

THE WAY STATION

EP Strong Design: Sparografix, East Palestine, OH

A letter from the Executive Director

Over two years ago I was first approached about opening a Way Station location in East Palestine. I will admit that I fought it for about 6 months. I didn't know if we could manage more and if I personally was up to the challenge of three locations. In faith, we opened our doors and began serving the East Palestine community and that corner of the county in May of 2021. Fast forward to February of 2023 and our faith was tested again with the derailment of a train in East Palestine.

The first 48 hours I was focused completely on my family living in East Palestine and ensuring they were evacuated and safe. Then at 8:00 am on Monday morning just two days later, I answered the first of many phone calls from an evacuee asking if we would consider giving a discount on clothing. I assured them that we would help them with anything that they needed. As soon as I hung up the phone I looked to my staff in doubt and asked them, "Can we handle the needs of an entire community?" I knew we were short on staff and our food pantry was bare, but we knew we can't be in the faith-based business and not have faith!

How small minded I was to think that The Way Station would need to fill all of their needs. In reality, The Lord ignited a revival in our community and across our country, allowing us to be the connection between donors and those in need. To date we can conservatively say that with your support, we have provided assistance to at least 75% or more of EP residents and those in surrounding communities.

We are honored and blessed to have been exactly where we were supposed to be. Again, thank you for your continued support.

In Christ,
Chaney Nezbeth

EP CRISIS RELIEF



PALLETS OF WATER - 223

- That is approximately 59,000 bottles of water.
- 35 pallets of Gatorade and other flavored waters.



PALLETS OF FOOD - 49

- More than 2 semi trucks with meat, produce, canned goods and snacks.
- Over 150 Gift Cards approximately \$2,000.



CLEANING SUPPLIES & FURNACE FILTERS

- 2,400 furnace filters.
- Cleaning supplies for 1,800 5-gallon buckets.
- 20 pallets of sanitizing wipes.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

- 600 Air purifiers & 520 Water filters.
- Eye Drops, Detox Vitamin Supplements, Nasal Cleansing swabs.
- 1 pallet of soap, shampoo, deodorant & feminine hygiene products.
- 2 pallets of infant diapers.



CLOTHING & MISC

- 100 Space heaters.
- Over 3,000 items of clothing were given away in the first 4 days.
- 2 pallets of paper products.
- 5 pallets of pet food for cats & dogs.



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