

The Connection

Give the Gift of HOPE

Living out of town, Randall's life was a bit complicated. "I spent some time taking care of my parents who both had major medical issues. My mother passed away first and then I was left to care for my father. He passed away 3 ½ years ago," explains Randall. After settling his parent's affairs, Randall's brother asked him to move to Michigan to live with him.

Things started out good for Randall when he arrived in Bay City, however, hard times were on the horizon. He started working with his brother in the roofing business. Unfortunately, they ran out of work and Randall's brother moved away. After trying to make ends meet and living in a motel, Randall ran out of money and had no place to go. That's when he found himself at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

Randall is optimistic about his future as he says, "The Rescue Mission has helped me to get on the right road through the classes I have completed in the Employment Readiness Program." Randall has graduated from the program and is actively looking for employment and then a place of his own. "I want to move forward with my life. I now have Jesus in my life and know our Lord is going to show me the right direction to stay on the road I need to follow."

Like a lot of people, Randall has encountered and overcome some hard times. "With God's help, my hope for my future is to find work and better my life. The Rescue Mission has helped me get on the right road," Randall says with gratitude.



DIRECTOR'S DESK



One of the great hymn writers of our faith was Fanny Crosby. Not only did she write numerous hymns that we still sing today, like "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It," "To God Be the Glory" and "Blessed Assurance," but she also lived her hymns and she was a great friend of Rescue Missions in the mid-1800's.

In August 1869, Fanny was in the trenches doing God's work by ministering and singing at the Bowery Mission in New York City. After the service, a young man came forward because he knew that in his current condition and because of his past mistakes he would never have the chance to amount to anything. Fanny lovingly shared how Jesus died and provided a way for even him. Before he left her presence that night he accepted Christ as Savior.

Fanny was so moved from this experience that she immediately went home and penned the words to one of the greatest Mission hymns of all time, "Rescue the Perishing." Please take a moment to meditate on the message in these verses:

*Rescue the perishing care for the dying
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save*

*Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more*

*Rescue the perishing, duty demands it
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide
Back to the narrow way, Patiently win them
Tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died*

As was the case almost 150 years ago, still today people are wandering needing hope and direction.

Thirty-four years after Fanny penned that hymn; she was speaking to a group at the YMCA in Lynn, Massachusetts and gave her recount of why she wrote "Rescue the Perishing." After her speech, a man came forth and shared with Fanny that he was the young man she led to the Lord in 1869. He continued to praise God and thank her for serving on that hot August day.

We will rarely know the full impact of our service for God until someday in eternity, but what we do know is that there are plenty today staying at the mission that need to see and hear that message of God's love. Follow the example of Fanny, and find someone to share God's love with today.

Dan Streeter
Chief Executive Officer



Good Samaritan Open House

Thursday, May 4, 2017

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

We are very grateful for your faithful support of the Rescue Mission; helping us to help those in need.

On Thursday, May 4th you are invited to attend our Open House. Come see first-hand what you are supporting with your generous donations of time, financial, and materials.

- Enjoy a delicious enchilada dinner for only \$5.00 per person.
- Take a tour of the Mission.
- Come see our newly opened 10 efficiency Style permanent housing rentals.
- Meet our Staff.



Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Marlene at 989-893-5973, ext. 221 or marlene@gsrmbaycity.org.

Operation Hope and Care

A little bag makes a big difference!

Help Provide Hope and Care to the Homeless.

Fill a hope and care tote with items:

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste (Children & Adult)
- Body Wash & Scrubbie
- Anti-Bacterial Liquid Soap
- Lip Balm
- Shaving Cream (Men & Women)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Brush & Comb
- Deodorant (Men & Women)
- Tissues
- Socks (Men, Women & Children)
- Disposable Razors
- Hand or Body Lotion
- Anti-Bacterial Wipes



Be sure to get your Operation Hope & Care hygiene bags! Operation Hope & Care is a vital part of the everyday life of Rescue Ministries' guests. Each family or individual checking in for emergency shelter receives a Hope & Care Tote filled with brand new hygiene products. Help us meet the basic needs of those dealing with homelessness. Thank you in advance!



Mission Needs:

FOOD ITEMS

Dressings <i>Ranch, Italian</i>	Drink mixes <i>Kool-Aid, lemonade, etc.</i>
Sloppy Joe mix	Canned Mixed vegetables
Canned fruit	Canned Peas
Potatoes	

CLOTHING

Boys & Girls	Men
Socks	Underwear/Boxers (L & XL),
Women	Dress/Khaki Pants (32-40),
Underwear (sizes 5, 6, & 7)	Dress Shoes (9-12)

HYGIENE & MISC. ITEMS

Toilet paper	Shaving Cream
	Baby Wipes

Mission Statement:

To glorify God by serving people in need, proclaiming the Gospel, and establishing disciples among disadvantaged people.



JOIN US
FOR THE ANNUAL

HOOPS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Friday, April 7

Students, Alumni & Faculty compete in a friendly game of basketball

All Saints Catholic High School

VS

Nouvel Catholic Central High School

DOORS OPEN **5:30 PM**

GAME **6:00 PM**

DELTA COLLEGE PIONEER GYM

\$5 Admission/Donation

Prizes, School Band & Pompoms
Music provided by Oakes Hollister Music

THE ANNUAL Al Christiansen Memorial Golf Challenge

Friday, May 19, 2017

at beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Resort

Attend a kick-off breakfast or lunch and receive an entry fee discount.

Call Marcia at 989-752-6051 ext. 131 for team or individual opportunities.



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