

2011 Rescue Ministries Ladies Golf Challenge **A Huge Success.**

The 2011 Day of Love Golf Challenge was huge success. The 6th Annual Day of Love Golf Challenge on June 17th was held at Crooked Creek Golf Course. The Golf Challenge sponsored by InCal Technologies raised over \$15,000 to help keep the dynamic ministry of the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and Saginaw Rescue Mission Family Shelters in full swing. The 2012 Day of Love Golf Challenge is scheduled for June 22 at Beech Hallow Golf Club. For more information contact Marlene at 989.893.5973.



1st Place Team members Carolyn Dobschensky, Jill Neperud, Jeannette Davenport and Kimberly Ancel raised \$2,300.



2nd Place Team members Kim Heltzel, Sue Cronk, Linda Kennedy and Karen Collier raised \$1,860.



Giving Back to Our Community!

Downtown Bay City is pleased to announce a very special holiday event:

Mingle & Jingle: Downtown Gives Back!

Everyone's Invited!

Thursday, November 17, 2011

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Downtown Bay City shops and eateries will be open.

17% of the sales that evening will be donated to a Good Samaritan Rescue Mission when you mention us.

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Hope Takes Root

By Pati LaLonde

There was an excitement in Shirley Nickleberry's eyes that sunny Friday afternoon in September. The excitement that comes from reaching a goal. In just a few short days, Shirley was getting the key to her very own apartment – a goal she had set for herself in March.

"When I get my key on Monday, I'm moving in my bed and my microwave," she said with a smile. She had plans to do more than that. "I'm going to pray," she said. "I'm going to make a big pot of chili and just relax with my Bible and maybe some family members." Those family members would be daughter Davonnda Thomas and son Melvin Johnson, and 15 grandchildren.

It wasn't that way in March, when after exhausting all other options, Shirley found herself on the steps of the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. For Shirley that was a hard pill to swallow. Asking for help isn't part of her makeup. Being a home health care giver, Shirley likes to be the one giving the help. "I was dreading coming here," she said of the mission. "But I didn't want to be homeless. I was trying to see what else there was." But when you are only making \$30 a week, there aren't that many options.

Shirley's story is different from other guests who pass through the mission. She already had a plan and a strong faith in God. She just needed the support to put it into action. She found that support in the staff at

the mission. Shirley's story actually begins in December in Georgia with the death of her husband Alonzo. Returning to the area, Shirley lived with her son, daughter and then niece until March when she made that



fateful decision to go to the mission. "I decided enough was enough," she said. "I wanted to start my life over and have my own place.

That's not to say the staff at the mission snapped their fingers and it all worked out. It was a step by step process guided by the staff, her faith and by Shirley herself.

"When she came, she was going through the grieving process," said Judi Bash, family shelter director. "Being able to pray with

"I'm going to pray..."

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From the Director's Desk

Dan Streeter

Hope Begins with a meal

The names and faces that come to the doors of the Mission change each year, but the problem is always the same: "I don't have a place to stay." Each year one percent of the population in the United States will experience homelessness. Due to some of the economic difficulties in the State of Michigan and locally in Mid-Michigan, that percentage is a little higher. Have you ever taken the time to think about how you would feel if you were homeless? No place to stay, only the clothes you could reasonably carry, no extra money in the bank to fall back upon, no idea of how you were going to get your next meal...

When someone comes to stay at the Mission, it's not because it's the most convenient, it is usually because they have absolutely nowhere else to turn. Last year, 748 guests reached the point of desperation and had to stay at the Mission because they had run out of options.

warm bed. I think there is a whole in the old adage, "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

So every time you make a donation to the Mission, you are helping invest in the potential reaching of a heart which is the primary objective for every guest. Of course we want to help them find a new

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Because of that desperation it is critical that we send the message of care and God's love. One of the best ways we initially deliver that message of care is through the meals we provide. It helps to provide clothing, a hot shower, and a

home and a new way of living so that they never have to experience homelessness again, but the ultimate goal is reaching the heart.

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her, talk with her. Just talk about what a nice man he (her husband) was and the struggles she went through. It was more of a counseling process with her."

