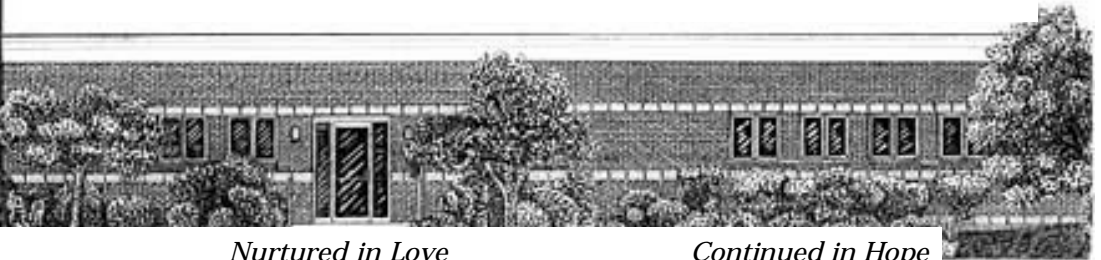




# St. Malachi Center



*Founded in Faith*

*Nurtured in Love*

*Continued in Hope*

**“ . . . for we are members of one another.”  
(Ephesians 4:25)**

Many of the St. Malachi Center staff and volunteers work here to “give back” because they had been given a lot. Rachelle Milner is just a little different because she is “giving back” to the same place where she had been given as a child and teenager.

St. Malachi Center is a very familiar place for Rachelle. “I was around when the Center opened, probably the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade.” She credits the Center for giving her access to people, places, ideas, and spirit outside of the immediate neighborhood. This exposure helped fuel her desire to make a difference. Rachelle grew up going to the tutoring program because she followed her older sister there. When Rachelle was old enough, she took advantage of the program too. She recalls there were two students per tutor. She also recollects the tutor paying close attention to her; it was this kind of detailed attention that Rachelle bears in mind and implements in her work at and away from the Center.

When she was old enough, Rachelle worked at the Center. Here she learned to give incentives like, “when you finish your homework, you can play basketball,” to help motivate younger students.

Two of the more important inspirations St. Malachi Center gave her are to think “outside the box” and to be open to experiencing life beyond what is already known, both of which she shares with others.

During her work on her master’s degree at Case Western Reserve, she was again a presence at St. Malachi Center. It was early in the time of the “welfare to work” campaign and Cathy Saegel had the idea of using Malachi Mart for an employment program. Rachelle completed a needs assessment and assisted in developing what has evolved into the Steps to Success program. She took this project personally since she could see the program benefit people she knew; it was intimate. It affirmed her decision to pursue her masters degree in social work.

Rachelle’s “day” job is at the West Side Community House where she works with families. These are families with children who have been placed in the care of Children and Family Services. She assists by supporting these families as they re-unite. She collaborates with other agencies, connecting families with a variety of community resources. She is an advocate who implements changes within the bureaucracy. On Thursday evenings, Rachelle comes to St. Malachi Center to coach graduates of the Center’s Steps to Success program in *Visions*.



*Rachelle Milner*

*Visions* is a way to reach out to young adults, especially graduates of the Steps to Success program. *Visions* is a resource to continue learning, to think “outside the box” especially while job seeking, and to experience people, places, and ideas outside of the immediate vicinity. Rachelle and the *Visions* program nourish the Spirit by encouraging participants to try new things and to remain optimistic. *Vision* teaches that we are consequences of our choices.

*Visions* also helps the youth access their futures and dreams. For example, over a period of weeks, the group worked on goal setting. They set three personal and three professional goals, then they broke the goals down to realistic and attainable action steps.

Rachelle Milner brought her early experiences at St. Malachi Center with her all her life. She shares what she learned with the Center’s youth today.

# Holiday Spirit

The Holidays tend to bring out the best in all people. Again this year, St. Malachi Center was able to witness and experience this first hand. Both donors and recipients benefited by participating in the seasonal activities.



*St. Malachi Center started the holidays with a tree trimming party on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> that included a visit with Santa Claus.*

The following Saturday, St. Malachi Center invited all to join in Las Posadas, the journey to Bethlehem. Las Posadas commemorates Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter.



*The families of St. Malachi Center got together and had their traditional Holiday potluck dinner in St. Malachi Hall on December 21<sup>st</sup>*

The children in the After School Program were also able to participate in many special traditions. Early in December, the group was able to stay at the Center until 9PM so their parents could have some extra time to prepare for the holidays. The children had a roller skating party followed by dinner and a

The next activity was the Center's annual boutique.



*The Center was blessed with many individual donations of holiday gifts.*

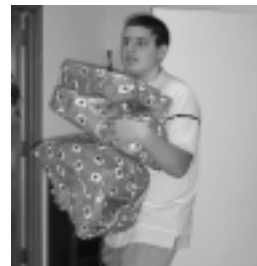


*Volunteers serving breakfast on Christmas Eve.*

The Center celebrated Christmas Eve with a breakfast that morning, prepared by volunteers, for those who participate in the shower program. Each guest received a hot meal and a duffle bag filled with essential toiletries, hats, gloves, and a new sweat-shirt.

The positive response from donors for the Center's Adopt-a-Family was overwhelming too. This is an anonymous program. The volunteer/family coordinator puts together families and organizations willing to shop for a family's needs and wishes. The family does not know who their benefactor is and the donor does not know who the family is. Thanks to the many donors, 33 families were specially blessed.

