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A  
*Legacy*  
OF FAITH

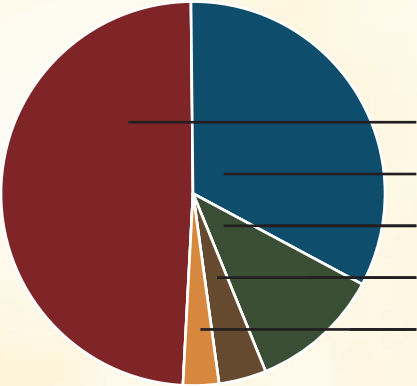
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# A COMMUNITY OF GENEROSITY

**Carriage Town Ministries is blessed by a remarkably generous community who care deeply about the needs of neighbors.**

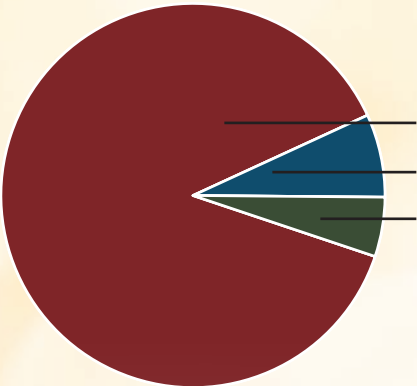
Our commitment to you is to be impeccable stewards of the resources God provides through His people.

At [carriagetown.org](http://carriagetown.org), you can see a detailed view of our financials with links to our IRS Form 990 and our annual audit report. Consider partnering with us in the coming year to see more men and women embracing a life of hope and faith.



## WHERE FUNDS COME FROM

INDIVIDUALS	49%
ORGANIZATIONS	33%
IN-KIND DONATIONS	11%
FOUNDATIONS	4%
CHURCHES	3%



## HOW FUNDS ARE USED

PROGRAMS	88%
FUNDRAISING	7%
ADMINISTRATION	5%



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See our Board of Directors  
express their gratitude  
to Dr. Dallas Gatlin  
for his 14 years of service.



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## A LEGACY OF FAITH

Dear Friend,

In 1950, Carriage Town Ministries was founded with one mission: to share the Good News of Jesus Christ by providing for the needs of neighbors through the power of God's love.

In every season since, the Lord has worked mightily to lift men and women out of difficult circumstances and give them a healthy, stable path forward.

In this 2023 Annual Report, you'll read the stories of three individuals who gained renewed hope and faith this year because of your generosity and kindness.

I also want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dallas Gatlin for his many years of service at Carriage Town Ministries. He leaves a legacy of faith and his impact will be felt in our community for generations.

Thank you again for all you do to minister to guests who come to our doors. We are thankful to have the very best gift to offer each person we meet — an opportunity to know Jesus better and experience the joy that comes from a life of deep faith.

Sincerely,

*Sharon L. Fouts*

Mrs. Sharon L. Fouts  
President, Board of Trustees



## A REFUGE OF SAFETY IN CRISIS

Carriage Town Ministries provides 24-hour emergency shelter for men, women, and children in need.

We are grateful to provide a **Men's Shelter** and a separate **Family Center** where moms and children can stay together as they regain stability.



*"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

*– Matthew 11:28*

**Beds available in the Family Center: 50**

**Total beds available on campus: 135**

**Transitional houses: 4**



# Jose's

## JOURNEY OF FAITH

I was in Miami and my mother passed away. Then my father passed away. I became homeless. I had an opportunity to change my life and move to Saginaw. That didn't work out.

I wanted to walk back to Miami, but I only made it as far as Flint, and here I am.

Being here at Carriage Town Ministries has put my life back in perspective. It's given me structure. That's what I didn't have in my life. I got on top of that. I really enjoyed it. I liked all the devotions. I made it a point to try to go to every single one of them.

When I started working as a transitional employee, I was doing janitorial work. Then from there, I went to the transitional housing, and then in the transitional housing, I got full-time.

I moved out of the transitional housing and got my own apartment. Now, I'm still working here and don't want to leave.

What has God done for me in my life? You can say every part of my life has been touched by God. My housing, my job, the people I'm meeting. Basically, everything I'm doing is just because of God. If it wasn't for Him, I wouldn't be here.



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# Adrien's

## RENEWED FAITH

I would get into arguments with the person I was staying with. I couldn't do it anymore. I prayed about it and God literally led me here.

