

“The great
activity of
our life is
to Love.”

—Fr. Alfred Boedekker, Founder,
St. Anthony Foundation

**Light the Way
with Love.**

Wishing you a
holiday full of
hope, love, joy,
and peace.

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“Hope is
being able
to see that
there is
light despite
all of the
darkness.”

—Desmond Tutu

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“Joy is
prayer; joy is
strength; joy
is love; joy is
a net of love
by which
you can
catch souls.”

—Mother Teresa

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PEACE

“Those who
are free of
resentful
thoughts
surely find
peace.”

—Buddha

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Dear John,

The season of Advent is approaching: a time of reflection and spiritual preparation. As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas gift of God's light coming into our world, we light the candles of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace steadily moving from a place of darkness into God's glorious light.

For those we serve every day at St. Anthony's, the holidays can be a time of even deeper darkness and despair. The days are shorter. The weather is harsher. Shelter is scarcer. And staying healthy is tougher.

Encouraged by this Advent season, our holiday mission is to recognize in those we serve that gift of light already bestowed on them when they were created in God's image. It starts with treating every guest with dignity and respect. And it continues with critical programs that— thanks to your kindness --enable us to deliver Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

Hope is receiving essential medical care to stay healthy, strong, and alive.

Love is sharing a delicious, nutritious meal with friends and family, feeling connected to others, instead of isolated and alone.

Joy is having clean, fresh, weather-appropriate clothing to wear to school and work.

Peace is finding a safe, warm place to sleep in our winter shelter, avoiding frigid and frightful nights on the street.

Your year-after-year generosity is greatly appreciated, and is making a meaningful difference in the lives of struggling people. Amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we hope you'll take a moment to continue your support and help light the way.

Peace and all good,

Barry J. Stenger, Executive Director
St. Anthony's Foundation

