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Hope FOR THE Holidays



When Alyscia, a single mom of three, thinks of Christmas it's not just her children she thinks about, it's her grandma, Geraldine "Gerri" Worrall. Alyscia says Christmas was her grandmother's favorite time of the year and she wouldn't have known about the Rescue Mission if it wasn't for her.

As a young girl, her grandmother was a faithful Mission volunteer, who earned the title, Volunteer of the Year in 1996. Alyscia fell on hard times this fall when her relationship with her live in boyfriend went sour due to him losing his job.

When eviction was inevitable, the young mom called her mother who unfortunately, couldn't help her. Alyscia said her mom told her, "I can't give you the help you need, but the Mission can." That's when Alyscia remembered the joy it brought her grandma to volunteer at the Mission and to help the homeless, but never would she have thought she'd one day be a "Mission guest."

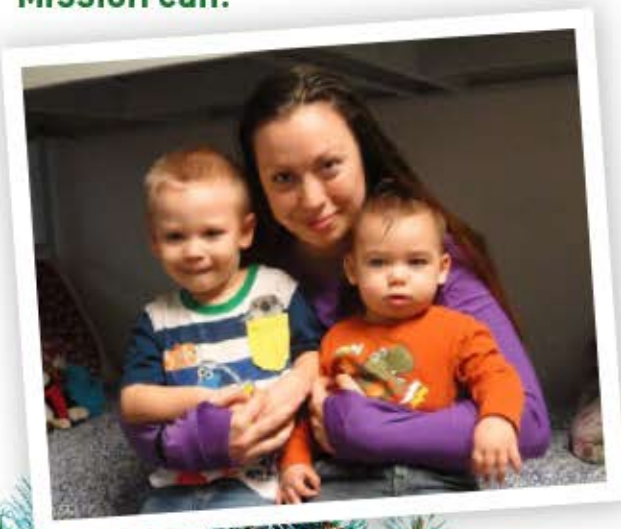
It's obvious when you talk with this young lady that she is passionate about making a better life for her children. "I've always worked and taken care of myself since I was 18. I was a teen mom, dropped out of school, but at 16 I got my G.E.D. and kept life moving for me and my daughter. Now that I have three children I want to get a job that will pay me enough to get back on my feet."

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To avoid disrupting her daughter's life, Alyscia allowed her daughter to live with an aunt while she keeps the boys with her. Alyscia says she's accomplished more in the past two months than she has since being on her own. Through Michigan works, she is doing volunteer hours at the Rescue Mission by working in the Mission's kitchen and pantry. Alyscia organizes the non-perishable foods and assists with lunch preparation. "I love helping out!"

Although she is happy today, there are days anxiety overwhelms her due to a very traumatic incident in her life. "There're certain environments that make me uneasy, she states." Alyscia is learning how to process the anxiety and trauma she's experienced.

With Christmas right around the corner, she's grateful that she has a place that offered her temporary shelter, especially a place that was dear to her grandmother's heart. Even if Alyscia's not Home for the Holidays, she has Hope for the Holidays. Hope of a better future for her and her children and hope that one day soon, she'll be back on her feet enjoying next Christmas in her own home.



DIRECTOR'S DESK

"People don't become homeless when they run out of money, they become homeless when they run out of relationships."

John Ashmen, President of Association of Gospel Rescue Missions



This is a quote that I heard for the first time about two years ago. It didn't immediately match up with my perceptions, but as I continued to think about the problems and issues surrounding those that experience being homeless, it started to make more and more sense.

One of the foundational parts of relationships is hope. Hope that someone cares for me, hope that someone believes in me, hope that someone accepts me. When hope is gone, life becomes pretty bleak and we lose motivation. Rarely is the loss of hope a one event occurrence. It is usually a build up over time in successive failures which then creates wedges in relationships. A family member isn't as forgiving because of past history of repeated struggles, an employer can only endure a certain amount of shortcomings in performance, a landlord can only work through so many times of late rent.

All of us have needed someone at sometime to believe in us and help us through a difficult time.

The numbers of people seeking help coming through the Mission doors continues to be at an increase, and almost all of them have temporarily lost hope.

As hard as we work to provide nutritious meals, nice accommodations, clean clothing, meaningful counsel and guidance, and a place of warmth and care, the end goal of why we do all of those, is the passion to establish and build a relationship with us, and more importantly, with Christ. With a relationship comes hope.

So as we enter this Christmas season of sharing and caring with family and friends, take a few moments to think about what life might be like for those with no hope. Consider following the example of our Savior by giving of yourself for the hope of another.

Dan Streeter
Chief Executive Officer



Merry
Christmas!



Mark Your Calendar!

SATURDAY

March 3, 2018

Bring your church groups,
employees, family
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Many people today go through storms of life that were unthinkable just a few years ago. In the midst of this turbulence the Mission stands as a light house.

A donation in memory of someone is one of the most impactful expressions of sympathy. There are some who prefer to give help to charities in terms of money instead of giving flowers and gifts. This year memorial gifts to City Rescue Mission will be dedicated to creating a Welcome Center on the Mission's main floor. The Welcome Center will welcome guests in need of emergency shelter and provide an area for distributing personal need items and other items needed by Mission guests. It will also welcome visitors into the Mission.

Loved ones receiving memorial gifts totaling \$250 or more will be recognized on a plaque located in the Welcome Center. Your tribute to a loved one can serve to keep this light beaming brightly. To request memorial brochures please contact Kimberly at 989-752-6051 ext. 123.



December Needs List

- ✓ Hams
- ✓ Potatoes
- ✓ Chili Beans
- ✓ Baking Supplies
- ✓ Canned Chicken/tuna
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Elbow Macaroni



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For more information contact
Marcia Reeves 989-752-6051 ext. 131

Christmas On A BUDGET

*Is your Christmas budget
a little tighter this year?*

If you're wondering how to create a magical Christmas on a small budget, stop by Rescue Ministries Thrift Store conveniently located in Green Acres Plaza.



Rescue Ministries Thrift Store is buzzing with the Christmas spirit. We have plenty of fun, festive Christmas décor items including ornaments, and wreaths. Plus you will find affordable dinner and glassware for your holiday table. For other saving ideas check our Rescue Ministries Thrift Store Facebook page for DIY gift projects.

AN IRA WITHDRAWAL Can Make A *Difference!*

Are you required to take IRA withdrawals. If you are 71 or over, you can make a tax-free gift to us from your traditional IRA. You won't pay income tax on the amount of your gift. Tell your traditional IRA administrator that you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution" to us and give him or her our federal tax ID, 38-1368362 and our legal name, City Rescue Mission of Saginaw, Inc. The administrator will send your tax-free gift directly to us. You can truly be the difference in the lives of many!

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