

2023—SUMMER NEWSLETTER

CHAMPIONS IN BUILDING COMMUNITY

Crossover Outreach shows the love of Christ by feeding, clothing, and providing services and programs to those in need, restoring hope and rebuilding lives.

A champion can be defined as “a person who fights or argues for a cause or on behalf of someone else; an advocate, or supporter.”

On May 5, we hosted our annual Spring Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for each of you (those who were able to attend in person and those who could not) for the continued support these last 32 years allowing us to uplift those in need. Instead of having a keynote speaker this year, we opted to do something a little different. To show the impact Crossover has on the community, we shared (via video) the story of Miss Shaneeka, a former client who was able to provide for her family by utilizing our services. Since coming to Crossover over 10 years ago, Miss Shaneeka now has a job, stable housing, reliable transportation, and her children are thriving! She finds so much joy in sharing her story through various outlets to give hope, and empower others who face similar life circumstances to show them that they are not defined by that situation and it can be overcome.

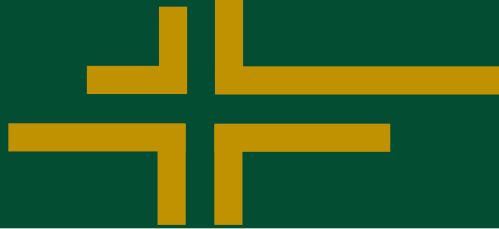


Riverdale Baptist Church—Arise ministries, was named the Spirit of Crossover award winner thanks to their work organizing our two storage pods, and helping with other various projects on the grounds. The Friend of Crossover award was presented by Dawn Vallee to our very own Marcus Person for his 22 years of service. We also surprised Miss Karen with a special award for her hard work and 30 years of dedication to Crossover as our Center Coordinator! They both go above and beyond daily to ensure the continued success of Crossover.

YOU, our wonderful donors, are the real champions in building this community! Because of your gifts, whether donating monetarily, volunteering your time, or donating items, YOU make what we do at Crossover possible. Thank you for allowing us to provide a place for the community to come where they not only get the physical items they need to support their families, but they leave here feeling uplifted, respected, and loved. **Thank you Champions!**



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CHAMPIONS IN ACTION

TP Bowl XI and the Great Cereal Extravaganza of 2023

Speaking of champions, Court Street United Methodist consistently goes above and beyond to bless this community. Each year the Genesis Sunday School class challenges the rest of the congregation in their annual TP Bowl. After the results were tallied, the Genesis Class was yet again crowned victorious by bringing in **2,937** rolls! The congregation also collected a very respectable **2,791** rolls for a record grand total of **5,578** rolls of toilet paper. Many individuals and families will be blessed thanks to this good hearted competition!



Almost as quickly as our shelves get stocked up with cereal, they are emptied out because the need for food is so great. When Court Street learned that our shelves were empty, they once again rallied and began collecting boxes of cereal for us with the initial goal of collecting enough to provide us with one month's worth of cereal...that first year, they collected 826 boxes! Miss Jan, the Children's Ministry Director, had the amazing idea of getting the kids involved in the process. Once the boxes were collected, they were set up in the gym, like dominos, and everyone gathered to watch them get knocked down. This is the second year they have collected cereal for us and the grand total for 2023 was **1,001** boxes! First Presbyterian also learned of our need for cereal and brought in **450** boxes of cereal to help us stay stocked up. We continue to be blown away by the generosity of our partnering churches. So many families will be blessed because of you. Our shelves are full and so many little tummies will be full too! Thank you!



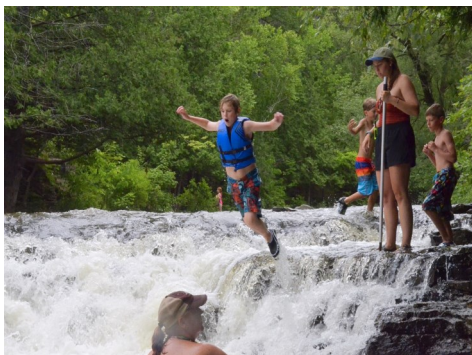
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Character Building Camp 2023

Each year, Crossover sends up to 40 inner-city children to a Christian summer camp, in Presque Isle, to get a break from the chaos and insecurity of their daily lives. Our kids enjoy a week filled with canoeing, games, swimming, exploring a waterfall, singing, worship, crafts and so much more! For many of these kids, it's not only their first time away from home, but also their first time outside of Flint.

