# MESSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — Together

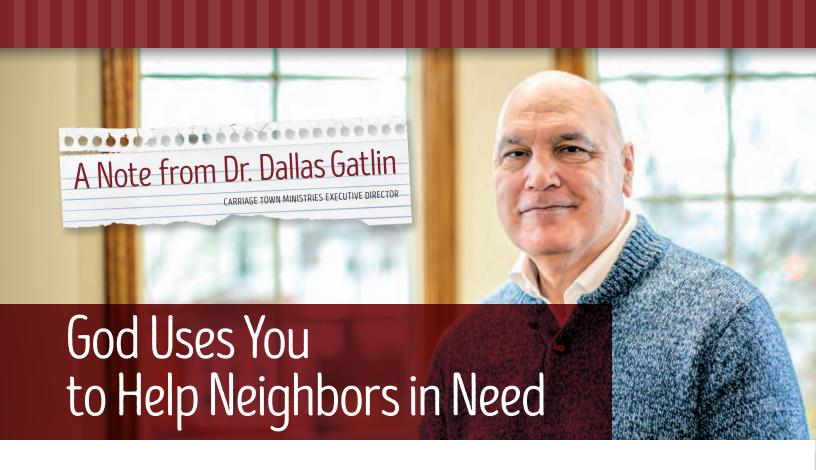
**MAY 2022** 

From shoeless and homeless to stable and faithful!

"For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help."

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MINISTRIES

Serving the Needy Since 1950



Dear Friend,

The Scriptures are filled with promises of God helping those who cry out to Him. When we are searching for comfort, protection, or guidance, God assures us He can be called upon and trusted to provide.

At Carriage Town Ministries, we meet neighbors facing a variety of trials. Some guests have lost their home. Others have lost all hope, like Gary, whose story you can read on the next page.

Time and again, God uses caring friends like you to help neighbors in moments of crisis.

I am very grateful for your support that allows us to offer allows us to offer our programs that provide meals, shelter, mentoring and classes.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 that sheltering neighbors, even strangers, is at

the heart of His ministry. By helping men and women stabilize their situation, they can move on toward more lasting life transformation.

As you read this issue of The Messenger, I hope you see God using YOU to bring hope and healing to neighbors, starting with the essentials of meals and shelter through the Emergency Shelter Program and faith-based mentoring through the Personal Success Plan program.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. The Lord continues to use supporters like you to show the world His presence and love.

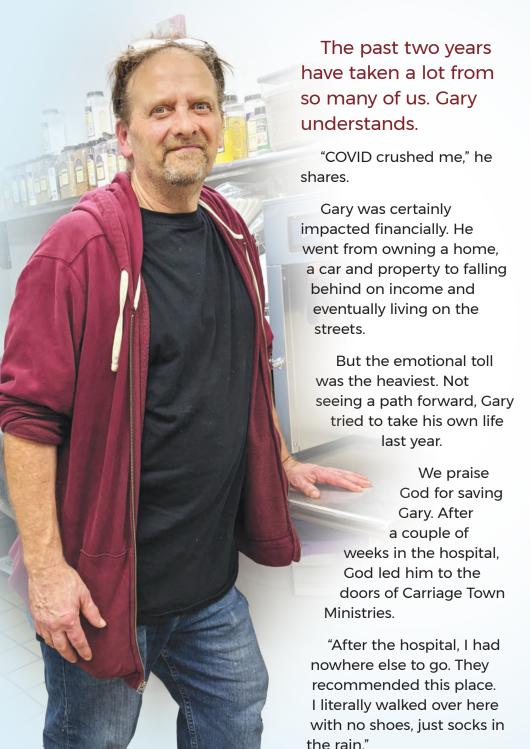
"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:20

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### "I showed up without shoes in the rain."

Your generosity gave Gary a new hope in life.



Gary will never forget how he was welcomed.

"Within ten minutes, I had shoes, socks, and a hot meal." And since that time, Gary has established a new foundation for his future.

When you support
Carriage Town
Ministries, you help
guests like Gary
regain hope and
purpose for their lives.

After his immediate needs were met, Gary joined our computer classes and participated in our Personal Success Plan program.

As a recent graduate, he is now a transitional employee, using his skills as a sous chef in the kitchen. He has also grown in his faith, a part of his life he never thought about much until walking through our doors.

"I owe a lot to this place," Gary says. "They showed me there is a God and I'm very grateful."

# for supporting our Emergency Shelter Services

Emergency shelter is often the immediate need and first introduction guests have to Carriage Town Ministries.

The first couple of weeks here provides guests with a time to get oriented, feel safe, begin to feel a sense of home, and find hope.

By day 15, residents are offered the opportunity to get involved in a Christ-centered training program. Many simply need emergency services as they get back on their feet.

Our emergency guests leave for the day as they go to work, search for new employment or take steps to finalize new housing. Providing the essentials truly removes the worry neighbors feel as they find themselves in a temporary season of need.

We are thankful for your generosity that supports our emergency services! These tangible expressions of God's love give guests dignified and essential support while they secure greater stability in their lives.



Emergency Services include:



Dinner at 5:00 PM



Access to a locker to store belongings



Case management to help secure housing and income



A refreshing, hot shower



Rest overnight in a clean, comfortable bed



Breakfast the next morning before leaving for the day at 9:00 AM.

### Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received February 22 to March 31, 2022

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**

#### William Atkinson

Lauren Atkinson

#### **Caitlin Boudream**

Richard & Cynthia Lucius

#### **Renee Brown**

Mrs. Wonda Hope

#### Mary M. Cady

Daniel Cady

#### **Esther Campbell**

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Freda Farone
Eileen Branoff

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Dee Ann Galbreath

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#### Jacquie

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Christie Haus

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#### Tree Pearson

Cedric Taylor

#### **Autumn Rivest**

Velma Price

#### **Shirley Schoeppach**

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#### **George Serban**

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## Leave a Lasting Impact

#### **Qualified Charitable**

**Distributions:** This is commonly referred to as the IRA Rollover. Plus, if you are 70-1/2 or older, your annual required minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA can be donated directly to Carriage Town Ministries, tax-free!

**Will and Estate Plans:** Leave a gift in your will or estate plan to help neighbors for years to come.

**Beneficiary Designation:** You can designate any percentage of bank account, life insurance

or IRA assets to Carriage Town Ministries.

Have you already included Carriage Town Ministries in your plans? Contact Cindy at Cjohns@carriagetown.org or (810) 233-8787 ext. 6205 to let us know, so we can express our gratitude for your heart of compassion!

Always consult with your financial advisor for questions regarding planned giving options that align with your personal and philanthropic goals.





- 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 by our staff and residents!

Order online by May 31 Pick up on Sunday, June 5 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 810-233-8787 ext. 6205.

Order online at: www.carriagetown.org/events

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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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