

The Connection

JULY 2019



Summer of Hope



Stephen is proud to say he served in the U. S. Marine Corps. Today, he is at the Mission and is happy to serve those around him. "If you need a job done, Stephen is willing and will do a good job," says Roland, Men's Shelter Director. Stephen has a long history of working and says, "I've always been a leader more than a follower." So why is this hard working marine homeless and living in shelter?

"They say you are only one paycheck away from losing everything. I'm proof of that," says Stephen. After his last job ended, he could no longer stay on top of his bills or keep his apartment. Finding himself with nowhere to go, he turned to Good Samaritan. "I never feel defeated. I was a Marine. We don't give up. I was resigned though," reflects Stephen. "The Mission has given me the opportunity to regroup. I was under such stress, trying to make ends meet."

Once at Good Samaritan, Stephen says, "I immediately felt the purpose of the Mission, to give hope to the downtrodden. The staff provides comfort and a

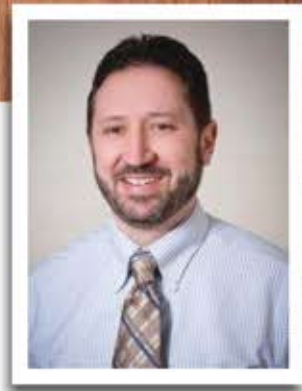
willingness to help. They also bring structure to those who need it." Enjoying the daily chapel opportunities, the Mission has helped to reinforce Stephen's once strong faith in God, "I am at peace."

Stephen's childhood was happy. One of nine children, he remembers playing baseball and football together in the front yard. In 2011, Stephen's mom passed away. Although he has many siblings, they just haven't kept in touch and are scattered around. He does have some contact with his father but he is out of the area.

Working in many fields, Stephen has worked in realty, sales, construction, social media, and advertising videos. He has developed software and apps. He was working on a patent until he ran out of money to proceed. "I've always had a job and have been a good worker. (Currently) I'm working with the local VA to help me find a job."

Today Stephen has dreams, "Being at the Mission has given me hope. I want to create jobs for people."

DIRECTOR'S DESK



Sue Mitchell

Over the last three months, two of the valued leaders in our ministry passed away. On March 4, Sue Mitchell, Good Samaritan's Women's Shelter Director went to our Lord after a very short and sudden illness. Not very long after on May 27, Kirby Spicer, Chief Financial Officer of the ministry was also quickly taken from us. Both of these staff members had many similarities in their service. Both were in the later stages of their careers, both were extremely talented, both were great leaders, but more importantly, both brought an amazing passion for others and for serving Christ.



Kirby Spicer

Sue lived to be 69 years old and Kirby lived to see 70 years. I only had the pleasure to know them for but a small percentage of their lives, but what I witnessed was an example of godliness and selflessness that we could all learn from. Their care for others was infectious and extended well beyond their work responsibilities. Their family, churches, friends, and coworkers would all agree that they allowed Christ to permeate and shine through all aspects of their lives. As I reflect upon their lives, 2 Timothy 4:7 is a perfect demonstration of their service.


"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"

Each were faithful to God to their last breath, and continue to provide a shining example and legacy of care that will impassion the service of many more that come behind them. They truly honored God with their lives.

I want to let you know we have a ministry full of servants striving to be just as impactful for the cause of Christ. Our staff is probably the greatest asset of our ministry.

Please join us in prayer for the families of these wonderful servants as they have moved on to their final reward. May we all allow Christ to have a similar control of our time, passions, and actions so that we too can one day hear the words from our Savior, "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

Dan Streater
Chief Executive Officer



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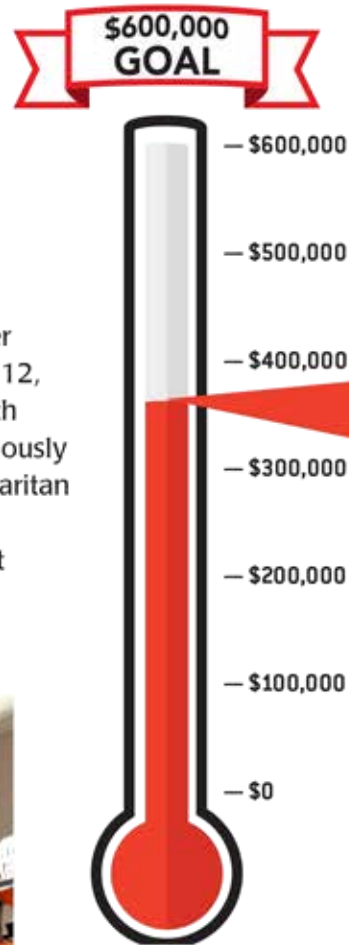
  





Samaritan YOUTH SHELTER

GSRM is closer to opening a 10-bed shelter for homeless youth, aged 12-17. On June 12, volunteers from Dow Chemical helped with demolition of an area of the Mission previously used as rented office space. The new Samaritan Youth Shelter will be licensed by the State of Michigan. For more information contact Kimberly at 989-893-5973 ext. 123 or kancel@r3monline.org.



Every person that comes to the Mission is someone's child. Working together we can change a life...one life at a time.

PANTRY NEEDS LIST:

- Oatmeal
- Ranch Dressing
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Coffee

Strawberry Festival

The 2019 Strawberry Festival was a huge success!

The beautiful summer day welcomed the largest crowd ever. This year's Festival was sponsored by Dick Williams Gun Shop, Great Lakes Pace, A&D Home Health Care and HealthSource Saginaw. Proceeds benefit the Community Village residents.



Mission Statement:

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

Golf Challenge

The annual Al Christiansen Memorial Golf Challenge was held May 17 at the beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Club. The Golf Challenge sponsored by InCal Technologies raised over \$84,000 providing over 2,800 nights of hope and care to the homeless and elderly in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Our top three teams raised \$35,733.



1st Place Team

Mike Karas, Bill Denno, Frank Dawe, Coach Jim Jones and Tom Najawicz (not pictured)



2nd Place Team

Pat Curry, Charles Lange, Robert Lange and Stan Sobol



3rd Place Team

Dave Clark, Randy Guevermehle, Jeff Hegenauer and Jim St. Onge



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