

The Connection



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"Caleb is one of those grateful guests who does everything he needs to do and jumps in when he sees something that needs to be done.

And he has a busy schedule right now with Jobs for Life classes and vocational training," says Roland, men's shelter director.



Earlier this year, things happened that started a domino effect where Caleb says, "I lost everything." He found himself at Good Samaritan after losing his job, his home and his children. Not expecting anything more than a roof over his head and some food to eat, Caleb found the courage to come to the Mission and ask for help. "I was angry and suicidal. I was skeptical whether I could really get help. I hit rock bottom and struggled admitting defeat. I was always the strong one but found myself beaten down," admits Caleb.

"I am now growing with God and I just know it's going to get even better. My father is happy for me too."

It only took about a week at the Mission for Caleb to notice a difference. "The staff has given me hope more

than anything. I see genuine compassion in Roland and the chapel speakers."

Before coming to Good Samaritan, Caleb didn't have a close relationship with God. "I am now growing with God and I just know it's going to get even better. My father is happy for me too." Looking toward his future, Caleb remarks, "I hope to influence other guests (at the Mission) while my life is turning around. I want to help them find courage to turn their life over to God."

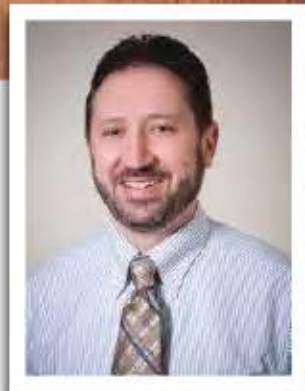
Caleb smiles as he reflects, "I found more than food and a roof. I found a wealth of compassion. The staff here is what affected me the most. It's awesome that people actually care." And he is dreaming again, feeling hopeful. "I want to give back to the community. I'd like to manage a kitchen in a restaurant or maybe a shelter. There is little money, but the reward is worth it."

To our partners Caleb says, "Thank you very much! If you help even one person here, you're changing someone's life."

DIRECTOR'S DESK

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."

– HABAKKUK 2:2



Change is coming to Rescue Ministries. Our senior managers and Board of Directors have been earnestly praying and seeking what God desires and He has lead us to a vision and a goal of services that we are passionately working to attain by the year 2020. We are calling this our 2020 Vision campaign.

We started this process of planning and praying in October 2017 and it culminated in the results of a strategic plan that was adopted in March of 2018. Now we are earnestly working in taking the next steps to become the ministry we believe God wants us to be by the year 2020.

There are three objectives we are pursuing:

- 1) COMFORT AND CARE FOR SENIORS:** We are striving to improve the condition of the facility at Community Village by renovating five main public restrooms and shower areas and additionally, add air conditioning services to 100% of the facility. These are two practical yet meaningful ways to improve accommodations and demonstrate our love for our seniors.
- 2) IMPACT DESIGNS:** We want to launch a new method of service to assist people moving into permanent housing with all of the necessary items to turn housing into a home. It will require coordinating donations of materials goods, extended case management and engagement into the home, and more meaningful interaction with families after they have left shelter accommodations.
- 3) SAMARITAN YOUTH SHELTER:** Presently there is no emergency shelter provider for youth aged 12 to 17 in Bay County. We have made application with the State of Michigan to provide that service for at risk and vulnerable youth at a time in their life where they most need love, direction, and safety.

These are three lofty goals, but they are attainable, and they are necessary for us to become the ministry that God has revealed for us. In the Old Testament, the prophet Habakkuk was told by God to clearly display and share His vision for the nation of Israel so that everyone would see the power of God and recognize His sovereignty and direction. We have more clearly defined our campaign on our website, www.r3monline.org and posted it in a way for all to see what God is preparing to do at Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. Take a deeper look and reach out to us with any questions. We hope you will join us as we strive to stretch our impact in the lives of the hurting and homeless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Streeter".

Dan Streeter
Chief Executive Officer





Often the desire to change starts with a simple meal.

MISSION NEEDS:



Assorted Juices 100% Vitamin C

Instant Drink Mixes

Beef Broth

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Ranch Dressing



GIVING THANKS

The 2018 Community Village **Strawberry Festival** was a great success! A special thank you to our sponsors SC Johnson, Foresters Financial and Mid-Michigan Entertainment. The annual festival is held the 3rd Tuesday in June on the grounds of Community Village, 3200 Hospital Rd in Saginaw Township. Proceeds from the festival go to the Community Village activities fund for seniors.



Mission Statement:

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



2018 AMAZING RACE FOR RESCUE

The 2018 AMAZING RACE FOR RESCUE presented by Paramount Rehabilitation Services is in the books! Saturday, September 15, 2018 participants made their way through Bay City deciphering clues, tackling tasks, and raising money for GSRM.

It's been 4 years since we last saw this event take place. This year 24 teams competed. It was a beautiful sunny day as nearly 100 people competed for the top prize of \$1,000.00! The day was capped off by the Finish Line Festivities at The Grand where everyone enjoyed dinner, awards, and a silent auction.

This being the 6th year for this event, an amazing \$21,000 was raised. Bringing the total to over \$80,000 raised to help the guests at GSRM!

Thank you to Paramount Rehabilitation Services for reviving this event after 4 years. It was a lot of hard work but they did an amazing job, along with the guidance of Mary Rathke who created the event many years ago. Thank you to the participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making it happen! For information about this event, visit www.raceforrescue.org.



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