

the MESSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — **Together**

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“I came here
and my life
changed.”

Your generosity
gave Leslie
a safe structure
for a fresh start.

Today, Leslie lives in her own apartment
and thanks God for YOUR generosity!





A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Putting Structure Around Each Day

Dear Friend,

You've probably heard it said that if you don't run your day, your day will run you. If you haven't heard it, you've surely experienced it!

For men and women who come to Carriage Town Ministries on the heels of experiencing homelessness, poverty or other life challenges, an important part of helping them regain stability is putting structure around their day.

Many of our guests have suffered tremendously from crisis. They haven't known what the future or even the day would hold.

Giving men and women the blessing of structure helps them know what to expect and begin finding hope in what is possible. They begin to set goals and believe those goals can be achieved through a thoughtful system of day-to-day progress.

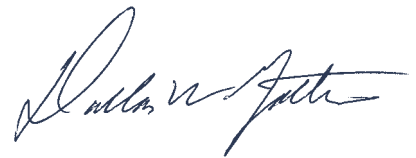
You'll learn more about how we introduce structure to our guests in this issue of The

Messenger. For guests like Leslie, having caring people and intentional programs in her life has been a godsend!

Helping guests establish healthy habits, form good time management skills, and develop their gifts and interests is a very practical way God uses your support to change lives.

God certainly moves mountains and performs miracles. He also cultivates faith and sanctifies men and women over time. This process leads to sustained life transformation!

Thank you for playing an important role in equipping men and women with skills that truly last ... for life!



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

- Jeremiah 29:11

Caring people and a purposeful program

How Leslie found safety and success

All of us deserve to be treated with respect.

So as Leslie began to endure an unhealthy and emotionally abusive relationship, she had the courage to choose her own well-being and left.

After a three-month stay at a local shelter, Leslie needed to find more stable support. That's when she learned about Carriage Town Ministries.

"I was a little scared, because I wasn't familiar with how the program is," Leslie admits about coming to our doors. "But they were very welcoming and helpful and gave me a really nice room."

Once she settled in, Leslie joined our Personal Success Plan program and took advantage of our daily routine. Her mentor, Brittany, helped her navigate classes and other resources. Leslie especially appreciated our finance courses and computer lab training with Mr. Jim.

Thanks to the support of our resident mentor, Delphine (pictured here), Leslie worked through our program to the point of securing her own apartment!

When asked what God used to help her success, Leslie shares, "The people and the content! The staff is very supportive and very kind. They gave us information that we wish we had when we were younger."

Leslie also appreciated the daily schedule

that kept her focused on her personal goals.

"I like the structure and want to keep being part of the classes," Leslie expresses.

"I came here and my life changed."



"I want to say thank you to the people who donate, because what they are doing goes beyond here. What I've learned will continue into my life. It is stamped on my heart forever."

- Leslie, PSP graduate



Every morning at 9 a.m. guests participate in morning devotions to start their day with God at the center and pray for a productive time of growth. Each evening ends with chapel.

Carriage Town

9 to 5



While parents are working on their skill sets, children at Carriage Town Ministries get to take part in our Summer Education and Enrichment Program. Children develop literacy skills, explore the great outdoors and grow in confidence!

Our Carriage Town Ministries day program gives guests more than meals and shelter. You also help to provide scheduled opportunities for personal development, professional advancement, and spiritual growth.



Thank you for giving men and women in our community helpful classes, from parenting to computers to finances, as they make steady progress and reach their goals – making each new day one of hope and healing.



Our garden is a wonderful blessing as residents get involved in God's good creation, enjoy delicious fresh food, and take part in planting, watering, and watching God make things grow!



Our program integrates food prep and service while teaching residents practical job skills as Transitional Employees, preparing them for independent living.



Residents gain skills in organization, time management and discipline by helping us wash and sort laundry and contribute to the needs of the broader community.

Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received April 13 to July 1, 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

Bernard Bedell

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Laura Jane Colber
Jacob & Barbara Gaus
Jerry & Linda Graham
Seekers S. S. Class
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Siegfried Jaster*

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Nicole Schmidt

Glenn & Janet Waltz

Greg & Gail Warth

Beverly Weaver

Esther Lou Wehrli

Harold & Carolyn Branstner

Melinda Buhler

*Tuesday Night Live small
group at Central Church of
Nazarene*

Rodger Wickstrom

Ann Chappel

Ron & Niola Petaja

Brett Tierman

Karen Wickstrom

Mario Williams

Gina Spears

Patricia Sue Williams

*Marilyn Collins
Sharon Collins*

HONOR

Kim Skaff

*Wed. Morning Ladies Bible
Study, First Presbyterian
Church*



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.

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

Mark Your Calendar

Inspire 2022 - October 20, 2022

Our fall fundraiser happens only once a year. Please join us!

October 20 at Carriage Town Ministries: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM or 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

In conjunction with our fall banquet, we are asking local churches to plan a "Carriage Town Sunday" by showing

a touching 4-minute video during service and taking up a special offering to benefit our neighbors in need.

Contact Tamela at trigg@carriagetown.org to get your church involved in supporting our community this fall.

More details at carriagetown.org/events.

A New Resource to Protect What You Love

We're excited to announce our recent partnership with FreeWill – a secure, online estate planning platform that can help members of our community write their legal will at no personal cost.

Just as your support has transformed the future of each person served by Carriage Town Ministries, now you can support your own future – for free.

Take 20 minutes today to complete this essential task and protect the people and causes you care about.

Get started at: www.carriagetown.org/other-ways-to-give

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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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