

the MESSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — **Together**

NOVEMBER 2022

Last Christmas,
you gave Dinah...

A Place
to Call
Home



When a fire forced Dinah out of her house,
you welcomed her with open arms.



A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Warmth of Hospitality

Dear Friend,

“There was no room in the inn.”

It’s one of the most familiar phrases from the Christmas story.

When Mary and Joseph needed a place to rest after a long journey, especially with a baby on the way, they had nowhere to go.

The Savior of the world making His entrance in a stable is among the most paradoxical parts of the redemption story. But it highlights the value of bringing strangers into safety and showing hospitality in a way that is honoring to the Lord.

Thanks to your generosity, Carriage Town Ministries is able to welcome guests every day in their time of need.

As you’ll read in this issue of The Messenger, a house fire forced Dinah out of her home four days before Christmas! But

your compassion keeps our doors open for neighbors in need. She is very grateful for your kindness in her time of crisis.

My hope and prayer for you this holiday season is to continue to allow God to open your heart and share your blessings with others. Let’s take God at His word and remember, “It is more blessed to give than receive.”

Thank you for giving so faithfully to Carriage Town Ministries, at Christmas and throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dallas Gatlin". The signature is fluid and cursive.



A fire forced Dinah out of her home

You welcomed her at Christmas

Dinah will never forget the phone call from her nephew.

“There’s a fire in the house!”

Thankfully, Dinah wasn’t home and her nephew made it to safety, but her home wasn’t livable after an electrical surge blew out the furnace and started the fire.

Four days before Christmas last year, Dinah was homeless.

Twenty years before that day, Dinah actually spent time at Carriage Town Ministries. She received housing, meals and support in finding a place to live. In her time of need last year, Dinah knew where to turn for help!

“Carriage Town Ministries put me on the right path,” Dinah shares. “They taught me to humble myself, gave me opportunities to get a job, and helped me finish classes in life skills.”

Since joining our Personal Success Plan program, Dinah has started working in our kitchen as well. Her walk with God has grown, too!

“Carriage Town Ministries has been helpful physically, mentally, and spiritually. I am grateful for what they have given me.”

Thanks to generous supporters like you, Dinah

had a welcoming place to reset, relearn some skills, and even find a new apartment! She knows caring friends like you made it possible.

“Your donations have been a blessing to me!”

This Christmas, Dinah is safe, warm and loved, ready to spend the holidays with joy in her heart.



Dinah is grateful to give back and help other neighbors who are in need as she once was.

INSPIRE 2022

Thank you for celebrating with us!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for everyone who joined us on October 20th for our Inspire 2022 event!

Thank you for celebrating all God has done to transform lives this past year at Carriage Town Ministries.

Our hope and prayer is that you are inspired by the faith of our guests and the power of God to restore lives.



Thank you for changing more lives!



SEE VIDEOS ONLINE AT:
www.CarriageTown.org/inspire2022

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"It's been an honor to know and work with Carriage Town Ministries staff and volunteers. There is no greater mission than doing God's work for the love of people and community."



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Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received August 1 to September 30, 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!

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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!**

Year-End Giving Ideas

LEGACY GIVING

Include a bequest in your will to Carriage Town Ministries to help us serve our community not just today or tomorrow but for years to come. Setting up a will is easy through FreeWill.

STOCK GIVING

When you donate your appreciated stock directly to Carriage Town Ministries, there's no capital gains tax to pay. Your generosity goes even further to serve each person who walks through our doors.

IRA GIVING

If you are 70.5 or older, IRA gifts are a powerful way to reduce your future tax burden. If you are subject to Required Minimum Distributions, making a QCD allows you to do so without increasing your taxable income!

LEARN MORE: www.carriagetown.org/other-ways-to-give



Every year, we are blessed to host our Adopt-a-Family Toy Drive at Carriage Town Ministries.

Adopt-a-Family this Christmas

This event always brings hope and joy as parents and children celebrate an extra merry Christmas together.

You can get involved by donating so that families who are struggling can have presents to open on Christmas.

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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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