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The Vision

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SENIORS HOPE FOR Golden Years

Five days before Christmas, Kathy's granddaughter picked her up from the airport and dropped her off at City Rescue Mission. Kathy could not understand why her daughter who she helped with childcare asked her to leave. With a degree in Psychology, her daughter saw unaddressed anger. Kathy's Mission stay would confirm her daughter's words, "Mom you're angry."



Though a Saginaw native, Kathy had no home to return to. She called the Mission. "I called my entire trip back to make sure they had a bed." Kathy started looking at herself. She reflected on difficult moments in her life

like Christmas Day 1999, when her husband walked out on her and her six children, in 2007 breast cancer, and in 2020 a grandson murdered.

Kathy realized she was angry and hurt. That admission alone lifted a burden. Her commitment to Chapel services and Life Skills helped her and qualified her for Impact Designs. Kathy found a cute rental home and the Impact Designs Ministry furnished it for her. She is grateful to the staff and Impact Designs team for Helping Home Happen.

Mary had nowhere to go and nowhere to stay as temperatures dropped one cold night. She found both help and hope at the Rescue Mission. The kind and compassionate staff provided meals, clothing, hygiene products, and a warm bed to sleep in. During her stay, Mary kept busy, always willing to help with chores and wherever needed. Women's shelter Director Linda Woods, states, "Mary was appreciative about everything the Mission gave her, even if it was a hat, she shared a thank you and words of appreciation." When interviewed by Impact Designs (I.D.)



Coordinator, Sharmin Hegenauer about what "Home"

means to her, she said, "I want to feel safe. I just love pastel colors and baking." The I.D. team went to work choosing hand selected items to fit snugly into a small studio apartment. When Mary opened the door, she was overcome with joy and tears. She kept saying, "Oh my, thank

you" over and over. The team prayed with Mary and parted with sweet hugs. Welcome Home Mary!


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DIRECTOR'S DESK

Have you ever been on a long business trip? Ever have an extended time away to help family or friends? Ever have a hard day at work? You pull into your driveway and immediately a sense of relief and comfort happens.

You are home!

Now think about this scenario. Someone you know has been evicted. They had to choose between food, medical care, and keeping their car running. All their material items now sit out on a curb at the side of the road. Their five-year-old child has no real idea what is happening. They're crying because they are hungry. They rummage through their items on the curb to figure out what can fit in their car. They have \$20 until their next paycheck. How do they keep going?

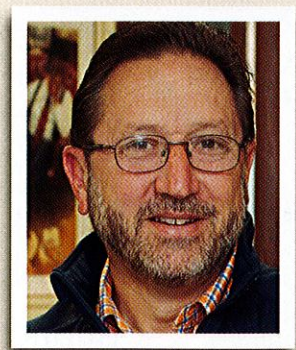
This is not an uncommon story, in fact around 220 people staying at Rescue Ministries last night can relate to this well. For many of them, this was real, and frustrating, and depressing, and exhausting. One night at the Mission does not make it go away. It's overwhelming. Everything has gone wrong for so long; how can it ever be right.

So, our staff and volunteers take action one person at a time, one day at a time, one conversation at a time, one devotional time together, to help crack open doors to hope. How can you help? How can you make a difference? Caring is the solution. Caring is what helps you go the extra mile. How can you increase your caring? By doing something. Care enough to take an action.

Maybe that first action is praying, or bringing excess clothing to the Mission, or going for a tour, or making a financial donation or maybe calling to volunteer. We have worked hard to develop meaningful solutions like life skills classes, chapel and devotional times, great meals, supportive parenting, and Impact Designs!

But planning means nothing without helpers. We need you! So, as you read through this newsletter, take the time to think and pray and care and meditate about what your part can be.

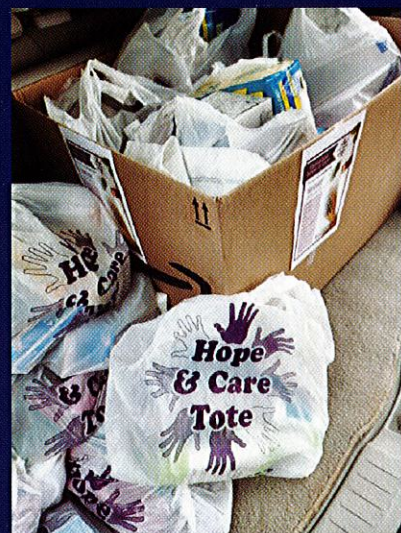
Dan Streeter, CEO



THANK YOU SO MUCH

to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Hope & Care tote drive. It was a great success, with more than 1,200 full totes donated! Because of all of you, our guests will have the personal hygiene items they need when they come to us for help.

