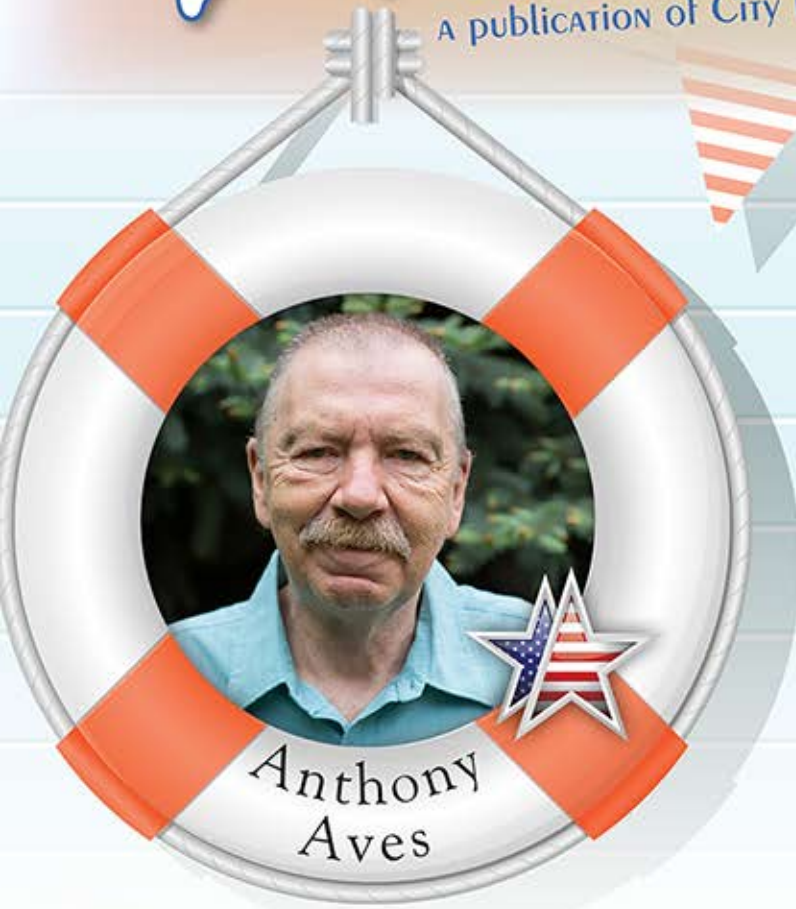


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# The Vision

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## Summer of Hope

breakdown. Anthony says, "I know when I need help and I knew I had to reach out and that's what I did." As a U.S. Army Veteran, Anthony sought help at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw. After a brief stay in the hospital, the VA arranged for him to stay at City Rescue Mission while they sought permanent housing for him.

At City Rescue Mission, Anthony is smiling, going to chapel and attending church weekly. He says he's in a much better place, mentally and spiritually. "I've seen a real improvement in Anthony since his first day with us," states Eric Winter, director for the Men's Emergency Shelter. What Eric sees is a man who has found peace in allowing God to handle his problems. The thought of losing his home and allowing others to care for his sister brought overwhelming anxiety to Anthony, but when he received the help he needed and saw that his sister was living in a safe environment his worries were put to rest.

Anthony said the Mission made his life bearable when he was in a desperate situation. Although now separated, he speaks with his sister daily and that makes his heart glad. Anthony is a former theatre student at Saginaw Valley State University and is just few credits shy of a Bachelor's Degree. His HOPE for the future is to move into a housing for senior citizens and "get old gracefully."

Every individual or family affected by homelessness has a different story. Some are homeless as a result of a fire, eviction or a condemned home. Some are affected by medical disabilities and economic stress due to job loss, lack of employment skills, etc. For Anthony Aves it was a combination of things.

When Anthony's mother died 10 years ago, he became the sole caregiver for his mentally challenged and disabled sister. Life was going well until two months ago when Anthony's home was condemned by City officials. The cause, a lack of major repairs needed for the home that was built in 1894. The home had been in his family for four generations.

Not only did he have to leave his home abruptly, his sister had to be placed in Adult Foster Care. His stress increased when his home was robbed and everything he owned, including light fixtures, was stolen. He was devastated and this caused him to have a nervous



# DIRECTOR'S DESK

Many of you have already made plans for your summer vacation. It may be up north at the lake, or getting away with family, or a couple days to your favorite amusement park. Hope and anticipation is building. I have a friend on Facebook that has been counting down the days until his summer vacation for over 150 days!

Anyone planning to become homeless this summer? That may sound like a strange question to you, but the reality is that 41% of those experiencing homelessness in Michigan are doing so for the first time\*. Last year Rescue Ministries assisted 2,242 men, women, and children. For approximately 900 of them, that was the first time in their life that they had become homeless.

Another staggering statistic is that families with children make up exactly half of the homeless population in the State of Michigan\*. Our perceptions about why people become homeless lead us to think that poor choices and behavior are chief contributors, but the reality is that poverty and mental illness have risen as primary causes. It's hard to believe but it happens each year, the summer is our busiest time of the year for our Women and children's ministry. Many families are struggling and living with friends or family members, but when the warmer weather arrives and the threat of cold has gone, these families are turned to the street. Facing rejection and poverty can make a person lose hope.

So when someone arrives at the Mission for the first time, our primary goal is to help restore their hope. They have lost hope in their abilities, and in their friends, but we share with them about the true friend that will never leave them.

Psalm 31:24 says, "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

Sure we help with meals, clothing, counseling, and education, but our greatest impact is when we can lead someone to a lasting hope with Christ.

I don't know what your summer plans may be this year, but consider making a minor modification. Think about investing in the lives of our neighbors in need and have a part in providing a summer of hope.

Dan Streeter  
Chief Executive Officer

\*Statistics provided by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness 2015 Annual Report.



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Left to right: Timothy Meyette, Darryl Lamblin, Randall Zimmer

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Three candidates completed Rescue Ministries' eight week professional Janitorial Training. The on-site training and materials are provided by Clean Check Training System. Candidates who complete the training are certified in nine areas for commercial cleaning and meet the requirements for the CIMS Green Building Standard. Rescue Ministries' Maintenance Assistant, Tom Hodder (who is not pictured), is the instructor for the training. If you have janitorial employment opportunities, please call the Mission's job coach Travis Buckley at (989) 752-6051, ext. 139.



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Mel Trotter Ministries,  
Grand Rapids



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For Ticket Information Contact  
Marcia Reeves  
at 989-752-6051 ext. 131

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

6:00pm - 6:30pm Punchbowl • 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Program  
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**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

6:00pm - 6:30pm Punchbowl • 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Program  
Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State St., Saginaw, MI



## Pantry Needs:

### For Summer:

Canned Fruit  
Canned Chili & Black beans  
Salsa & BBQ Sauce  
25-50 Cereal Bowls

### For Shelter:

Over the Counter Allergy Meds  
Twin Sheets  
Vinyl Pillows  
Pillow Cases





## Our Mission

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



2017 Rescue Ministries Al Christiansen Memorial Golf Challenge was a huge success. The annual Golf Challenge was held May 19 at the beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Club. The Golf Challenge sponsored by InCal Technologies raised over \$77,000 to help provide vital services to the homeless and elderly in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Our top three teams raised \$35,285.



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Dave Magsig • Frank Dawe



2nd Place

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Kurt Schwannecke • Rob Klaczkiwicz  
Mark Kinzer (not pictured)



3rd Place

Brian Hammond • Eric Nordquist  
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