

The Connection



Hope FOR THE Holidays

When Kasey Taylor walked in to Good Samaritan Rescue Mission just a little over a month ago, it was obvious that Kasey and her 2-year old son, Gabe, are as close as any mother and son could be. Gabe hasn't really known his dad and as Kasey puts it, "I have to be mom and dad. I'm all he knows."

Kasey knows what it means to have a parent who cares. At an early age, Kasey and her siblings were put into foster care and eventually adopted into a family. During that time Kasey experienced a lot of abuse and even rape at the age of only 14. Kasey eventually ran away and found herself in a shelter for runaway teenagers.

Over the next few years, Kasey would have two children whose father wound up leaving them. Knowing she couldn't properly care for her children in her situation, she turned her children over to a foster family. "I needed to reclaim my life and do better for my kids," Kasey recalls.

This proved to be a wise decision. The foster parents loved her children, who both have medical issues that require a dose watch. The couple eventually adopted her children and made it an open adoption, which allows Kasey to see the children.

Unfortunately, during the road to reclaim her life, Kasey was introduced to drugs and began an unhealthy relationship with Gabe's father who is now in prison. Kasey is determined, "My focus is on Gabe."

With that focus, Kasey went into a rehab program. "I wanted to leave the first day, but those 28 days changed my life!" That was over a year ago. Kasey is hopeful for her future for her and Gabe. She is studying for her GED and says, "I want a career to help other people who are in rehab or just getting out."

Now attending the Life Skills classes at Good Samaritan, Kasey is grateful for the stability that is being provided. She finds herself thankful and hopeful this Christmas. She knows two of her children are being loved and cared for and that Gabe is safely with her. Before coming to the Mission, Kasey injured her ankle and is on crutches. "My hope for Christmas is to recover from my injury so I can find a job and provide for my son. Gabe needs a home."



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DIRECTOR'S DESK

"People don't become homeless when they run out of money, they become homeless when they run out of relationships."
John Ashmen, President of Association of Gospel Rescue Missions



This is a quote that I heard for the first time about two years ago. It didn't immediately match up with my perceptions, but as I continued to think about the problems and issues surrounding those that experience being homeless, it started to make more and more sense.

One of the foundational parts of relationships is hope. Hope that someone cares for me, hope that someone believes in me, hope that someone accepts me. When hope is gone, life becomes pretty bleak and we lose motivation. Rarely is the loss of hope a one event occurrence. It is usually a build up over time in successive failures which then creates wedges in relationships. A family member isn't as forgiving because of past history of repeated struggles, an employer can only endure a certain amount of shortcomings in performance, a landlord can only work through so many times of late rent.

All of us have needed someone at some time to believe in us and help us through a difficult time.

The numbers of people seeking help coming through the Mission doors continues to be at an increase, and almost all of them have temporarily lost hope.

As hard as we work to provide nutritious meals, nice accommodations, clean clothing, meaningful counsel and guidance, and a place of warmth and care, the end goal of why we do all of those, is the passion to establish and build a relationship with us, and more importantly, with Christ. With a relationship comes hope.

So as we enter this Christmas season of sharing and caring with family and friends, take a few moments to think about what life might be like for those with no hope. Consider following the example of our Savior by giving of yourself for the hope of another.

Dan Streeter
Chief Executive Officer

Mission Pantry NEEDS:

- All Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Juice 100% Vitamin C
- Condiments: Mayo, Bbq Sauce & Ketchup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Baked Beans
- Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup



Mark Your Calendar!

SATURDAY
March 3, 2018

Bring your church groups,
employees, family
and friends!



Featuring pre-game Concert with
MODERN DAY CURE

Good Samaritan Rescue Mission has an **URGENT NEED!**

The building's heating and cooling pipes are in poor condition and in need of replacement as soon as possible so that guests can be warm during the colder winter months and cool during the extreme summer heat. The Mission's cooling and heating system is operating with the building's original pipes and the need is great. The conservative quote we were given is \$160,000.00.

This enormous cost was not in the budget so donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! Please pray about supporting this important project or give us a call today if there are other ways you can help. Please call 989-893-5973! You may prefer to mail in or drop off the coupon here with your donation (see form below). Visit our website or Facebook page at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City, where you can watch a short video with Dan Streeter discussing the urgency of this project and showing the pipes' condition. Thank you for caring!



I want to help ensure warm, safe shelter for the homeless this winter!

My \$ _____ gift to replace heating pipes is enclosed. *(Please Print)*

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Thank you for your contribution!

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Mission Statement:

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



In Lieu of Flowers

Many people today go through storms of life that were unthinkable just a few years ago. In the midst of this turbulence the Mission stands as a light house.

A donation in memory of someone is one of the most impactful expressions of sympathy. There are some who prefer to give help to charities in terms of money instead of giving flowers and gifts. This year memorial gifts to Good Samaritan

Rescue Mission will be dedicated to

renovating a new men's emergency shelter dorm room. Due to the increased number of men seeking emergency shelter services Good Samaritan Rescue Mission often experiences overflow situations which require putting mattresses on the floor to accommodate everyone. The addition of a 4 bed dorm room will help with the overflow situation.

Loved ones receiving memorial gifts totaling \$250 or more will be recognized on a plaque located outside the dorm room.

Your tribute to a loved one can serve to keep this light beaming brightly. To request memorial brochures please contact Marlene at 989-893-5973 ext. 221.

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For more information contact
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Are you required to take IRA withdrawals. If you are 71 or over, you can make a tax-free gift to us from your traditional IRA. You won't pay income tax on the amount of your gift. Tell your traditional IRA administrator that you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution" to us and give him or her our federal tax ID, 38-1368362 and our legal name, City Rescue Mission of Saginaw, Inc. The administrator will send your tax-free gift directly to us. You can designate your gift to **Good Samaritan Rescue Mission**. You can truly be the difference in the lives of many!

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