We appreciate all the local churches and other organizations who donated, and special thanks to all our volunteers who are currently working to organize and put the items to use in our shelters.



COME FOR THE SHELTER, *Stay for the Impact*

Most guests first come to us seeking shelter in a time of personal or family emergency. No matter why someone is in need of help, they'll find it at the mission, thanks to our caring staff and generous supporters. Every guest receives access to shelter and facilities, two nutritious meals per day, and any required clothing and hygiene products.

However, our prayer is for people to go beyond emergency services and take part in our **Impact Shelter program**. This program focuses on spiritual and long-term needs, leading to God-honoring, sustainable solutions, and permanent housing.

Impact Shelter guests receive additional help in these key areas:

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Hearing the good news about Jesus is the first step towards a changed life. In our chapel, pastors, church leaders and staff share daily messages of hope. Guests are also encouraged to become involved in a local church.

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

Our trained staff collaborates with other service organizations and businesses – such as Mid-Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge and Wildfire Credit Union – to present life skills training each weekday. Sessions cover topics such as: Parenting, Health & Wellness, Financial Literacy, Communication & Conflict Resolution, Housekeeping & Time Management.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Impact Shelter guests regularly meet with a case manager to assess needs, coordinate resources and celebrate successes. Case managers also discuss ways to grow spiritually, and introduce additional tools and resources, all to help guests become productive community members.

HOUSING COORDINATOR & IMPACT DESIGNS SERVICES

Our housing coordinator meets with Impact Shelter guests to assist with post-shelter housing options. Guests who complete our Impact Shelter program are also eligible for Impact Designs services.

If you would like to get involved by volunteering or donating, please call 989 752-6051. Visit our website and Facebook page for more information. Our Facebook page regularly features heartwarming pictures and stories from Impact Designs moves, so don't forget to like our pages!



Impact Designs helps those working toward independent living for themselves and their families. Through this program, donated household furnishings and volunteer designers transform entry-level, unfurnished rentals (that a guest has rented) into warm and pleasant homes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPT 26, 2023

Tickets are required and
go on sale August 1st!

118TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

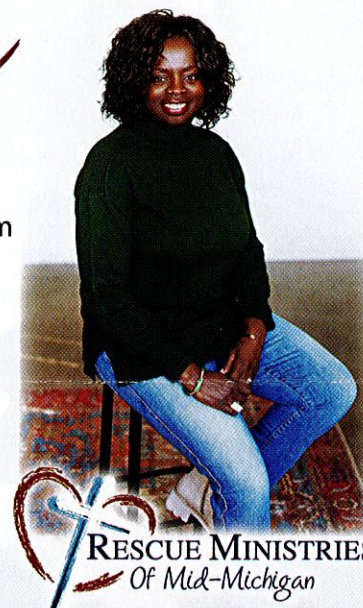
Heritage of Hope

Social Hour 6:00pm - 6:30pm | Dinner and Program 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Featuring Guest Speaker Jo Saxton

Jo Saxton is a speaker, podcaster, author, guest TV host and leadership coach. 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.



Thrivent Cans Hunger Campaign



COME
CHEER ON
THE GREAT
LAKES
LOONS WITH
US!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM | GAME BEGINS: 7:05PM

As part of "Thrivent Cans Hunger" campaign, Thrivent will be collecting canned goods for Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. For every non-perishable food item collected, the Thrivent Member Network will donate \$3 per item up to \$3,000. Tickets to attend are \$5 per person. Sponsored by Thrivent. To order tickets go to <https://bit.ly/GLLThrivent> by Friday, June 9th. Tickets include dinner, seats in the Northern Lights Pavilion and fireworks after the game. Seating is limited.

Rescue Ministries current needs include the following items: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, baked beans, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, ranch or Italian dressing, mayonnaise, and BBQ sauce.



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May 17, 2023

Dear Pastor Hazen & Church Family,

Any number of circumstances can bring someone to the Mission... addiction, physical abuse, or job loss, to name a few.

Hope for Home begins by meeting their basic needs... safe shelter and nutritious meals. But it's just the beginning. When you partner with us you help provide encouragement, resources, and practical tools they need to get their lives on track. While they are staying in shelter many guests participate in our Impact Shelter Program where they learn essential life skills that lead them to sustainable permanent housing.

This is why City Rescue Mission is here... to walk alongside people in need and help them find their path to stability and security. Without you so many in our community would go without food, shelter... and hope for home.

Please take a moment right now to send a gift to help the homeless in our community. Your gift will offer meals, hope, and a chance to start over.

Sincerely,

Dan Streeter
Chief Executive Officer



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Yes! I want to provide hope to those in need!

☐ \$90 (three nights) ☐ \$150 (five nights) ☐ \$210 (one week) other ☐ \$ _____

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