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# The Vision

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## Harvest of blessings

When Tyia Oglesby walks into a room two characteristics are sure to be seen, her infectious smile and her jovial personality. Just two months ago it was a different Tyia who walked through the Mission doors.

Tyia and her boyfriend were the typical high school sweethearts. The two enjoyed hanging out and doing fun things together, so much so, after graduation they decided to move in together. It would soon be revealed that it was a bad decision. Tyia says shortly after the move bickering and fault finding started. She was constantly belittled and made to feel worthless. The bickering soon progressed to arguing and eventually physical altercations. She knew she had to get out, but had nowhere to go, so she thought, "I didn't want to come here because I heard too many people saying, I shouldn't go to the Rescue Mission!" Nonetheless, she knew she had to go when one day she came home to find all of her belongings on the curb. "That was it!" Tyia knew she had to ignore the skepticism and get to a safe place.

When Tyia came to the Mission she was quiet and suspicious. She was looking for all of the negative things she had heard. To her surprise she didn't find any. What she found was a staff that welcomed her and shared all the wonderful things the Mission had to offer. Besides food, shelter and clothing she was told about the S.A.V.E. Program (Spiritually Accountable Vocationally Equipped) that included Life Skills and Jobs for Life Classes. She also heard about daily chapel services that would inspire her Hope in Christ. Tyia was excited about this new opportunity. Already a certified Nursing Assistant, she knew the skills would enhance her capabilities. She began volunteering in the Mission's kitchen and put her communication skills to work by interacting with Mission guests, staff and volunteers. Upon completion of the classes she landed employment. Her Harvest of blessings are still coming in. She'll be moving in to her own apartment, getting a driver's license and she's considering training to be a Paramedic. Tyia says, "I'm VERY proud of myself!" She realized how changing her attitude and surrendering to God turned her life in the right direction.



# DIRECTOR'S DESK

One of the joys of living in Michigan is our diverse seasons. Normally, we are thinking of apple cider, farmers' fields being harvested, leaves changing colors, and cool, refreshing days. This has been one of the most unique starts to fall that I can remember in many years. The extremely high temperatures for such a long period of time have broken many records in Michigan.



Another unique trend over the last couple months has been the dramatic need for our emergency shelter services. In 2016, the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and City Rescue Mission on average would assist 188 men, women, and children with emergency shelter. Over the last two months we have been in overflow status, and several nights had 230 combined residents! If we continue our present pace, we will assist more men, women, and children with emergency shelter than we have ever done in 112 years of ministry.

As much good news that is voiced about the overall economy of Michigan, the reality is that the economic gains haven't made their way to the majority that are struggling in or near poverty. We have been working hard to help connect people to life changing opportunities like the story of Tyia that you read on the cover. Vocational training, vocational counseling, life management classes, budgeting, transportation assistance partnered with spiritual discipleship counseling and classes are the enhanced services that we offer to our guests to help get them back on a stable base.

With the increased numbers, come increased opportunity. God has entrusted us with the chance to make an impact on more lives. Additional examples of this impact are in the lives of Adam and Naomi. Visit our website [r3monline.org](http://r3monline.org) to view their video testimony and see the dramatic change that is happening in lives every day.

*"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*  
Galatians 6:9

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# Congratulations

*Samaritan Award Honorees,  
Judith Sandefur and Spirit Hockey Organization.*

Mrs. Sandefur and Spirit Hockey were honored at the annual Rescue Mission Anniversary Dinner Tuesday, September 19 at the Horizons Conference Center. Each year the Rescue Mission leadership considers all of the volunteer efforts that have occurred. The Mission, being a volunteer driven organization, literally has hundreds of potential "Samaritans" demonstrating love to the hurting and homeless every year. It is always a tough choice to select only one recipient. Judy has volunteered for over 30 years with the Rescue Mission Auxiliary. The Saginaw Spirit Organization has joined in the fight against homelessness by partnering with Rescue Ministries in the annual Hockey for the Homeless to help raise donations and awareness for our neighbors in need.



## **CITY RESCUE MISSION HARVESTED THE LAST OF ITS PRODUCE FROM THE Houghton Jones Community Garden.**

The partnership has been a great resource for daily meals prepared at the Mission. Some of the fresh vegetables that were planted this year included collards, red and green tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce and peppers. The Rescue Mission prepares approximately 250 meals per day.

*A special thank you to Houghton Jones Community Center and volunteers Beth Linton, Cecile Reed, and Randy Gevermuehle.*



- ✓ Turkeys
- ✓ Frozen Pies
- ✓ Macaroni noodles
- ✓ French's fried onions
- ✓ Canned yams

## Our Mission

To glorify God by SERVING people in need, PROCLAIMING the Gospel,  
AND ESTABLISHING disciples AMONG disadvantaged people.



# 112th Anniversary Concert

Friday, November 3, 2017

7:00pm

Doors Open at 6pm • Tickets \$10 Each

Hopevale Church  
4873 N. Center Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603



Tickets available online at:

[www.rescuesaginaw.org](http://www.rescuesaginaw.org) or [www.gsrmbaycity.org](http://www.gsrmbaycity.org)

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