

The Helping Hand



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MISSION STATEMENT

Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry is a faith-based, interdenominational mission established to provide free emergency food, clothing, household, personal items, and youth programs to those most in need in our community. Providing faith based services and programs showing the love of Christ, restoring hope, and rebuilding lives.

Thank you for making this gift possible!



Another fantastic summer is in the books for our campers! Two groups of marginalized youth were blessed with the gift of summer camp at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, MI this summer thanks to you! Our first group were middle school age and our second were elementary age. Everyone had a wonderful time swimming, making crafts, singing and worshiping, playing in a waterfall, and more!



When life is a daily struggle, when choices must be made between food, water and heat and electricity, the gift of camp is precious and cherished!

Thank you for giving this opportunity to children to see just what is possible with faith, hope and love!

Special letters from the children are enclosed!



**Thank you for the GENEROUS donations by individuals, the Stella & Frederick Loeb Charitable Trust, the Child Welfare Society of Flint, the Kiwanis Club of Flint, the Nartel Family Foundation, Blue Cross Complete (Pre-camp party sponsor), and the Doris A. Sutton Memorial Fund for Youth at Crossover!*

You make an amazing difference in the lives of children in need!

Letters from our Campers!

I Like Camp Chickgami Because it is welcoming
 And sweet when the week was over
 I almost cried and I did 2 times but
 I couldn't help it. I had the best
 Counselors Marah, Sommer and Zeigh and
 Rebecca and Margo and it was the
 best week of my life I wish
 it was longer than one week
 it should've been 1 month or
 3 weeks. I loved all of the
 activities until I got hurt when
 I got the pictures I cried
 my eyes out then the next
 morning my eyes was swollen
 well next hour on the the
 bus.

Kameeko Cabin Eve



Mariana

I came to camp, hoping to find ~~friends~~
 but I got way more, I got a (friendship),
 family. I enjoy every-thing the people,
 the love, and the nicest of the kind hearted
 people. It was the best week of my life
 and I will forget it

Ameir

My experions about camp
 was oh untill Wednesday.
 I was so happy and I cried.
 So everyone roles was breaking
 down. Camp was a good opportunity
 for me to be less angry.
 Everyone was nice also was
 learned more about
 Nature,



♡ P.S.
 I'm a miss
 them all

2ND ANNUAL

COMEDY FOR CROSSOVER

a FUNdraiser benefitting Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry because...
Poverty is NO laughing matter!

Thank you all for making our second annual Comedy for Crossover a huge success! Special thanks to our sponsors and auction item/raffle donors as well as all of our wonderful attendees.

Visit us at www.crossoverministryflint.org/ComedyforCrossover to see more pictures!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Comedy Sponsors:



Blue Cross Complete of Michigan LLC is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.



Appetizer Sponsors:



& an Anonymous Sponsor

Auction Item Donors:

- Ashley Homestore - Flint
- Bagger Dave's - Grand Blanc
- Big Apple Bagels
- Blackthorn Pub - Holly
- Buffalo Wild Wings - Grand Blanc
- Bushels & Pecks
- Café Rhema
- Coca Cola Distributing
- Doty's Pet Center
- Extreme Indoor Kart Racing
- Flint Candle Co.
- Flint Children's Museum
- Flint Handmade
- Gaines Jewelers
- God's Country Guides
- Gotta Have It Consignment
- Great Harvest Bread Co.
- Hard As Flint
- Hoffman's Deco Deli & Cafe'
- Janet Barker
- Judy Clippard
- Kathys 126 Restaurant & Lounge
- Lionel & Sue Wernette
- Logan's Roadhouse

- Mike Wright - Factory Two
- Nancy Braden-Moore
- NGC Trillium Cinemas
- Parker's Hilltop Brewery
- PetSmart - Grand Blanc, MI
- Planet 3
- Redline Brewing
- Rev. Tom Mattiuzzo
- Ruggeros
- Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse
- Sam's Club - Corunna Road
- Skaff Furniture & Carpet
- Smith & Stone Studio
- Spymaker Escape Games
- Sweet Afterthoughts
- Taboon Middle Eastern Cuisine
- Tenacity Brewing
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Hot Dog Stand - Grand Blanc
- The Sandbox Virtual Reality Arcade
- Tilted Axis Brewing
- Tim & Melissa Bishop
- Vogt's Flowers



Thanks to the Volunteers who brought HOPE ~ Summer 2019

Summer at Crossover was AGAIN full of loving, caring individuals and groups volunteering their time and talents to help those less fortunate. In addition to our wonderful "regulars", youth and adults from St. Mary Student Parish at the University of Michigan, Power's Catholic High School, Mott Community College's Center for Teaching and Learning, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, and more came to Crossover and helped sort school clothing, pack backpacks, wrap Christmas gifts and UPLIFT OTHERS!