St. Malachi Center received ingredients for many Holiday meals. Those were distributed to 70 families who participated in the Center programs re-



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Through the generosity of contributors sharing their money, their other gifts, and their time, the Center assisted the Holiday Spirit by distributing these gifts to 125 families that included 333 children.

Thank you all for helping make this past Holiday Season fulfill our mission statement: *The Ministry of St. Malachi Center is to nourish families and youth of Cleveland's Near West Side in spirit, mind, and body, and to support their self-development.*

## St. Malachi Center's

# SOUP FOR THE SOUL



This year's Soup for the Soul will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at LaCentre Banquet Facility in Westlake, Ohio

Tickets are \$60.00 per person.

The fun includes; soup, door prizes, raffle, silent auction and live music

Volunteers phone  
Rosemary Gaffney Eheart  
440-356-9920  
All proceeds go to support the ministry of St. Malachi Center.

To attend, RSVP by February 18th to Nancy Saegel  
5248 West Park Dr.  
North Olmsted, Oh. 44070  
or call 440-777-5879  
[soupporthesoul@cox.net](mailto:soupporthesoul@cox.net)

# Winter Programs Highlights 2005

## Youth

After School Program - Kindergarten through fifth grade children enjoy a variety of activities, including field trips, homework help and snacks.

## Teens

DIVAS & Entourage- Teen peer support group that meets on alternate Wednesday evenings to explore new areas of interest.

## Adults

Computer Basics- Basic and essential computer skills plus some common software programs are taught and practiced weekly.

## Families

Income Tax Clinic - University Notre Dame Alumni provide free income tax preparation for participants at the Center.

## Homeless

Soup with God- Support group for homeless and formerly homeless men meeting two Fridays each month.

## Memorial Day Raffle

Tickets are available for sale starting February 1st. Tickets are still \$20.00. Call St. Malachi Center for information on purchasing tickets at 216-771-3036.

**1st prize \$10,000**

2nd prize \$2,000

3rd prize \$500

Drawing-Monday May 30, 2005 (after morning Mass)

This year there will be a cash prize of \$200.00 to the seller of the winning ticket!

**Only 2500 tickets sold.**

# Meet Our Staff



Sheila with February's Steps to Success graduating class.



Ronald working with the



Adrienne contacting clients by phone.

Sheila Boyd-Siek  
Job Readiness Program Specialist  
Sheila first became connected to the Center when she was asked to serve on the Board of Directors. Three years ago she began her roll as a staff member. Sheila wants to pass on to her young adults that they must never give up. Through encouragement and motivation she stresses to her students that no matter what happens in life they must keep moving on. Sheila is most rewarded when she witnesses participants being 'lifted up' and grow and change through the Center's programs.

Ronald Hawkins  
Youth Program Assistant

Ronald has been attending the Center for 15 years, since he was in first grade. He started coming up with his Uncle to the After School Program. He is now a staff member in that very same program. He wants to pass on to the youth he works with to not be afraid to do more than what is asked, especially in school. He is rewarded by his personal experiences with the second and third graders he works with.

Adrienne Davis  
Outreach Specialist

Adrienne was drawn to St. Malachi Center by its mission. She was impressed that 100% of contributions went directly to the clients. Adrienne coordinates the Centers furniture and clothing ministry. Adrienne is rewarded by being able to directly witness the ministry at St. Malachi Center. It is a reward to see people, especially the homeless, be able to come here and get their basic needs met.



**Malachi Mart** now offers perishable items at great prices. We have;

Milk	Cheese
Eggs	Yogurt
Stouffer's Frozen Entrees	Frozen Orange Juice
Ice Cream	Bread
Butter	Lunch Meat
Chip Dip	Fruit Drinks

Malachi Mart is waiting for federal certification to accept food stamps. We will let you know when we have been approved.

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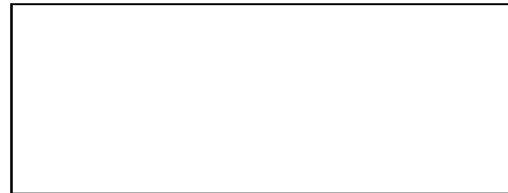
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### **Wish List**

**Showers** Spray Deodorant, combs, Vaseline, razors, tooth brushes, tooth paste, duffel bags, white socks

**Kitchen** Aluminum trays, dishrags, paper products (plates, cups, napkins), large zip lock bags, dish soap

**Youth** Construction paper, safety scissors, basketballs and footballs

**General** 55 gallon trash bags, cleanser, paper towels, bleach, liquid hand soap, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies

**Office Paper**; Copy/Colored/Resume, legal pads, post-notes, computer disc storage, storage boxes, 3 hole punches, glue, scissors and glitter

**Sewing** Fabric scissors, 1-inch elastic, large women's size patterns, light weight interfacing.

**Visions** People! we need exposure & mentors, Networking Opportunities from business owners, professionals and entrepreneurs, Tickets for sporting and theatre events, Volunteers to speak on topics such as; employment, parenting, relationships, etc, Incentives gift or restaurant certificates as achievement rewards

### **Save the Date**

The annual Golf  
Outing will be held on  
September 30th at  
Bob-O-Links golf  
course. More details to  
come.

### **Staff**

Cathy Saegel, Executive Director  
Larry Anderson  
Jackie Bluett  
Sheila Boyd-Siek  
Janet Burke  
Roger Deike  
Valerie Harrison  
Ronald Hawkins  
Connie Krych  
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