



Share the News!

Our mission is to be a vital resource by nourishing our community in body, mind and spirit.

The True Meaning of Giving Often Comes from Unexpected Places

This month, OCS met an extraordinary person - Timothy. Timothy, 14, and his parents contacted Mtr. Laurie to help with our Gloversville High School outreach project of putting together bags of hygiene and personal care items. Timothy remembered Mtr. Laurie from her visit to HFM PTECH in the fall when she wore her ridiculous space suit to help kick off the PTECH food drive. He started following the OCS Facebook page and when this opportunity popped up, Timothy and his family were on board.

On March 2, Timothy's parents drove him all the way from Mayfield so he could bring 7 packed bags with supplies, 2 of them made by his grandma who had never donated anywhere before, because she wasn't in the position to do it. But she and Timothy made 7 bags for 7 students and their families.

But he did something else, too. He brought hats for us to give away at NOAH and the Food Pantry — hats that he made in sparkly red and blue, in the colors of sports teams, and some of them in one solid color. These hats are made in memory of his grandfather who passed away last May in 2023.

He didn't stop there. On March 27, Timothy created the video below for OCS because he is convinced that our community needs this program. We were both touched and inspired by Timothy's hard work, and would like to share it more widely. Remember that this is Timothy's work and his video. The title? "Be Selfless" Timothy studied our information and turned it into useful and sometimes astonishing statistics (It would take 13.9 years to make as many dinners as NOAH served in a year!!) Timothy's commitment is our commitment — to nourish our neighbor in body, mind and spirit. Thanks Timothy. You keep impressing us!

When we're tempted to think that the world is not going in the right direction, or if we start to think that maybe a space suit on a minister is over the top, or even if we think that when somebody dies, there is nothing we can do to keep their memory alive — Timothy and his family

remind us that the generosity we share really, really, really does change the world.

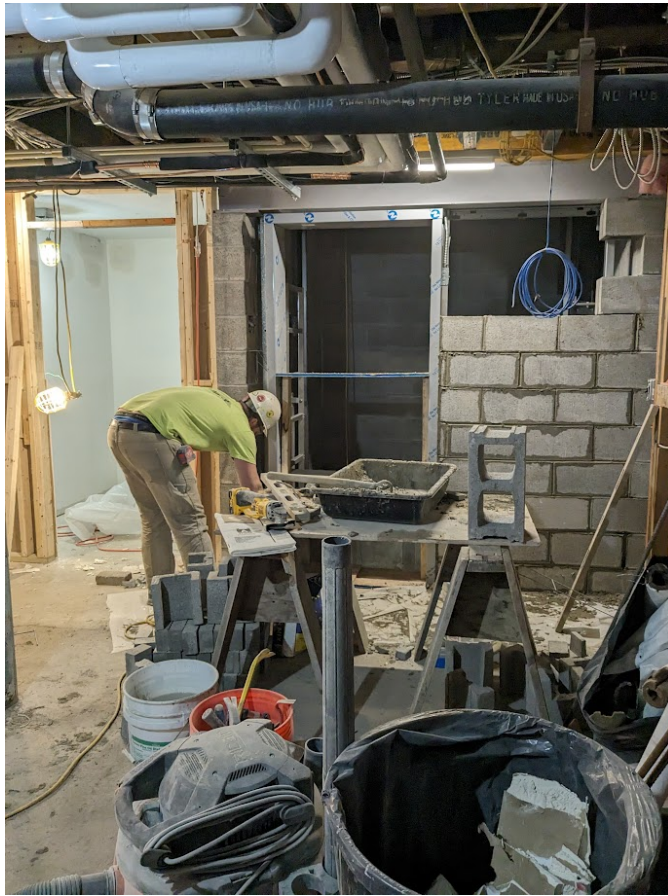
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Helping me → Help them → Helps the community. 



March 28 – Talk about new life!! Alistair toured OCS today with our Food Pantry leaders so they could visualize where things will be placed – freezers, refrigerators, non-perishables and of course – our guests who come to the Pantry!! Everyone seems really excited about the possibilities. I’m throwing in some extra photos of the original wood floors (too damaged to use—we pour a new floor on Monday!) and the elevator work. Folks—we have an elevator for real!! This is a great pre-Easter post as we move into a weekend that celebrates new life out of death. The YMCA could have been a dead building, but you are helping us give it new life.





March 27 – A few more pics of the elevator work being done... and I hear the floor is ready to be poured on the ground level! So much is coming together and we celebrate the joy of new life at this time of year! One Church Street will bring new life to our neighbors AND our neighborhood.





March 26 – Today was a construction progress meeting. Alistair and the crew went through the details of what’s happening and it looks like the elevator is well on its way to being finished! And the flooring guy got a little lost and ended up at the library instead but they sent him on his way down to One Church Street. Then these guys were outside on a very nice day doing some of the necessary electrical work to bring full power to the building. There’s a buzz happening at one Church Street!!



March 21 – Hey OCS is at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo talking about our Space Mission! Look at those FMCC Culinary students wearing our pin!



March 12 – Someone asked why the windows at OCS were covered in white paper. The answer: the team is doing asbestos abatement and it requires covering the surfaces, including the windows. So in about 10 days–voila! We'll be ready to pour the

permanent, 100% asbestos free flooring in the building! Step by step, project by project, we move closer to our late spring opening!



The Brown Family **\$100,000** Matching Challenge *in honor of Dee and Dick Brown*




A \$100,000 challenge is being offered by the Brown Family in honor of Dee and Dick Brown to help us leap into our move to One Church Street!

So far you have helped us raise **\$12,840!** We have until Mother's Day (May 12) to meet our \$100,000 challenge. The Brown Family will match it for a total of \$200,000! Let's get those doors open at One Church Street.

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