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# The Vision

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*a  
Heart  
to  
Serve*



Esther Martin has worked in someone's kitchen since the seventh grade. It's not because she loves to cook, but because she loves to serve.

An Emergency shelter, however, was the last place she thought she'd be serving at and one of the last places she thought she'd ever LIVE in. Nonetheless, City Rescue Mission became her temporary home for four months and she was happy she had a safe and warm place to stay. When asked what it was like coming to the Mission, Esther states, "I thought, what will people say about me? I was a part of the community; working in various restaurants, even our own family restaurant, we had for years! How was this going to affect my family name?" But after a few days of being in the

shelter and feeling welcomed by the staff, Esther says she knew she had to set her pride aside so that she could achieve living independently.

Prior to living at the Mission Esther, who is disabled due to an injury, was living with a daughter in Grand Rapids. She moved there to assist her daughter with her three grandchildren. She lived there several months. After her daughter adjusted to her new living environments Esther decided it was time to move back to Saginaw and live on her own.



As a temporary measure, she moved in with another daughter while she sought permanent housing. However, that decision was short lived when she learned she would be jeopardizing her daughter's lease. It was then she decided to seek shelter at City Rescue Mission. She moved in September 14, 2016. Esther kept herself busy while at the Mission. "I helped Miss Mable clean the rooms when ladies moved out, I did shelter (linen) laundry and I volunteered to help in the kitchen," she states.

Esther has achieved what she worked hard for, a new apartment of her own, including a new (complimentary) couch from the Rescue Ministries Thrift Store. She applied to be a Mission volunteer and she'll be serving in the Mission kitchen. Esther is grateful for the support of City Rescue Mission and all of the staff, volunteers and donors, especially chapel volunteers, who help provide for her stay.





# DIRECTOR'S DESK

*If any man (woman) be in Christ, he (she) is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Why do we get so excited about the New Year? For many of us, we have a list of shortcomings, unattained hopes or failures from the past year and we are looking for a chance to have a clean slate. It may be a new exercise plan, the goal to lose weight, get better organized, eat healthy, give more time to God, and the list can go on and on. The idea of a fresh start invigorates us and provides us the hope that we can make it work this time if given another chance.

For many of our guests coming to the Mission, their life has been a culmination of failures, and many times, many years of failures. They have received numerous reminders of their shortcomings by friends, family, past employers and landlords, and have come to accept others perceptions as their reality. One failure has built upon another, and now they know no other way to live than in failure and low self-esteem. Fortunately, that is not the end of the story!

We are given the promise of scripture in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that things don't have to be the same. That through the transforming power of Christ, we don't have to remain in the bondage of addictions and bad decisions. That God always intended a better life, and that if we follow his plan, then peace and fulfillment are available for anyone and everyone regardless of your past. So the primary goal of our volunteers and staff is to help every guest come to know the transforming power of Christ and experience a new start: spiritually, vocationally, and in their relationships.

As we venture into 2017, think about your personal excitement for a new start each year, but more importantly, think about what you might be able to do to help someone homeless experience a new start in his or her life!

Dan Streeter  
*Chief Executive Officer*





**What A Difference a Bag Makes – Operation Hope & Care 2017 is coming soon!** Operation Hope & Care was designed to assure that every guest checking in to emergency shelter would receive a BAG filled with new hygiene products such as bar soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, comb and brush that reflect the Hope & Care others have for them.

Church, civic and business groups are welcome to participate. It's fun and can be done in three easy steps:

1. Pick up a Hope & Care Bag from your local church or business.
2. Purchase all or some of the items listed (no used products, please).
3. Drop your bag off to your church or business or at City Rescue Mission. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. For Hope & Care bags or for more information, contact Nancy Hillenbrand at (989) 752-6051 ext. 122 or [volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org](mailto:volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org).



**Operation Hope & Care Tote**

*A little bag makes a big difference!*

**Help Provide Hope and Care to the Homeless**  
Fill a hope and care tote with items:

- Women's Body Wash
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Shaving Cream
- Men and Women's Razors
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Large Combs and Brushes
- Nail Clippers
- Tissues
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Haircare products (gel etc.)

City Rescue Mission Saginaw

Individuals served 1,196 & Meals served 78,988

# a Year in Review

In 2016 City Rescue Mission provided emergency shelter for 1,196 individuals and 79,880 nutritious meals were served to Mission guests. We appreciate everyone who made a monetary or gift in kind donation, volunteered, hosted a food or clothing drive and those who have prayed for City Rescue Mission. If you would like to be a part of the Mission's 2017 calendar as a volunteer or to participate in one of our events, call the Mission at (989) 752-6051.

## RESCUE MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE



*Proceeds help the homeless in Mid-Michigan!*



Green Acres Plaza • 4510 State Street (At Hemmeter)  
Saginaw, Michigan 48603  
989-498-4088  
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm • Sat 10am-5pm



### Upcoming Events:

**Hockey for The Homeless**  
March 4

**Hoops for the Homeless**  
April 7

**Annual Golf Challenge**  
May 19





## Our Mission

To glorify God by SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL,  
AND ESTABLISHING DISCIPLES AMONG DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE.

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### Modern Day Cure



### Broomball Tournament



### Frankenmuth Bible Praise Band

Join us **March 4, 2017**  
for a fun-filled night including:

- ▶ 4:45 PM Broomball Hockey Tournament
- ▶ 5:00 PM Pre-game Concert featuring Modern Day Cure and Frankenmuth Bible Praise Band
- ▶ 7:05 PM Saginaw Spirit Hockey game!

Plus, Fun Kids Activities!



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Single Tickets are \$13. Visit <https://www.saginawspirit.net/groupsales>  
to order your tickets. **Username:** rescue2017 **Password:** spirit

**Groups of 20 or more are just \$10** and must be ordered  
by calling Kimberly Ancel at **989-752-6051 ext. 123.**



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