YOU can make a life changing difference for a child right here in Flint & Genesee County. Contact us at (810) 234-2479 for details on how to sponsor a child for 2023.



Monday Giveaways

It's great to be hosting our Monday Giveaways again! We've been able to serve a lot of smiling faces with various household items, holiday décor, toys, clothing, shoes, and so much more. We are thankful that we have the opportunity to provide this additional assistance for our neighbors in the community. We will continue to host these giveaways on Mondays throughout July (with the exception of July 3 as we will be closed that day). We are looking for volunteers to join us on Mondays for our giveaways. If you're interested, please reach out and we'll put you on the schedule. It's a great opportunity to make connections with our clients.



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller



“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” - Henry Ford

Closer and Closer to the Finish Line

A lot can happen in a year. We had our official groundbreaking a year ago, and now we are working to create a timeline of moving everything from one space to the other and additional finishing touches. We don't have exact dates to announce yet, but we will be closed four to six weeks as our current building gets demolished for our parking lot and landscaping to be finished.



The need in Flint and Genesee County only continues to rise and we want to ensure that while our building is closed, we are still providing food for the community. In the first six months of 2023, we have seen a 53% increase in the number of people utilizing our food pantry vs. 2022. Overall, 47% of our clients this year are brand new to Crossover and have never utilized our services. To accommodate the ongoing need, we will be doing mobile food giveaways, at Court Street UMC, every Monday in August (maybe longer). While being closed, our goal is to take care of our client's needs and make sure they have the items needed to provide for their families. We eagerly await the completion of the building and are hopeful for what this new space will allow us to do for the community. Stay tuned for more updates to come!

Easter Success



Thank you to everyone who helped make this holiday extra special for our families in need! Over 100 families received an Easter meal, and all the children in the household received small Easter baskets (over 250 kids)! Thank you to our friends at Blue Cross Complete of Michigan, Dort Financial, Molina Healthcare of Michigan, our four supporting churches, and individual donors who made this possible! Special shout out to our friends from Mott Community College and Blue Cross Complete, who came

out to help assemble the baskets and food bags! We are truly blessed by the support we see from this community!



Gifts of Honor & Celebration

Thank you for helping those less fortunate while honoring loved ones or celebrating the milestones in these people's lives.

Pat Behm: Gene Dolby

Melissa Bishop: Lana Zelle

Judy Clippard: Bill Piper, Denise Diller

Dawn Vallee: Gene Dolby, Ida Epstein, Nancy Epstein

Gifts of Memory

We offer our deepest sympathies to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and we are truly grateful for the loving donations in their memory.

Jayna Ankley: Kathryn Kohout

Ronald J. Brewer: Robert & Melinda Brewer

John Clippard: by his girls

Bill Cormicle: Ken & Carol Smith, Tim & Connie Pangle

Robert Carl Davidek: Tim & Shirley Burchett

Jeanne Dobes: Carol Capell

Jackie Elliott: Larry Elliott

Carolyn J. Fortin: Sally Swartz

Sandra Kenney: Ruth Thrash

Catherine Layne: Len & Sharon Thomas, Diana Rutherford

Ginger Matar: Russell Matar

Lee Matthews: William Parson

Hershel Nix: Craig & Sarah Leavitt

Dudley Place: Mark Suchowski, Kathryn Judge, Jakubiak Family, Scott & Lynn Garner, Dan & Laura McArdle, Diane McArdle, Thomas Capua, Moss Family

Dr. Bobbi Schoolfield: Susan Boyd

Gloria Williams: Judy Clippard

Gavin Wofford: Dick & Arlene Ruhala

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for volunteers to help with mobile food giveaways, on Mondays, throughout the month of August! We need help bagging up food, and putting bags in cars as they drive through.

INTERESTED? CALL US AT (810) 234-2479 TO SIGN UP TODAY!



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BACK TO SCHOOL 2023



Before you know it, summer will be here and gone and our children will be back in school! We want to provide our children with the resources needed to have a successful return back to the classroom. With your help, our kids are blessed with two brand new outfits (including socks and underwear), a new pair of shoes, and a backpack full of age appropriate school supplies!



This year, we are hosting a big, one day, fun-filled event for children and their families. We'll have lunch, games, activities, and so much more! We are thankful for the amazing community partnerships that allow us to provide this opportunity to our neighbors in need.

YOU can help our children in need return to learning prepared so they can achieve their fullest potential. You can donate a backpack, coordinate a collection of new school supplies, or volunteer your time at the big event!



However you choose to help, your gifts make a difference in the life of a child in need!

SIGNUPS ARE OPEN NOW