive Director

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