

The Helping Hand

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.



↑ Rev. Dr. Douglas Mercer
Friend of Crossover Award Winner



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Thanks For Joining Us!



↑ Rev. Dr. Doug Mercer with some of his family and friends

On May 1, 2019, we celebrated 28 years of uplifting those in need and YOU, our wonderful donors, who make Crossover possible! We are thankful to and for each of you (those who attended and those who could not!). We were blessed to present our **Friend of Crossover** and **Spirit of Crossover** awards to two very deserving friends!

The **Friend of Crossover** award was presented by Judy Clippard to **Rev. Dr. Douglas Mercer**. Doug has been a long time supporter of Crossover, served as a board member and as President of the Board. As a member of our Advisory Board, Doug continues to provide a sounding board and give thoughtful and prayerful guidance. He continues to support Crossover with his time, talent and treasure, uplifting those in need with love and kindness. It's an honor to recognize him for his generous spirit and calm, reassuring presence, and we are blessed to have Doug as a friend of Crossover!



↑ Steve Wolbert and Annie Stoltman (with Craig and Denise) representing The Firestone Center
Spirit of Crossover Award Winner!

The **Firestone Center** was named the **Spirit of Crossover Award** winner thanks to their amazing work bringing volunteer groups to Flint from colleges across the country! Steve Wolbert and Annie Stoltman accepted the award for the Firestone Center. They house and feed groups of young people who come to town for "alternative spring break" working to uplift those in need at Crossover and throughout the community!

Thanks to ALL OF YOU!

Special Thanks to our Speakers!

The Keynote Speaker for our luncheon this year was Cindy Smeckert, the mother of one of our Mental Health Court Community Service Workers. Cindy spoke to us about the journey their family has been on, the ups and downs of mental illness, and the positive changes they've seen in their daughter since beginning her volunteer work here at Crossover! She thanked us all for simply being who we are and doing what we do with all of your help. Through their faith, they have kept moving forward. By doing so, they inspire us all to trust in God's plan and to continue doing his will...showing the love of Christ each day, restoring hope and rebuilding lives!



Thank you also Rev. Tom Mattiuzzo and Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak who provided a beautiful invocation and benediction. Finally, thank you to Maranda Dahl, Soprano and Carl Angelo, Pianist for their beautiful opening song of "Here I Am Lord".

We would like to thank our fundraising committee led by Melissa Bishop, and our Board of Directors and Advisory Board for their leadership and guidance. Last, but certainly not least, we wish to thank YOU! YOU ARE CROSSOVER! Because you give, we can be here, every day, helping those most in need with food, clothing, personal hygiene items, diapers, household items, respect, love and so much more!

Thank You and God Bless You!

Save the Dates—Exciting Events Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars!
You'll want to be there for the 2nd Annual

COMEDY FOR CROSSOVER

Friday, October 18, 2019
at the Flint Farmer's Market

Details will be published as available on our website at
www.crossoverministryflint.org
and on our Facebook page!

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ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

...with all the trimmings!

Sunday, September 22, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at the

Masonic Temple Dining Room
755 S. Saginaw and Fourth
Flint, MI

Details on ticket
pricing, advance
ticket sales, and
more will be
posted on
Crossover's
Facebook page,
website, and in
supporting
church bulletins/
newsletters.



Watch for details!

It's CAMP time!

Thanks to you, children will experience God in Nature!

Your generous gifts make it possible for us to send up to 40 underprivileged children entering 3rd through 8th grade in the fall on a week long adventure up north!

Our kids all come from families who for various reasons are financially unable to afford the luxury of sleep-away summer camp. Thanks to you, our kids will head to Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, MI for a week of getting closer to God, having fun, making new friends, and gaining life enhancing skills!

Children have little choice in their circumstances but, with programs like this, we can open their eyes to the God given potential they have within!



Showing the Love of Christ • Restoring Hope • Rebuilding Lives

Back to School with SMILES!

Before you know it, summer will be over and kids will be heading back to school! For many families, this is a difficult and stressful time of year. Clothing and school supplies can stress an already tight budget. That means, many children return to school in worn-out clothing, hand-me-downs that don't fit properly.

Our goal is to help these kids return to school confident and prepared! With your help, Our kids are blessed with two new outfits (including socks and underwear), a new pair of shoes, and a backpack full of age appropriate school supplies!

