

# the MESSSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — *Together*

MAY 2020



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Your response  
to the COVID-19 crisis  
in our community



A man wearing a black knit beanie, a black baseball cap, and a dark grey North Face jacket is looking down at an open book he is holding. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

## A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Serving Today's "Untouchables"

Dear Friend,

Jesus' followers are easily recognizable. They look like Jesus. Their words and deeds are healing. We want to look like Him and sound like Him. We want to be doing the things He did.

Are we God's people? If so, what does that mean? In Colossians, chapter three we read, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." God's people—Jesus' followers—must be clothed in compassion and the willingness to minister healing to all, including those who some might disregard or cast aside. Following Jesus often requires us to do inconvenient things. And so we do.

For 70 years, Carriage Town Ministries has ministered to the needs of individuals and families who are homeless and living in extreme poverty. We are so thankful for your help in this great work. **You are helping us to reach out and lift up those who are cast off and cast down.**

For the past several months, with your help, we have provided a place for men, women, and children to call "home" while everyone else was "staying home to stay safe." Your response to our calls for help to provide simple things like bread and peanut butter, bedding, pillows, and towels—has been incredible. Thank you!

You have also helped us provide a quarantine space for individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 at the hospital and were advised to "go home, quarantine, and try to get well." These men and women have been today's "untouchables," but God has provided for them at Carriage Town Ministries.

We are thankful for your help. We are thankful for the team of volunteers and staff here who made preparations with the help of Hurley Medical Center and our free clinic director, Dennis Wallace, PA. We are thankful to God who gives us meaning, purpose, and protection!

Peace to you in Christ Jesus.

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Dallas Gatlin".

*Dallas Gatlin*



Our kitchen staff works diligently to prepare healthy meals in a safe environment.

Our COVID-19 triage provides a clean, safe place to heal. Thank you to those who donated bedding to give comfort.

Your Response to the COVID-19 Crisis in Our Community

We're so grateful for medical staff and volunteers helping us follow best-practices in safety and hygiene while we meet urgent needs.

Your generosity is helping us serve 1,000 sandwiches a month to families who are struggling.



CELEBRATING  
**70** YEARS  
OF COMPASSION

# Expanding Our Mission to Women and Children

When Carriage Town Ministries began 70 years ago, our guests were primarily men who had fallen on hard times and needed emergency support to get back on their feet.

As the needs of our community have changed, Carriage Town Ministries has adjusted to meet those needs. Among them is the growing number of women and children who find themselves homeless or seeking stability in their lives.

We are very thankful for supporters like you who have come alongside Carriage Town Ministries to expand our mission to care for women and children through our comprehensive women's program to our summer enrichment for school-aged kids.

Together, we are equipping women with skills to experience personal growth and success. We are also instilling character, knowledge, and faith into the hearts of children in our community, giving them a foundation that will lead them along positive paths.



# Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

*Gifts received February 5, 2020 to April 1, 2020*

An honor or memorial gift to Carriage Town Ministries is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member. Our deepest sympathies are with friends who have lost loved ones.

If you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a special occasion, please mail your gift and the name

of the person(s) being remembered or honored to:

**Carriage Town Ministries**  
**P.O. Box 318**  
**Flint, MI 48501**

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card.

## MEMORIAL

### **Ilene Brown**

*Anonymous*

### **Lela Gates**

*Joan Lemon*

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*Thank you!*

# In A Mother's Words

Why Cierra is thankful for our free summer enrichment program

**Every summer, children of women in our Family Center and in the Flint community are welcome to participate in our Summer Education and Enrichment Program.**

**Hear from Cierra, a hard-working mom trying to make ends-meet, who needed childcare support last summer.**

*I work long hours each day, so knowing the kids were coming to a place where they could learn and have fun was very beneficial for everyone.*

*At first, I heard, "Why would I want to go to school?" But by the third day, it changed to, "Mom, are we going to camp today?"*

*I could picture them sitting around all day or being on YouTube if they weren't with me. Knowing I could bring them here to be with people who are so caring was amazing. It almost seemed like I was dropping*

*them off to family!*

*Every day, Matthew and Jaleel would tell me all about the different things they learned. Not just academically, but about nature or field trips they went on. They walked to the library, they learned about animals. It was very hands-on learning and wonderful academically but very comfortable and fun!*

*This is a very loving, caring place. I wouldn't want my kids to be in any other place over the summer.*



## Sponsor a Child In Our Summer Program

After months of stay-at-home learning, children are in danger of falling even further behind in their education. **Now, more than ever, programs like our Summer Education & Enrichment will help fill in the gap by providing much-needed support and a loving, enriching environment.**

Contact Cindy Johns at [cjohns@carriagetown.org](mailto:cjohns@carriagetown.org) or **810-233-8787 ext. 6205** to support our children's programs or to volunteer as a Reading Buddy.

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## 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.



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