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Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry

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.

CROSSOVER WISH LIST

- Prayers as we work toward building a new facility!

50 BINS ~in~ 50 DAYS

Donations by Eastern Michigan Hockey Association to

Crossover
Downtown Outreach Ministry

- EMHA
- Flint Junior Firebirds
- Iceland Arenas
- Perani's Hockey World

The '05 Orange team filled the most bins! Great Job!

Hockey with Heart!

What happens when determined people set a goal to collect 50 Bins of items to help uplift our neighbors in need? BLESSINGS HAPPEN! When you are the Eastern Michigan Hockey Association (EMHA), it means going above and beyond! The EMHA, Flint Junior Firebirds and their families, the Flint hockey community and the greater Genesee County community worked together and collected 270 bins of items for Crossover to distribute to those in great need! Thank you all and may you be blessed as you bless so many!

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for fun, fellowship & inspiration as we celebrate YOU with our

May Fundraiser Luncheon

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 • 11a.m. to 1p.m. • First Presbyterian Church
CALL TODAY TO RSVP • SEATING IS LIMITED—FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

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.

Walton Jeffery Minkler: by Jay Minkler, Stacia Stern

Lois Jensen: by Barry & Theresa Jensen

Barbara Landaal Terry: by Jeanette Mansour & Joe Green, Stephen & Kimberly Landaal

Sarah & Dane Andresen: by Catherine Andresen

Martin Vallee: by Charles & Kathryn Hollitt, Dennis & Teresa Wyatt

Robert E. Forst: by Janet Forst

Sarah Harper: by John & Ann Briggs

Dave George: by Margaret George

Elwyn Schnick: by Margaret George

Allan W. Davis: by Michael Dillon, Daniel Shaw, Edward & Donna Henneke, Lance & Janet Barker, Carole Davis, Lynn Borczon

James Honeywell: by Robert & Melinda Brewer

Virginia Landaal: by the Flint Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint

Gifts of Honor & Celebration

Thank you for helping those less fortunate by remembering those people special in your life and celebrating their milestones.

Beth & Gene Dolby: by Patricia Alexander

Craig & Sarah Leavitt: by Gloria Williams, Herbert & Leah White

Douglas & Barbara Mercer: by Walter & Carol Knepley

Pam Flores: by Dawn Vallee

Dee Lada: by Keith & Winifred Baldwin

Joseph & Ruth Thrash: by Keith & Winifred Baldwin

Elaine Stermer: by Nancy Stermer-Hoyte & Paul Hoyte

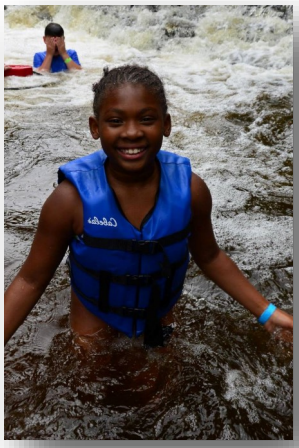
Dawn Vallee: by Dennis & Teresa Wyatt, Charles & Kathryn Hollitt, Donald & Delores Lada, Keith & Winifred Baldwin, Larry Battiste, Joseph & Ruth Thrash, Evelyn Rowland

Fresh Fruits & Veggies!

Our friends at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and Episcopal Relief & Development continue to provide funding so Crossover can give fresh fruits and veggies to our neighbors in need! Thank you for making this additional nutrition available and showing the love of Christ!

Character Building Camp

HELP US HELP INNER-CITY YOUTH EXPERIENCE GOD



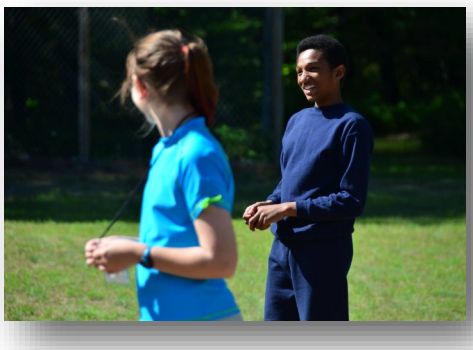
According to the American Camp Association, *"Camp activities and group living in a natural environment are the tools used to create camp communities that provide for successful, healthy development and a place where having fun is a daily criterion. In such a structured environment, children interact with positive role models who have time to listen, talk, relax, and reflect. They learn to work together, make choices, take responsibility, develop creative skills, build independence and self-reliance, and gain confidence. All are necessary steps on a child's path to a healthy, productive life."*

Will you help give an underprivileged child the chance to create lifelong memories, truly experience nature, and get closer to God?

Each year, Crossover sends up to 40 inner-city children to Christian sleep-away camp to get a break from the chaos and insecurity of their daily lives. Summer camp allows these boys and girls to experience nature, make new friends, not worry about where their next meal is coming from, and learn about Christ. The kids enjoy a week filled with canoeing, games, swimming, singing, worship, crafts and much more!

<u>YOU</u> can make a difference in the life of a child!

Sponsor a child for this once in a lifetime opportunity this summer! Contact Craig or Denise at (810) 234-2479.



Social Media Spotlight

Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry
February 27 ·

Thanks to our friends at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton for their generous donation of 1,300 pair of socks! Our neighbors in need of a helping hand will truly be blessed by your loving gifts! Thanks David Rayner for your efforts and your delivery! #Blessed #KnockedOurSocksOff

Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry
February 16 ·

Thank you to all of our friends of the Hope Circle at Hope United Methodist Church for conducting a Personal Needs Shower to help our neighbors in need with toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and so much more! Thank you to Nancy for delivering the items to us to share with those in need. #Blessed #Uplifting #HopefromHope!

Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry added 2 new photos.
March 26 at 1:57pm ·

Our wonderful friends at Court Street United Methodist Church's Community Ministry made bags of candy with a special Easter message for us to share with the children whose families receive a helping hand at Crossover. This little lady will definitely enjoy the treat while learning a little something about the reason for our Easter celebration! Thank you for showing the love of Christ, restoring hope, and rebuilding lives. #HopeofEaster #Blessed #ChildrenareourFuture

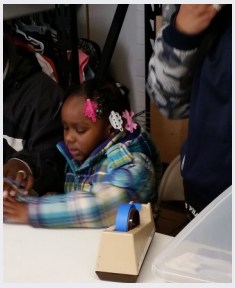
Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry
March 13 ·

It's always a blessing to have someone who was uplifted by Crossover return to give back! Cameron was wonderful to share with us his reasons for giving. He and two friends collected personal hygiene items to uplift our neighbors who struggle to provide for themselves and their families. Thank you and God Bless! #GivingBack #Uplifting #Blessed

2018 Volunteer Highlights

WONDERUL LITTLE HELPERS!

These little helpers came to Crossover with their moms and dads to help give back to their community! THANK YOU to our amazing little friends from GISD Head Start and their parents, teachers and more for helping instill the love of helping others in their little hearts!



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK!

Thanks to the youth from the Newman Community: Catholic Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech who braved the WIND and SNOW to help those in need here in Flint and Genesee County! Thanks to The Firestone Center for opening their doors and hearts to volunteers from across the country for Alternative Spring Break!

Our Volunteers Brighten Lives

NEW FRIENDS!

Our new friends from the International Gospel Center-Flint blessed us and our neighbors in need with their time and talents! They helped sort and hang clothing, bagged up personal hygiene products, and worked in the pantry. Thank you for your helping hands!

OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

We are blessed that so many friends have come to help us from Powers Catholic High School! Freshman helped one day and many Seniors have helped as a part of their PCHS Senior Theology Capstone Project. Thank you and Go Chargers!

MLK Jr. Day of Service

Special thanks to our volunteers from the University of Michigan-Flint who chose to share their day off helping us help our neighbors in need! Thanks for honoring Dr. King with your time and talents.

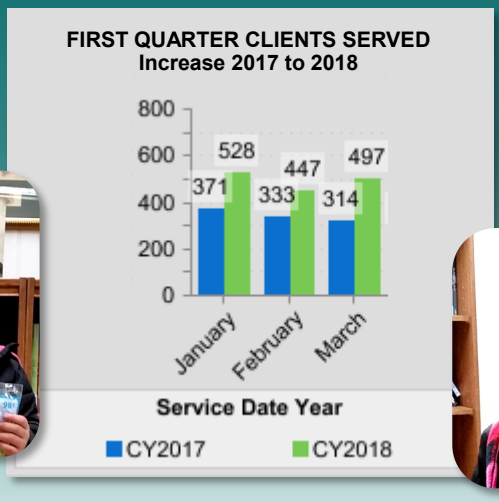
Thank you from our clients!

YOUR gifts make a difference every day!

I'm THANKFUL

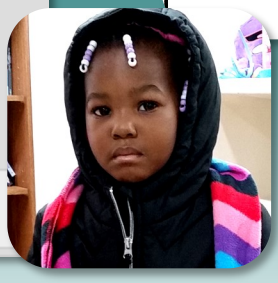
for Crossover because...

They are always there when im in need of food. I can always come here if I need clothing



What Crossover MEANS TO ME...

Thank you so much, for helping my family in our time of need..



TP Bowl VI — 2018

Crossover is once again flush with toilet paper thanks to our friends at Court Street United Methodist Church and the Genesis Sunday School class's annual TP Bowl Challenge. This 6th year, the Genesis Class regained their title as they beat the congregation 2,452 rolls to 1,385!

Once again, the true winners are those families who are blessed with toilet paper thanks to the collection of 3,837 rolls! Thank you!

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A Year in Review...

- Water was given to each family who asked and included in every food order!
- Food provided for 9,868 people from our pantry (well balanced meals including fresh fruits & veggies!)
- 239 children went Back to School with new clothes, shoes & backpacks full of supplies.
- 34 at-risk youth were blessed with a week at Christian summer camp, learning values, making memories, and having fun!
- 106 men and women received special work clothing & uniforms.
- 604 families received help starting out their new home with household items like dishes, bedding, etc.
- Personal hygiene items were given to bless 5,870 people.
- 588 young children had diapers.
- Winter coats brought warmth to 1,083 people (537 were NEW coat for kids!).
- 9,867 people were given clothes to wear.
- Over 390 people (families & senior citizens) were given a Thanksgiving feast.
- 356 children & adults were able to celebrate a brighter Christmas.
- 759 people were provided a means of transportation home via bus pass.
- 31 children attended cooking class with childcare and received extra fruits, veggies, and tools to help make them more successful when preparing food for their families.
- 100 GCCARD Head Start Families received food baskets filled with local foods high in calcium, vitamin C, and Iron thanks to a collaboration between Crossover, GCCARD, and the Flint Farmers' Market!
- Over 170 people received clothing thanks to Crossover's participation in the Convoy of Hope event at Basset Park in Flint, September 2017.

Thank You!