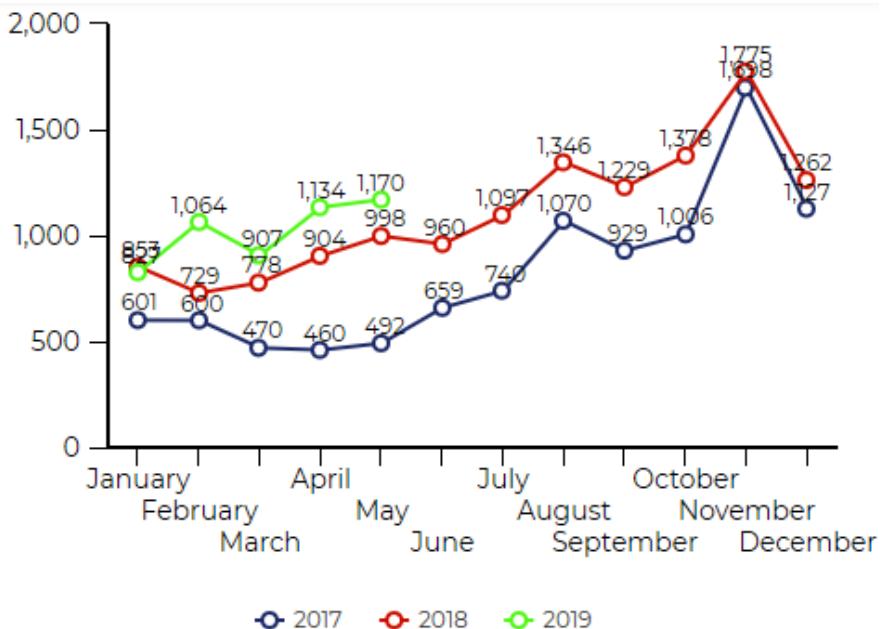


There are many ways YOU can help send children in need back to school ready to learn, breaking down barriers so they can achieve their fullest potential! Use the enclosed envelope to make a donation... donate a new backpack... volunteer to help pack... coordinate a collection of new school uniforms or school supplies...donate school supplies...give online via PayPal...

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

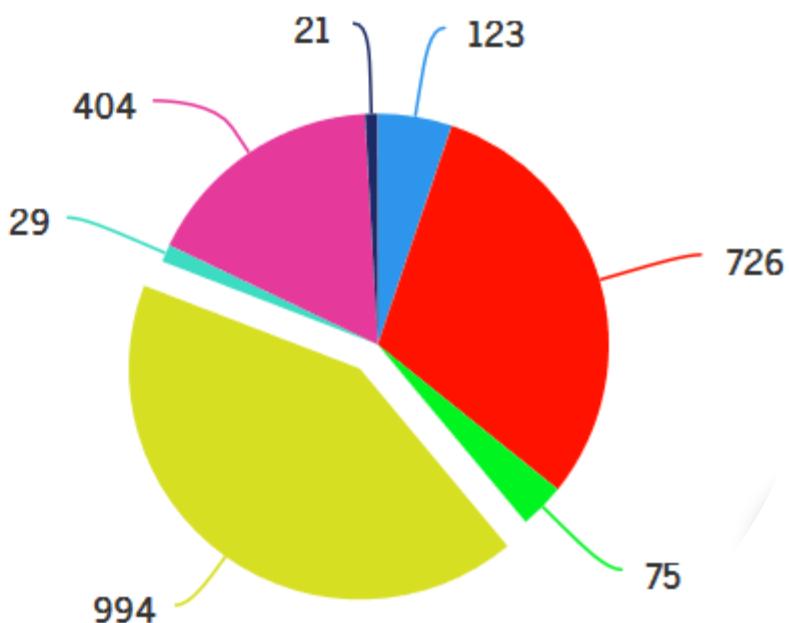
So far in 2019...

January thru May



Total Clients Served/Month

The need continues to rise with continued increase in services provided to clients each month.



Last 30 Days—May 21-June 20

Each month, the services needed vary and the number of people in need change. The one thing remaining constant is NEED!



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.

