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“My kids kept me going.”

See how you helped Tameka and her family persevere!





A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Rewards of Perseverance

Dear Friend,

Over the past year, we've all been required to endure difficulties.

From setbacks like changing vacation plans to uncertainties like virtual education to heartbreak like grieving the loss of loved ones, the toll of the pandemic has been costly.

If you're reading this issue of The Messenger, I want to applaud you for persevering.

It hasn't been easy. But you're here, and I'm grateful.

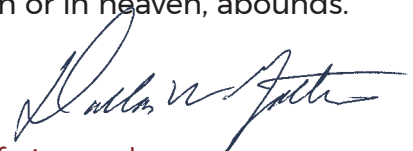
At Carriage Town Ministries, I've seen firsthand the power of faith and compassion to help people keep going.

Most of our guests come to us with tremendous burdens, financially, emotionally and physically. Yet generous supporters like you give them spiritual resources and practical tools to work hard, keep fighting and reap the benefits of persevering.

For Tameka, whose story you can read on the next page, one of those rewards was getting to turn the key to the front door of her very own townhome. Tameka's kids were a huge motivator to push through adversity. Now, they get to enjoy their very own home, together.

You'll also see some pictures of children who we're honored to support on their journey. Our Summer Enrichment and Back to the Books programs are just two of the many ways God is using your generosity to give kids in our community opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

Thanks again for sticking with Carriage Town Ministries and caring for our neighbors through this year. I believe your reward, whether on earth or in heaven, abounds.



"We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

- Romans 5:3-4

“My Kids Kept Me Going.”

Friends like you gave Tameka tools to get there

Battling diabetes much of her life, and recently learning to live with an amputation below the knee, Tameka understands how to persevere.

But last year, when she and her kids couldn't find safe, stable housing in the midst of the pandemic, it tested her faith more than ever before.

“The place we were staying wasn't a good environment and I didn't know where to go,” Tameka remembers. A friend recommended she call Carriage Town Ministries.

At first, Tameka was apprehensive. She thought it was just another shelter. But God had more in store for Tameka's family.

“I'll never forget the day. It was February 10,” Tameka shares. “We got here and immediately, I knew it was different.”

Tameka continues, “I knew it wasn't a place that was just going to have me sleep here. They got involved with my

family, they cared about what we were going through, and they gave us resources to use.”

Everything Carriage Town Ministries offered to Tameka and her children came from caring donors like you!

Through learning skills on finance and budgeting to compassionate support with her health challenges, Tameka found in Carriage Town Ministries people who truly cared.

Persevering has opened new doors for Tameka and her kids, including the front door to their very own home this fall!

“I've had over twelve surgeries, and every time I've come out okay. I feel loved, and I keep pushing because I don't want my kids to ever see me give up. I want them to know if you fight and you believe in

God, you can make it.”

Tameka's parenting has produced two exceptional children. We have seen them show love and respect as they care for and help their mom. They are grateful for the support their family has been given, but they're eager to have their own home as a family, too. As Daibeon, Tameka's son, shares...

“You've kept us protected and safe and helped us find our home.”



Thank you for helping Tameka and her children, Daibeon and Dildriana stay safe and start a new life!

Thank You

for helping kids learn
all year long!



A child's learning is accelerated through playtime! Thanks to caring donors like you, we have a beautiful outdoor space where kids can use their imagination, develop friendships and, most importantly, have fun!

Jesus told his followers to "let the little children come!" At Carriage Town Ministries, we offer a variety of ministries for young ones during the summer, as they head back to school and throughout the year.

Thanks for showing children in our community they are loved!



Our Back to the Books event on July 30 provided school clothing, shoes, backpacks and school supplies to underserved children in our program and in the community. Thank you for helping children have the tools they need to succeed in school!



Our 2021 Summer Education and Enrichment Program provided children staying on our campus with opportunities to develop literacy skills, explore the great outdoors and grow in confidence!

Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received April 8 to July 27, 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!

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Build a Caring Legacy Brick by Brick

Dedicating a brick in our Denny Nichols Memorial Garden is a special way to make a difference in our community and honor a friend or family member.

For a donation of \$50, \$100, or \$200, you can place an engraved brick in honor or memory of a special person.



Visit www.carriagetown.org/memorial-garden to get your brick today!



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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.



Serving the Needy Since 1950

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Annual Fundraiser: Oct 21

Carriage Town Ministries - A Productive, Redemptive Community

Save the date for our annual fall fundraiser - **Thursday, October 21, 7:00 PM.** Join us at CTM for a Watch Party (popcorn included!) or watch from home.

This event will premier on YouTube at 7:00 PM, October 21. **More details, including party pack info, coming soon to carriagetown.org/events.**

