

# the MESSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — **Together**

MAY 2021

At 74,  
Eleanor  
became  
homeless.

But today,  
she is...

Thankful. Grateful. Blessed.





## A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Not Lacking Anything

Dear Friend,

As I have reflected on the past year, I am humbled and grateful to write friends like you today in May of 2021.

We've been through much together. The trials we have faced, the losses we have felt, the enormity of what we have learned, and the perseverance we have been forced to produce unites us in a way few experiences can.

*And we are still here.*

We continue to show up for the least, the last, and the lost in the greater Flint community to make sure neighbors aren't lacking anything.

Whether our guests need physical support through meals and clothing or spiritual guidance and emotional support, you have persevered in giving to provide what is missing.

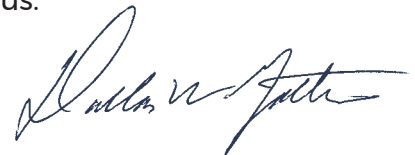
As you read in this issue of *The Messenger*, it doesn't matter how many candles are on

your birthday cake, all of us can be lacking something we need.

Your generosity has provided Eleanor with time to focus on her own heart. Your compassion has given children opportunities to keep learning and growing in a very unconventional year.

I believe God is also providing YOU with a more mature faith as you persevere in doing what you believe is good and right, even when it is hard.

Thanks again for your compassion for neighbors in need. It's a joy to partner in the Gospel with you and see perseverance finish its work in all of us.



*"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

- James 1:4

# Thankful. Grateful. Blessed.

## You helped Eleanor focus on her own faith and future.

At 74-years young, Eleanor understands that life can pass by in a flash. And if you're not careful, you can spend your time so focused on others that you forget to nurture your own soul.

Helping others at the expense of herself caught up with Eleanor, and last November she became homeless.

Looking for a safe place where she could chart a course toward independence and security, Eleanor found Carriage Town Ministries.

"My whole life, I've been someone who will raise my hand to help somebody else out. But I needed to get settled, and I believe God placed me here."

Having safe shelter, warm meals, and her own room gave Eleanor time to rest. With the welcoming environment here, she also felt "safe and protected."

Thanks to your generosity, Eleanor finally had an opportunity to think about her own future, make a plan to secure safe housing, and continue to do God's work.

She also helped out graciously during her stay with a positive, hard-working spirit!

"I wanted to help with whatever they

asked me to do, because I wanted to give back what they gave me," Eleanor shares.

This March, after a three-month stay, Eleanor found a safe living environment. Your generosity helped her bridge the gap between homelessness and stability.

"I am thankful, grateful, and blessed," Eleanor says of her time at Carriage Town Ministries.

Thank you for making sure that any neighbor, at any stage in life, has a chance to succeed. God bless you!



For children in our Family Center enrolled in local schools, a dedicated space, and sufficient technology like WIFI, has helped many students stay engaged in virtual learning.



Our Summer Enrichment and Education Program, entering its fifth year, helps children grow in literacy and avoid the summer slump in learning through this dynamic program.



Thank You  
for Caring  
for Children  
in our Community



Research shows that young children learn best through play. We are grateful to have a new, safe, and fun outdoor space where kids can be kids!



Boys and girls often come to Carriage Town Ministries for one of our best ministries – serving delicious food! Thanks for making sure children and families are nourished and loved.

# Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received January 1 to March 31, 2021

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.

