



A New Hope

"I appreciate the warm and clean bed, clothing, and three meals a day," says Christine as she talks about being at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. She and her son, Criss, came to the mission in March and are both attending the Life Skills classes. They both are very grateful for the individual assistance they are receiving to help each of them get back on their feet.

Through tears, Christine tells of how a simple error on paperwork led to her and her son losing their home. "We finally had a beautiful home," she remembers. As Christine can sometimes feel sad over that loss, Christopher reminds her, "Mom, God is letting this happen for a reason. He has a plan." It warms her heart to hear her son talk about the love of God so openly and honestly. She regrets not raising him in a church, but is very proud of the man he has turned out to be.

Christine was raised in a church. She loves having the convenience of chapel at the mission twice a day with volunteer chapel

speakers from area churches. She often reminds other guests how blessed they are to be able to stay at the mission instead of being on the street. She shares with them, "Maybe being here and having access to chapel service, will help us grow closer to God."

Criss, an aspiring artist, has started helping out in the mission kitchen. Roland, men's shelter director,

says Criss is very happy to help where needed.

"Since I've been at the mission, God has lifted the burden that's been on my shoulders. I've accepted the Lord as my Savior and have found a great church family."

Mother and son each have their own goals set. Christine, a certified manicurist, is interviewing with area salons and seeking new clients. Both are happy to be here where they have found a fresh start and new hope. "Thank you to those who support the mission and enable us to have this opportunity. It really shows people do care," smiles Christine.



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Strawberry Festival

Join us Tuesday, June 21
for the Annual Strawberry
Festival at Community Village

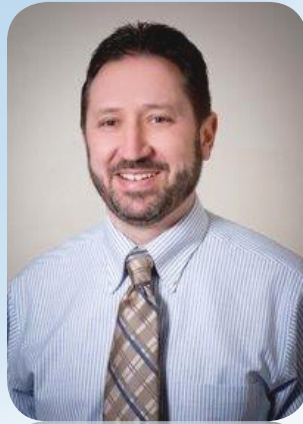
3200 Hospital Rd
in Saginaw Township

Games, Prizes, Live Music
and delicious Strawberry
Shortcake!

Visit communityvillage.org
for more information.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



“New Hope”

“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...”

– Hebrews 6:19

If you have spent any time fishing in one of our many beautiful lakes in the State of Michigan, you can appreciate the use of an anchor. You work hard to find the perfect spot, but if your anchor isn't firmly placed, it won't take

very long before you drift away.

In my over 20 years of ministry I've never had a conversation with a single guest of the Mission that ever intended to be homeless, or ever intended to run into the difficulties of life that they did, but they never found the “true anchor.” Imagine the frustration and desperation of friends failing, losing jobs, and every endeavor continuing to cause them to drift. It is natural and just a matter of time before you lose hope. Lose hope in yourself, lose hope in a better way of living, and lose hope that you have value. That is why the work we do together is so critical, restoring shattered lives and expectations of the true hope found in Christ. A hope unlike any hope they have known before that can anchor the soul.

As always, the need is great. Last year we had 2,151 souls pass through the doors of Good Samaritan and City Rescue Mission combined. While we strive to impact lives on a daily basis, the numbers can become overwhelming. We continue to lead people towards real hope and solutions, but we need your help. If everyone in reach of this newsletter did something to help the homeless and hurting, think about the lasting impact that would result in God's kingdom.

One afternoon a month volunteering by being a mentor, or helping drive someone to a job interview or helping answer phones as a volunteer receptionist, or helping teach a life skills class. If you don't have time to invest, then consider once a month financially investing in a life by making a donation of \$30 to help provide the place of hope and care. As you continue to read the remainder of this newsletter, please prayerfully consider what God would have you do in the work of anchoring souls in our community.

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Open House

Visit Good Samaritan Rescue Mission



Tuesday, May 3
4:30 to 7 pm
713 Ninth St, Bay City

Mission tours and dinner available.

Suggested dinner donation:
\$5 adults, \$3 children

You will have an opportunity to make
an endowment gift through the
Give Local Bay campaign.

MISSION NEEDS

- Children's Chapel
Volunteers
Monday - Friday
6 pm-7 pm
- Volunteer
Receptionist(s)
Various Hours
- Toilet Paper
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pancake Mix
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Coffee

A New Beginning

Permanent housing renovation project is nearly complete. The goal of the renovation is to have 10 efficiency style permanent housing rental units for low income single men. The project is funded by a grant received from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburg, and the Serenus Johnson Construction Company is heading up the renovations.

The grant only covers the renovations, and so we are seeking \$2,500 sponsors for each of the final 3 rooms and \$1,500 sponsors for the lounge and laundry room. Sponsorship will provide the furnishings and decorations needed for the opening of these rooms.

For more information on sponsoring a room, contact Marlene Mika at 989-893-5973 ext. 221.



Mission Statement:

"Expressing God's love by reaching out to the hurting and homeless of the Bay area by providing shelter and care, by developing a community of support, and by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ."

Thank You!

*The **Spirit of Hope Hockey for the Homeless** was a great success because of you!*

On March 9th the Saginaw Spirit launched the Spirit of Hope for the Homeless to benefit Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. The Spirit of Hope for the Homeless included an opportunity for our community to call in donations during the WNEM TV5 news broadcast and culminated with an exciting March 12th Hockey for the Homeless game.



Thank you to our sponsors:

Spirit Hockey, Merrill Lynch Iles Schropp Group, Hopevale Church, Serenus Johnson Construction, Catholic Federal Credit Union, Mobile Medical Response, Nexteer, WNEM TV5, Incal Technologies, GM Powertrain of Saginaw, BidNow.US, CPI Fluid Engineering, Redmond Auto Collision, Saginaw Bay Underwriters, Marlo Company, Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union, Fullerton Tool and all of you who purchased tickets. A special thank you to Frankenmuth Bible Church for their wonderful ministry of music during the tailgate festivities.



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