



Report for April 2017

This month a couple of new people contributed their services to our His Hand Extended food and clothing pantry. Tasheena Fisher with Marion County Health provided information to families about health coverage.



During the Easter season one of our volunteers Anna Camden, came by with a donation of Easter baskets for us to give out to the families who were here on that day (see photo below).



Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, we were able to help 354 people in the month of April with food, clothing, and other necessities.

Joy in Our Town



Joy In Our Town featured interesting guests during the month of April.

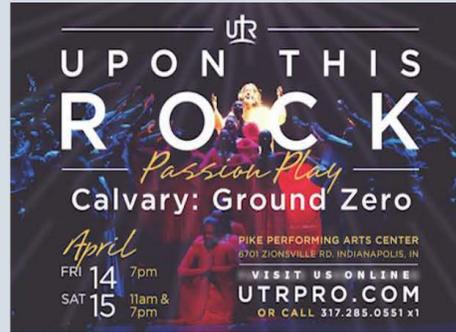


Host June Rochelle interviews Bob Schloss, Executive Director with New Song Mission about at-risk and fatherless youth. New Song Mission provides housing and care for the youth.





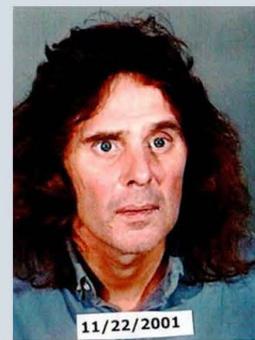
Pamela Yancey, Production Manager for Upon This Rock Productions shares about the family and the Passion Play held each year at Easter time. Many people in the community participate throughout the year with regular interaction of families and youth to learn discipline and build family values.



In light of the epidemic of heroin addiction across America, it was great to welcome good friend Bobby Hayden to *Joy in Our Town* to tell people the only real help anyone can receive is Jesus Christ. Bobby lived in addiction for many years, but Jesus set him free.

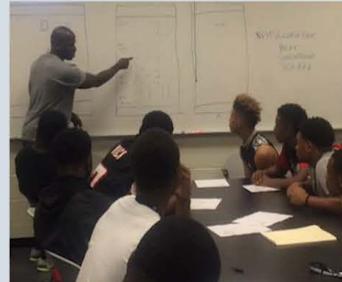


Bobby Hayden, Jr., CEO of Cardboard Box Ministries shares about his addiction to applause as a young boy to his MTV years in Rock and Roll once performing with Ozzy Osbourne. The life lead to drug addiction. Bobby lived in a cardboard box and literally heard the knock of Mr. Esperanza, (which means hope) whos asked if he knew Jesus. Along with Lexi Lee Laconi, Bobby serves people in the local community who are going through the same issues to bring them out of homelessness and substance abuse and into the loving arms of Christ.





Dr. Carol Collum, CEO of True Believers Community Connections shares about the issue of crime and the challenges with recidivism and reentry into the local community.



Marlin Jackson, Founder and President of Fight for Life Foundation shares about growing up in a fatherless home. He founded the organization to help youth who are at-risk to help find housing and encourage education. Marlin played football for the Indianapolis Colts making the final interception that helped the Colts go to the Superbowl in 2012.



Marlin Jackson read Tom Brady on the last play and made the game-sealing interception.





Dennis E. Bland, President for Center for Leadership Development talks about the importance of ensuring that youth understand CLD's Five Principles for Success which include: Character Development, Educational Excellence, Leadership Effectiveness, Community Service and Career Achievement.



Pastor William Bumphus, Founder of Jesus Inside Prison Ministry shares about his time in prison where he was saved. His prison sentence was reduced after he came to know the Lord. For several years now, Pastor Bumphus has worked with men to provide housing through the Jesus House and helps men to reenter society with job training and more.





The Honorable Geoffrey Gaither with Juvenile Court might look a little intimidating but when it comes to working with youth to help them stay out of trouble, his heart is all in. He talks about the importance of following rules and the consequences of breaking the rules. He also works with the Urban Initiative's High Five Rallies to encourage youth every day that they are loved.