Then there was the housing issue. A problem that had Shirley throwing in the towel a couple of times. "We were waiting on Bay City housing," said Bash. "A couple of things fell through. We said, 'OK that isn't going to work let's go to plan B.' There were several times she just wanted to give up and her bag were packed. But we told her no, you're not ready yet."

In the meantime, Shirley picked up four new healthcare clients through Great Lakes Home Health Care and Michigan Quality Care. With money coming in, Shirley could pay her bills and set aside for that day when she moved into her apartment. She also took classes and received a certificate from the Michigan Quality Community Care Council certifying her in universal

precautions, medical management and health information. A piece of paper she is very proud of.

Bash has seen the change over the past few months. "I still see her grieving, but I see that each day she's getting a little bit stronger," said Bash. "She has relied on her faith, knowing that God is going to take care of her. She's a hard worker." On the brink of moving into her cozy apartment in Smith Manor, Shirley not only gives thanks to God, but Bash, Carol Roseberry, Sue Mitchell and Stephanie Jardine for not only lending a hand, but prayers as well.

"I don't know what I would have done without the mission," she said. "They have been helpful with all kinds of information. I'm looking forward to going on with my life, even though I miss my husband. Hopefully one day I'll see him in heaven if I do the things God wants me to do."



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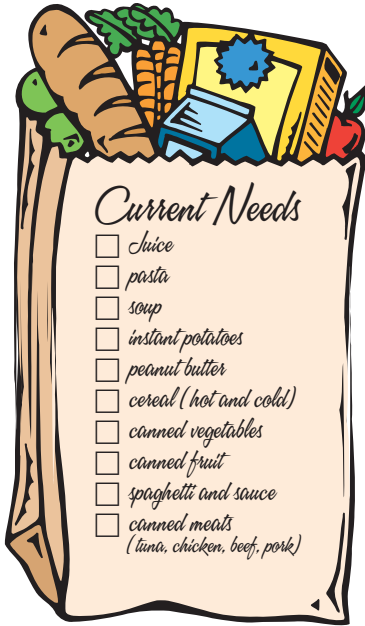
"Expressing God's love by reaching out to the hurting and homeless of the Bay area by providing shelter and care, by developing a community of support, and by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ."

Fill the Pantry



Thank you for joining the fight against homelessness! Your efforts are essential to the Rescue Mission's mission to serve people in need. Without friends like you, the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission wouldn't be able to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community.

The Rescue Mission pantry is seriously understocked. We need your help to fill our pantry. Please consider sponsoring a food drive to help fill our pantry.



Steps to Success

To get your food drive started on the right track, be sure to carefully consider these initial 9 steps:

- Contact Marlene at 989.893.5973 or marlene@gsrmbaycity.org.
- Decide if your group will partner with any other groups or businesses.
- Identify a person in the group who is in charge, as well as coordinators under this individual. Be sure coordinators have clearly defined tasks.
- Pick a date and determine the duration of the drive. Drives can be as short as one day or as long as one month. Be sure and check community calendars for potential scheduling conflicts.
- Decide if the drive will be held at one place or at several locations.
- Secure a collection method. Medium sized boxes are ideal as they can be easily transported. Consider contacting a local grocery store and ask them to donate extra produce boxes.
- Determine how the collected food will get from the collection site(s) to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Either volunteers can drive the food to the Mission or a Mission representative can pick up from the collection site(s).
- Set a goal. This could be pounds of food collected or number of items collected.
- Have fun!! The food drive will be a product of what you put into it.

Every day the Mission serves over 95 hot, nutritious meals to homeless men, women and children. The Mission's "Strong Hands...Warm Hearts...Warm Beds" campaign is replacing the 1974 air-conditioning unit. The new unit will provide a better environment to prepare these meals...hope begins with a meal. For information on how you can be part of this campaign please contact Marlene at 989.893-5973 or watch the "Strong Hands...Warm Hearts... Warm Beds" video online at www.gsrmbaycity.org.



Yes! I Want to be a part of Strong Hands...Warm Hearts...Warm Beds campaign to help with building improvements.

My \$ _____ gift for the mission is enclosed.
(please print and return in the envelope provided)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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