

# The Connection

A Publication of Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan

KAETY'S RENEWED

## Heritage of Hope

Today many of our neighbors find themselves living paycheck to paycheck. Things are tight but okay until an unexpected eviction letter. There is a feeling of hopelessness as they seek shelter for themselves and their children.

This was reality for Kaety just two months ago. But thanks to God's grace and Rescue Ministries, Kaety, Piper and Wyatt now have a renewed heritage of hope.

"The mission not only provided food and shelter, but also a safe environment for my family," Kaety says. "The staff are truly wonderful and are here to help you. And having a toy room and a courtyard with a playground for my children has been an honest blessing."

Kaety says she is also very thankful for the mission parenting classes, which she attends twice a week. These classes are an hour and a half long and focus on basic parenting concepts and skills.

"The parenting classes are very beneficial. They help you understand your own children better, like they're taught from a child's point of view," Kaety says. "This week we learned about morals and values in a family."

Which brings us to the most hopeful part of Kaety's story... "I have found Jesus because of this mission," she says.

**"I FOUND JESUS  
BECAUSE OF THIS  
MISSION"**



Though she grew up in a big family that attended church every Sunday, Kaety says she prayed her first prayers ever in the chapel at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. She responded to the gospel when a volunteer speaker shared his own moving story of salvation!

Kaety is fostering her new faith by attending regular chapel services, being mentored by her case manager, reading the Bible, and seeking a church to attend with her children in the future.

"I want my kids to grow up to be good, hopeful, respectful, smart, safe and happy," she says.

Kaety is looking forward to participating in an Impact Designs move once she secures housing. She is also hoping to return to the medical billing field, which she went to school for and was a 4.0 student. Kaety has even reconnected with her twin brother and mother while at the mission!

"I felt like it was meant to be," she says. "It's because of this place. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to use the resources available here, which will also benefit my family's future."



# DIRECTOR'S DESK

Psalm 127:3

*"Children are a heritage of the Lord"...*

Having already been blessed with two grandchildren and having the hope of soon adding two more to the family, I am fully aware that God has abundantly provided. There is a refreshing joy that comes with grandchildren. Some are due to the chance to experience fun times without the work of parenting, and some of it is revisiting activities and events that were memorable when your kids were kids. Families are intended to be a blessing from God, not a burden.

For families struggling with poverty and homelessness, the happily ever-after endings are much harder to achieve. They get caught in a cycle that is difficult to keep from replicating. Statistically there is a 5 times greater risk of developmental challenges, poor health, abuse, and neglect for children raised in homelessness and poverty than children that are raised in financially stable homes. Society wants to place blame on the parents that should know better, but often no one has ever taken the time to teach them better.

This has become our new challenge. Attempt to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness by challenging learned behaviors and practices that replicate and reproduce fractured families.

I wish I could say that there has been overwhelming success and that everything is going perfectly. Instead, the road is difficult and there is much needed work. There are small successes and breakthroughs happening, but we are far from claiming victory. But every small victory gets us one step closer to stable families and healthy kids.

Hopefully, this edition of the newsletter will give you a greater appreciation of the daily work happening at Rescue Ministries, and the focus of our staff and volunteers to reach deeper into lives.

Thank you for passionately upholding us in prayer and support!

Dan Streeter, CEO



## Pantry Needs

Canned corn	BBQ sauce
Canned green beans	Drink Mixes (Kool-Aid, tea, etc.)
Cream of mushroom	Oatmeal
Salad Dressings	Pancake mix
Canned fruit	



# LABADIE LOFTS

On June 27, 2023, Rescue Ministries held an official ribbon cutting, prayer dedication and open house to commemorate the opening of Labadie Lofts. Labadie Lofts is a 10-unit, single-occupancy apartment complex on the campus of Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. It is intended for young adults who are aging out of foster care and pursuing full-time education or vocational training. Labadie Lofts encourages a successful launch to life by providing clean, safe, supportive, and affordable housing.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated the grand opening with us. A special thank you to all the people and partners who made it possible!



CEO Dan Streeter, pictured with Bay County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors (green jackets) and Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan Board of Directors.