## Thank You!

### MEMORIAL

**Addison Hope Adams**

*Sarah Adams*

**James Bennett**

*Steve & Jen Lee*

**Jeff Bicknell**

*Avionda Kosarski*

**Carl J. Block**

*Elaine Block*

**William H. Brooks**

*Sarah Espinoza*

**Ilene Brown**

*Samuel Brown*

**Mary M. Cady**

*Daniel Cady*

**James L. Carmack**

*Kenneth Ervin*

**Jim & Angie Cicalo**

*Mr. & Mrs. Jose Capuchina*

**Glenn Crandell, Sr.**

*Dale Crandell  
Tom & Pat Flees*

**Ellese Cooley**

*Lisa Banks*

**Dad**

*Jumana Barden*

**Denise**

*Paula Merrett*

**Betty Dunn**

*Kathy Hayes*

**Jerry Edwards**

*Mr. & Mrs. James Brand*

**James Everett**

*Don Robertson*

**Dorothy Farella**

*Anonymous*

**Freda Farone**

*Eileen Branoff*

**Betty Faul**

*Jill Susalla*

**Gerald & Doris Gagne**

*Lisa Wenn*

**Mitchell S. Graff**

*Patricia Bostick*

**Dovy Groforth**

*Ms. Debra S. Howard*

**Charlie H. Gunter (father)**

*Charlie Hunter*

**Uncle John**

*Mike Macklem*

**Lawrence Jozwiak**

*J. T. Allen  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dumanois  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dumanois  
Lawrence & Angela Jozwiak  
Roxanne Madden  
Dave & Mary Ann Newbill  
Lilly Norman  
Dann & Cynthia Peel  
Tim & Pam Teunis*

**Gene Hollenbeck**

*Valley Area Agency on Aging*

**Judith Key**

*Bettie Johnson  
Joseph, Gloria Bandy III  
Elaine Simmons  
Carol Warle*

**John Lewis**

*Sherry Dagenais*

**Mrs. Bernice Lirones**

*Joseph & Ruth Thrash*

**Norman Looney**

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Marie & Tom Batz*

*Gary & Deborah Cook*

*Eliza Dook*

*Shannon Hughes*

*Caregiver Professionals*

*Pam Shaffer*

*Randy & Karol Terrill*

*David & Kim Yager*

*Faith Yassick*

**Chase Meier**

*Sharron Perez*

**Dorothy Louise Middleton**

*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kristin*

**Paul & Margaret Montague**

*From the family*

**Jacob Morse**

*Eric Morse*

**Mother**

*Jumana Barden*

**Denny Nichols Memorial Garden**

*Mr. & Mrs. David Nichols*

**James Robinson**

*Julie Santamour*

**Roger**

*June LaRock*

**Ronald**

*Sarah Mitchell*

**Sharon**

*Patricia Cargill*

**George Shoops, Jr.**

*David Brasseur*

**Donna Sivosky**

*Mr. & Mrs. David J. Pieper*

**Sallie Stinson**

*Gloria Stinson*

**Roger "Butch" Thayer**

*Ken Kerr*

**Rene Tomalia**

*Judith Moody*

**Geradina Tyler**

*Peter Schmit*

**Dean Wilson**

*Faye Wilson*

**Lane, Hale, Kevin, Jason Chantel, Atton and Betty (family)**

*Jarrett Tromley*

### HONOR

**Frank Capoccia**

*Oliver T's Market*

**Steven & Christin Brown**

*Christy Bratton*

**Matt Dieterle**

*Glenn Nelson*

**Verma & Jack**

*John Ellery*

**Rachel Janowiak**

*Deana Smith*

**Dan H.**

*Catherine Pietryga*

**Steve Simms**

*John & Mary Beth Reynolds*

**Evan Vargas**

*Mona Coffey*

# 2021 Update Regarding Gifts from Your IRA

For individuals 70-1/2 years or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to qualifying charities, including Carriage Town Ministries without having to pay income taxes on the money.

This popular gift option is known as a qualified charitable distribution and is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover.

After being waived for 2020 by the CARES Act, required minimum distributions (RMD) from retirement accounts resumed in 2021. If you are 72 or older, your qualified charitable distribution can satisfy all or part of your RMD.

Always consult with your financial advisor for questions regarding gifts from your IRA.

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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.



**\$10** Suggested Donation 

- Chicken salad on **Blueline Bread**
- Broccoli Slaw
- Fresh Fruit
- Chips
- **Blueline Donut**

## Box Lunch Fundraiser!

Stop in for a brief tour when you pick up your delicious boxed lunch freshly made in our newly renovated kitchen!

**Order online by May 31**  
**Pick up on Sunday, June 6**  
**10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**605 Garland St., Flint**

Consider ordering lunches for your Small Group or Sunday School Class. We will include a video greeting from Dallas Gatlin, Executive Director. Questions? Contact Cindy at [cjohns@carriagetown.org](mailto:cjohns@carriagetown.org) 810-233-8787 ext. 6205.

Order online at: [www.carriagetown.org/events](http://www.carriagetown.org/events)



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