Dr. Byron Schoolfield: by Walter Griffin, Dr. David & Janet Miller, Chris & Susan Gutscher, Paul & Phyllis Schroeder, Lewis & Knopf CPAs, Dr. William Ryckman, Dr. Clifford & Katherine Cox, Linda Hill, Shirley Carpenter, John Mair, Frederick & Karen Sherrin, Michael & Barbara Evans, Marthalee Antell, Dolores Planavsky, Oden & Angie Weston, Mary Grace McFarlane, Robert & Kathleen McKemie, Larry & Nancy Szczepanik, Susan Elder, Shana Kraemer, Sundra Searles, Russ & Toby Pintacura, Susan Boyd, C. Madalen McGuire, Garrett & Dolores Bartholomew, Dr. Mehmet & Oya Agabigum, Thomas Capua, Florence DePillo, Gerald & Virginia Smith, Bill & Peggy Anderson, Linda Gibbs, Carolyn Stingel, Howard & Sue Durling, Alan & Lois Inman, Robert & Karla Tinklenberg, Dawn Vallee, Robert & Debra Sodman, Karen McGuire, Ronald & Patricia Freidreichsen, Sandra Hodges

Dr. Douglas Van Brocklin: by Gene & Beth Dolby

Ginger Matar: by Russell Matar

John F. Clippard: by his girls

Lois Florkowski: by Ralph & Linda Baldini

Martin Vallee: by Michelle Vallee

Mary Lou Dubois: by Nancy Epstein, Ida Epstein

Maryetta Mueller: by Charley Mueller

Herbert White: by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

Shirley Hawkins: by Ken & Carol Smith

Stanley Mackey: by Gene & Beth Dolby

Gifts of Honor & Celebration

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

Connie at Roberts Tax Service: by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

Cal Meyers: by David Knapp

Dawn Vallee: by Nancy Epstein

Who do YOU help through Crossover?

Joshua's Story—Flint, Michigan, June 2019

"I am a 34 year old male who was born and raised in Flint. I was living in Los Angeles when I got a call that my mother was ill. I rushed home to be here with her. At this time, something happened to leave me disabled. I cared for her and she cared for me. She passed on two years ago, and my father passed a week later. I was crushed. The city came and shut off the lights and the water, and I lived in that house, homeless, hungry, and nearly freezing to death in the winters. Then the Lord put a social worker in my life that helped me find the strength to get up and try. I was terrified and mentally ill and confused, but she helped guide me to find an apartment. It took months of hard work, large setbacks, many appointments that I missed because of panic attacks. But I pushed through. I sought out the help of local agencies that helped me pay down a nearly \$3,000 Consumers bill. I prayed and fought and kept pushing forward. Now I have my own apartment with heat and water and lights. Thanks to Crossover, I have some beautiful furniture, and some clothes, (of which I had very little.) I was even given some underwear. Walking in the door today, I had only jeans, shoes, and a white t-shirt only because I didn't have a single pair of underwear or socks. The staff was so caring and compassionate and encouraging. Thus, if I needed to describe what Crossover means to me in a word, that word would be Hope!"



Empowering Women with

**kim
rose**
FASHIONS



150 Purses were filled and donated through Kim Rose Fashions in the Grand Mall, Grand Blanc, MI! 150 women in search of a job will be blessed with a purse full of items to help them feel cared for and confident thanks to you! Here are just a few of the women referred to Crossover by Flint Strive. Strive sends people to Crossover to select interview clothing when the near the end of the program. These lovely ladies are just three of the students who were blessed with interview wear PLUS a wonderful PURSE for a PURPOSE helping empower them to continue to STRIVE for their best futures!



Ashley is working toward becoming a Medical Assistant!



Bonita is working toward becoming a Phlebotomist!



Bridgett is working toward becoming a Certified Nurse Assistant!

The Moral of the story...we are all one job loss, healthcare issue, or other emergency away from needing a place just like Crossover...from needing a friendly face, a caring person to say, we are here...we see you...we understand...we want to help!

~God bless you and Thank you for making this help possible!



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FLINT, MI

PERMIT NO 883

Urgent Needs...

HOUSEHOLD: Silverware, Pots & Pans, Washcloths, Twin Sheets

CLOTHING: Girl's Pajamas size 2T-14/16, Children's shoes –all sizes, Women's smaller size shoes-6-8

FOOD: Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Soup

Thank You!

Did you know?



Core Services

With no budgetary increases, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of individuals and families requesting our help/being served!

2016 Food Budget \$35,000

2018 Food Budget \$35,000

15,873

10,010

7,891

727
604
696

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