After a couple of devotions, I decided to stop drinking. It was like they were talking to me. Ever since then, I've been clean. Eight months of no drinking.

A couple weeks later, they offered me a transitional job at the bakery. A couple of weeks later, I applied for Lear and a couple weeks after that I got hired. God has been showing out ever since.

Before I got here, I was struggling with anger problems. I'm still managing, but it's gotten way better.

God has helped me not to react so quick and depend on Him. That was one of the biggest things I had to learn. I'm still learning, but it's gotten better.

If you are here, and you really want it, it works. But you have to be focused and really on track, praying every day. I just got approved for my housing a couple weeks ago. It really happened.



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# NOURISHMENT FOR BODY AND SOUL

At Carriage Town Ministries, we cook three meals a day for our residents and those in the community needing assistance.

Carriage Town Bakery provides transitional employment for guests like Adrien. We sold 39,000 donuts and coffees last year!



*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.”*

– Matthew 5:6



Meals each day: **460**

# A PATH TOWARD PERSONAL SUCCESS

Our hope is to provide comprehensive support for guests in need.

From our innovative **Learning Center** that provides career guidance to our **Health Screening Clinic** that provides access to medical, dental, and optometry services to our daily **chapel services**, your kindness gives guests a wide range of resources for healing and wholeness.



*“By his divine power the Lord has given us everything we need for life and godliness...”*

*—2 Peter 1:3*

**Weekly classes, devotions and worship times: 12**



# Victoria's

## FAITH-FILLED RECOVERY

My clean date is October 22, 2022. In January of 2023, I left the recovery program. I had my kids with me, but I didn't have anywhere to go.

I called Carriage Town Ministries and asked, "Could you please give me this last chance. I'll do whatever I need to do." They gave me a shot, and I stayed clean and sober.

If Carriage Town Ministries hadn't let me in, I don't think it'd be as easy to maintain my sobriety.

Once I found my place, I asked Ms. Brittany about finding a job in ministry. She said to fill out an application and send my resume.

Once I did that, she contacted me, and I did a two-part interview with her and Mr. Dallas Gatlin, which was terrifying, but successful, because I'm here and working.

A new thing God is doing in my life is giving me the ability to wake up and take my children to school. He's also given me the ability to work in ministry with like-minded people, even people from different walks of life, where I've been in their same position. It sounds like the basics for other people, but for me, it's a really big deal.



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# DR. DALLAS GATLIN'S

## LEGACY OF FAITH AT CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES



Began daily trash pick up, removed snow from sidewalks, built and maintained parks and medians along University Avenue, and established community partnerships.

### Loving the Neighborhood



Purchased and renovated houses to create transitional housing opportunities for men, women or families as they transition to self-sustained living.

### Bassett/Eastman/ Liberty Houses



Established an Endowment Fund and introduced 100% financial transparency to donors, earning the highest ratings on Charity Navigator and GuideStar.

### Financial Stewardship

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

### Personal Success Plan

Provided residents with a Christian faith-based mentoring program that involves goal setting and daily participation in life skills and spiritual training.



### Main Building Renovation

Created a welcoming foyer, a larger chapel and extended food service area to meet the needs of our growing ministry.



### Medical Screening Clinic

Partnered with health practitioners who provide health screening, dental and vision care for residents.





14 years of creating a clean, safe, encouraging place where everyone we meet is God's personal project and productive living is exemplified and encouraged!



**Dr. Dallas Gatlin**  
Retired  
Executive  
Director



Provided mentoring in reading, writing, math, nutrition and physical fitness for children and parents, along with activities for enrichment and fun.

### Summer Education/ Enrichment



Established to train transitional employees in making and selling donuts to churches and the community.

### Blueline Donuts



Created a fun, safe place for kids to play and learn. The garden beds offer opportunities to learn about plants and healthy eating habits.

### Children's Garden Playground

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

### Transitional Employment

Offered on-the-job, paid training to equip every participant with the skills needed for sustainable employment.



### Family Center Renovation

Created a more welcoming front entrance and foyer, and updated rooms for women and children.



### Carriage Town Bakery

Increased employment opportunities for transitional employees. Blueline donuts and specialty coffee are sold here.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide help, hope and the Good News to our community through the skills and means of God's people and the transforming power of Christ's love.

## CORE VALUES

Every individual who walks through the door is a personal project of God Almighty and should be valued, respected, and treated with dignity.

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