

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Back in 2004, Deacon Ed Blaine was Director of the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW®) in the greater Binghamton community. John Rice of the Southerntiersmen Chorus approached Ed with an idea for an annual holiday choral concert the first Sunday in December. The Southerntiersmen would act as official sponsor of the concert, which would involve other local choruses or choirs, with all ticket proceeds being donated to CHOW. Ed thought that was a wonderful idea, providing the community with a quality holiday concert and generating much needed funding to support CHOW.

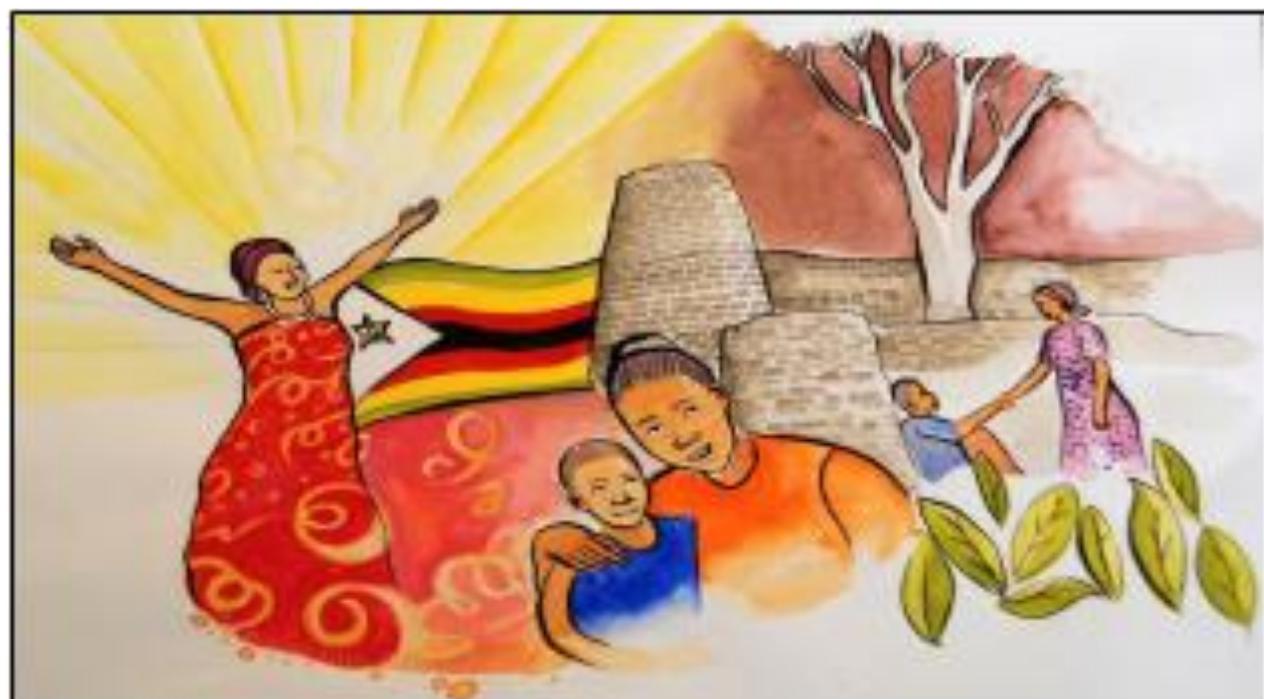
Well, Ed joined the Southerntiersmen in 2006 as a result of hearing them sing at that concert. Ed emceed his 15th Annual CHOW concert on December 10th, 2019.

CHOW, through its network of nearly 100 partner agencies (pantries, community meals and non-profit organizations), distributes over 175,000 meals each month to neighbors in Broome County. CHOW distributes over 2,000,000 million pounds of food each year. CHOW also has many other programs to generate grassroots solutions to hunger in our community.

The annual CHOW concert has raised \$28,500 since 2004. This money translates to over 114,000 meals to feed those in need in the Tri-Cities area. The Southerntiersmen are very proud of their commitment and contribution to the community – it brings them great joy and helps those in need!

Thank you, Ed, for being an inspiring community leader and on-going advocate for CHOW..





**You are invited to
Church Women United of Binghamton
World Day of Prayer Service**

**Friday, March 6th at 10:00 am
Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church**

*203 Oak Street, Binghamton
(between Clinton and Prospect Streets)*

Everyone is welcome!

For further information, call 648-4711

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