THANK YOU ALL!!!



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.

Jean Berriman: by Richard & Ann Kraft, James & Catherine Long, Holly Corbin, Gerald & Virginia (Ginny) Smith, Kenneth & Carol Smith, Diane Sanglier, Leonard & Sharon Thomas, David & Nancy Benjamin, Wilma Thoms, Jeanne Dobs, Wendy Warren, Gerald & Donna Nelson, Garrett & Dolores Bartholomew, Bahr's Mobile Home Park

Robert Glenn Dutro: by Jim Vanden Hout, Lenore Calvert, Lynne Dutro, Paul Hoyte & Nancy Stermer-Hoyt

William "Billy" Fortnes: by Janet Williamson

Tony Hartwick: by Kenneth & Carol Smith

Norma Havrilla: by Gene & Beth Dolby

Sandra Jeffery: by Gene & Beth Dolby

Stanley Mackey: by Donald & Delores Lada

Ginger Matar: by Russell Matar

Andrew McDonald: by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

Dr. Byron Schoolfield: by Andrew & Linda Bentley, Donald & Delores Lada, Dr. & Mrs. Donald N. Reed, Jr.,

Herbert E. Wansitler, Sr.: by Joe & Jacque Vogt, Kenneth & Carol Smith, Andrew & Linda Bentley, James & Catherine Long, Reba Walling

Gifts of Honor & Celebration

Thank you for helping those less fortunate while honoring loved ones or celebrating the milestones in these peoples lives:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baker: by Joseph & Ruth Thrash

Linda Gibbs: by Gene & Beth Dolby

Marilyn McFadden's Birthday: by Joseph & Ruth Thrash

Pam Morgan: by Gene & Beth Dolby

Lionel & Sue Wernette: by Gene & Beth Dolby



Crossover participated in the Convoy of Hope again this year. The event was held at Bassett Park on September 21st. People attending the event received free haircuts, portraits, health services, food, and more. Crossover provided free clothing to those attending the event!

Through this program, 940 individuals received the blessing of clothing!

Give Thanks 2019

Each year, because of friends like you, we are able to bless 100 families and 20 senior citizens with a full Thanksgiving meal so they may enjoy fellowship and love with their families without worrying where the money for the extra food will come from.

How can you help provide **HOPE** this Thanksgiving?

1. Sponsor a family. *(Your gift of \$50 provides a complete Thanksgiving meal for a family in need—please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation!)*
2. Donate non-perishable food items! *(What makes Thanksgiving dinner special to you? Sweet potatoes, gravy, corn, green bean casserole, stuffing? Additional items are always needed!)*



Thank you for helping Give HOPE!

Back to School Success!

Did you know that over 40% of Flint Residents live below the federal poverty level? 60% of those residents are CHILDREN! With your help, Crossover strives to provide items to make the school year successful to children who might otherwise go without. With LOVE, and YOUR help, we MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of children, one child at a time!



Thanks to you, this year, **307** children in need began the school with smiles & confidence!

Each child received 2 new outfits including 6 new pair of underwear and socks, a voucher for new pair of shoes, and a new backpack filled with school supplies.



THANK YOU!

**Thank you for the GENEROUS donations by individuals, our Supporting Churches, the Jennings Memorial Foundation, the Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise, the Martha Merkley Charitable Trust for Youth! Thank you also to the Needlework Guild of America (NGA) for your generous in-kind donations!*

Give Hope this Christmas

It takes many hands and many hearts to provide for 100 families each Christmas. New toys, books, and pajamas for children in need, something small for mom and dad, and blankets and towels for the family help make the season blessed in households where even the basics are hard to come by! **With YOUR help, we provide HOPE for these families.**

How can you help? There are many ways:

SPONSOR A FAMILY

(you and your loved ones can shop for a specific family)

MAKE A MONETARY GIFT*

(\$150 purchases gifts for an entire family and we'll do the shopping for you!)

DONATE TIME

(we always need help wrapping gifts!)

If you are interested in giving HOPE this Christmas, please call Crossover at (810) 234-2479.

**Envelope Enclosed*



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Urgent Needs...

HOUSEHOLD: Pots & Pans, Washcloths

CLOTHING: Women's Pants - sizes 0-8,
Children's Clothes and Shoes—ALL SIZES!

FOOD: Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Juice

Thank You!

Reverse Advent Calendar

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. Many families enjoy opening the doors of a chocolate advent calendar to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Why not try a Reverse advent calendar this year (who says you can't do both?).

The reverse advent calendar works by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be brought to Crossover in order to help those less fortunate that are struggling at Christmas time. Your gifts would help us restock our pantry after our busiest time of the year, preparing for January 2020!