

the MESSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — *Together*

SEPTEMBER 2023



*A Time
and Season*
for Everything
Under Heaven

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Dallas Gatlin as he prepares to pass the baton to the next leader of Carriage Town Ministries.

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A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Privilege of Serving

Dear Friend,

As autumn approaches I write to tell you that several months ago I prayerfully asked our trustees to begin the process of discerning and deciding—with God’s help—who will succeed me as the next Executive Director of this great Mission. If we pray and listen God always reveals His will in His way and in His time.

The scriptures exhort us to, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge (seek, ask, check in with) Him and He will direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6). Our trustees have immersed themselves in prayer and are diligently seeking God’s will for the future leadership of Carriage Town Ministries. They are up to the task.

The timeline is a functional one. I will hand off the baton when God has introduced us to His new leader, perhaps at the end of this year. In God’s work, choosing a new leader is more of a discovery and less a decision. The board is looking for a leader who is mature in the Christian faith, experienced in visioning, leadership, and stewardship. Pray for them.

I am thankful for all those who have served here as leaders, team members, and volunteers. I am thankful for our residents who have served each other while here. I am thankful for you, part of a team of over 14,000 active donors who give to make hope a reality for those in need. Most of all I am thankful for the Lord who blessed me and entrusted me with this incredible assignment over the past 15 years.

What a privilege we’ve enjoyed *together*—being neighbors (Luke 10) to all who sought help here!

Praising God with a grateful heart,



Scan the code for a video of Dallas talking about his time at Carriage Town and upcoming retirement.

Wisdom from the Streets

Your support gave Jason a new perspective

Nobody plans to be homeless. Certainly not Jason. He loved his job in Florida and had wonderful coworkers. He had his own place that he hoped to stay in for a long time. Then the unexpected happened.

“I got hit by a car on my bicycle,” Jason shares. “A week after that I got hurt on the job.”

Jason couldn't keep working and needed time to recover. Without income, he couldn't afford his apartment. Thankfully, he was able to stay with his mother while trying to regroup. Then a group of his friends offered for him to stay with them up in Michigan, so he moved to the Flint area.

“As soon as I got up here, they said I could only stay for two weeks,” Jason recalls.

He was without a place to live. Again.

Ever resourceful, Jason camped throughout the summer months, using the money he earned from recycling to pay for food. But he was exhausted. Sleeping was difficult, and he was worn down, physically and mentally.

At just the right time, someone told Jason about Carriage Town Ministries so he could get a free dinner. He never realized God would use that meal to turn his life around!

Jason dove into our transitional employee program, working in the kitchen and bakery. He dreamed of opening a food truck. Then a local restaurant owner with a new food truck needed another employee. Jason was given the opportunity and jumped at it. Today Jason is learning the food truck business and is living in his own place. His boss says that Jason is doing a great job.

Looking back at his difficult experiences, Jason has advice for all of us. “The people you meet who are homeless want to be seen and heard like anybody else. We should love one another and give more respect. Being kind can brighten a day.”

“I'm thankful for meeting a lot of nice people here. They make me feel like a person, not a number. They make you feel like family.”

— Jason, Men's Program Guest



CELEBRATING SUMMER SUCCESS

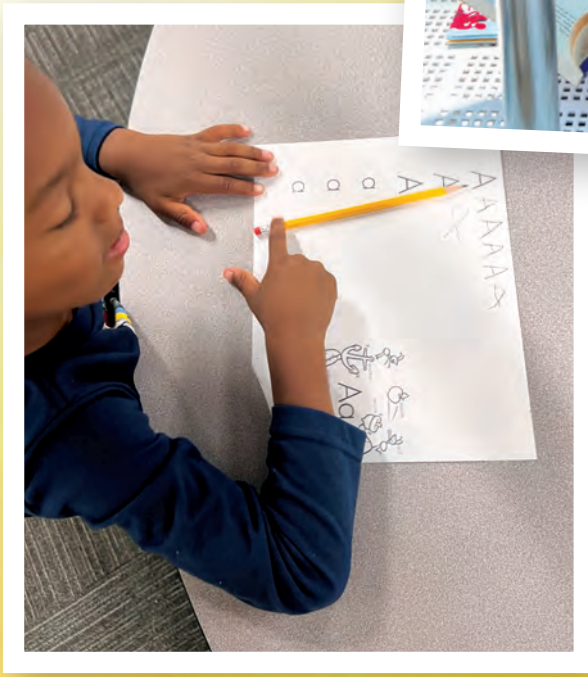
We're so thankful for your continued generous support of our Summer Education and Enrichment Program.

Children develop literacy skills, explore the great outdoors, enjoy educational field trips, and grow in confidence. We love to see God's children soar, and you are making it possible at Carriage Town Ministries each summer!



Kids love spending time together! We make sure each day is filled with plenty of social activities and opportunities for building friendships.

Literacy is a fundamental part of our summer program curriculum. We're grateful to see children progress in ability and interest throughout the summer months.



Keeping kids moving is an important part of summer!



Handwriting helps children improve memory, concentration, fine motor ability, and more! Thanks for helping kids enhance this valuable skill.

Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received March 16 to July 31, 2023

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
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We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special note.

Thank You!

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For I am about to do a
New Thing
See I have already
begun, do you not see it?
Isaiah 43:19

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Thursday, October 19
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Event begins at 6:00 pm
Tickets \$70.00 Per person

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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.



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While there are many ways to give back to Carriage Town Ministries, one of the most impactful can cost you nothing today. If you are contributing to a 401(k) plan or you have a life insurance policy, you have the ability to name Carriage Town Ministries as a primary or contingent beneficiary to those accounts.

Primary or contingent beneficiaries are the people or organizations who will inherit your non-probate assets, meaning that they can be inherited directly from you, without going through the probate process.

Using our partner FreeWill's beneficiary planning tool, you can outline your wishes and receive step-by-step instructions on how to name your beneficiaries with each of your providers.

Visit FreeWill.com/Beneficiaries/CarriageTownMinistries to name your beneficiaries today.