Pictured (L-R) Rick Sella, Serenus Johnson Construction, Charles Lange, Rescue Ministries Board President, Gary and Glenda Labadie, Dan Streeter, Rescue Ministries CEO, Bill Woolwine, Serenus Johnson Construction, Billy Woolwine, Serenus Johnson Construction

## 118<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA

# Heritage of Hope

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

Horizons Conference Center,  
6200 State Street, Saginaw Township

**Social Hour:** 6:00pm - 6:30pm

**Dinner and Program:** 6:30pm - 9pm

**Individual Tickets:** Only \$35

**Group Tickets:** \$250 for a table of 8.

**Reservation Deadline:** September 15  
LIMITED SEATING. Table sponsorships  
available!

For more information contact Shauna at  
989-893-5973 x 124.

### Featuring Guest Speaker Jo Saxton

Jo Saxton is a popular leadership trainer, international speaker, and author who is passionate about seeing Jesus transform lives. She hosts a digital coaching community and is the founder of the Ezer Collective, two initiatives dedicated to investing in women leaders around the world.

Born to Nigerian parents and raised in London, England, Jo now lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two daughters. She loves the everyday stuff like good music, good food, and good friends.





# AL CHRISTIANSEN

## Memorial Golf Challenge

This year's Al Christiansen Memorial Golf Challenge was an amazing event, raising more than \$95,000 to care for our guests! Presented by InCal Technologies and Serenus Johnson Construction, the challenge was held on June 13th at The Fortress Golf Course in Frankenmuth. **Our top three teams raised \$34,617.**

Thank you to everyone who helped provide more than 3,000 nights of shelter for the hurting and homeless

### Event Sponsors:

InCal Technologies  
Serenus Johnson  
Construction

### Club House Sponsors

Westminster Presbyterian  
Church  
Perfusion Associates of  
Michigan

### Putting Contest Sponsors

Bay City Town Center  
Serra Chevrolet  
The Church in Drive

### Hospitality Sponsor

Smith & Klaczewicz, PC

### Gift in Kind Sponsors

Abele Greenhouse  
Art Noey Appliance  
Austin's Florist & Gifts  
Bay City 10 GDX  
Begicks Nursery  
Culver's of Saginaw  
Flowers on 46  
Fralia's  
Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge  
Fuzzy's Restaurant  
Garber Chevrolet Saginaw  
Gaudreau the Florist

### Closest to the Pin Sponsors

The Caring Closet  
Community Baptist Church  
Jim Foor  
Bob Redmond Auto Collision

### Hole Sponsors

Amazin' Mitten  
Ashley Furniture  
Coty Soft Water  
Dodge City Campground  
Don Felipe  
Jim Foor  
Penzien Steele Funeral Home  
Perfusion Associates of  
Michigan  
Powell Fabrication  
Tommark  
US Sheet Metal

Gideon Boxing Gym  
Great Lakes Loons  
Hobson Media  
Intermission Deli  
Iron Dragon Pastries  
Jack's Fruit and Meat Market  
Keit's Florist  
Labadie Auto Company  
Maple Leaf Golf Course  
Meijer (E. Wilder Rd.)  
Mister Car Wash  
Mooney's Ice Cream & Cakes  
Mueller's Valley View Farm Golf

1st



Barb & Lyle Behmlander, Kurt Schwannecke,  
Bill Nicholson, Steve Miller

2nd



Al Nuechterlein, Tim O'Connell, Greg Lelo, Phil Weiss,  
(missing Larry Eischer and Norm Winterstein)

3rd



Frank Dawe, Dave Zwingman, Rick Scott, Doug Dawe

Old Town Distillery  
Omoni Boutique  
O'Reilly's Auto Parts  
Retro Rocks  
Saginaw Spirit  
Sequin Lumber  
Starbucks  
Temple Theatre  
The Home Depot (Shields)  
The Maple Grille  
West Side Decorating Center  
Wohfeil Hardware

Printing Production:



Reimold Printing  
CORPORATION



Rescue Mission of Bay City

713 9th St • PO Box 613  
Bay City • MI 48707  
[www.r3monline.org](http://www.r3monline.org)