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AT THE TABLE

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Overcoming Tragedy and Headed for Triumph

IMFK met Gerard 7 months ago. He was living outside in an encampment. During that period IMFK was able to build a solid relationship, discussing with him the many things that had caused him to become homeless. IMFK was able to introduce Dr. Lehmann to meet his physical issues. As well as Dr. Sunny Aslam and Allyson Kemp (NP of Psychiatry) to serve his mental health and well-being. IMFK was able to complete all the paperwork needed to begin the process of moving Gerard to housing over these 7 months.

In early December, Gerard was assaulted at his campsite and hospitalized with severe head trauma. While in the hospital, Gerard's encampment was set on fire and burned down to the ground. Nothing he had was salvageable. He had lost everything. Working with the Syracuse Housing and Homeless Collation, IMFK advocated for Gerard in finding a housing provider who could take him in. IMFK

got the call just a few days before Christmas. Gerard's Christmas miracle had come with an invitation to do a "walk-thru" at a newly renovated apartment.

Today Gerard is living in this beautiful apartment and is doing great! IMFK's 106th friend finding a place to call home.

All this started with a kind word and a lunch. Being his voice to those who could assist him into housing. But, none of this would have been possible without the generosity of you, our Sous Chefs. Your prayers and financial support makes these life changing stories possible.

Thank you! Together we are building hope and changing lives.



END OF YEAR

GIVING STATEMENTS

Thank you to all who gave so generously in 2018 to In My Father's Kitchen, Life House and House Calls to the Homeless.

Leigh-Ann will be working on sending out your 2018 giving statements during the month of January.

If you have any questions or feel your statement is incorrect, please don't hesitate to contact Leigh-Ann:

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How can I help?

There are four ways that you can become a part of our **IMFK Sous Chef** team.

1.) Pray for IMFK staff
(Direction, clarity, favor, health and safety).

2.) Financial donations.
(Nothing is ever too small to make a difference in the lives of those who feel invisible).

3.) Donations *(gently used clothing, shoes, coats, housewares, towels and bedding)*

All donations can be dropped off every Friday between the hours of 12-4pm.
501 Hawley Ave Syracuse

4. Volunteering for events

(Visit www.inmyfatherskitchen.org, read about what is available to volunteer for. If you are interested in volunteering fill out the IMFK volunteer application.)



February Winter Give Away

April Spring Give Away

May Crawfish Festival

June 6th Annual 5k Walk/Run.
Early registration is available <https://diem.life/imfk/imfk-6th-annual-5k-walk-run-2019/471/100>

August Summer Give Away