

The *Helping Hand***MISSION STATEMENT**

Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry is a faith-based, non-denominational mission established to help the neediest members of our community with free emergency food, clothing, household, personal items, and youth programs. Showing the love of Christ, restoring hope, and rebuilding lives.

**CROSSOVER WISH LIST**

- ◆ New Automatic Garage Door for loading dock
- ◆ New Phones (Intercom and 2 line capability)
- ◆ Flooring for Upstairs

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*Join Us on our Journey to the ARK...*

Since 1991, Crossover has been helping people in need. A gift of a coat to a homeless person...diapers to a mother struggling to make ends meet....business clothing for someone trying to achieve a better life...and so much more.

Today, we challenge you to join us on our journey to the ARK by performing one **Act of Random Kindness (ARK)**. A simple concept but think of the great change we can bring to our community with such a simple idea.

**How can you help Crossover on our Journey?**

- Donate Money to Crossover Between March 1st and April 30th as part of the Feinstein Challenge (see page 3 for details!)
- Tell a friend about Crossover, and to think of us when cleaning out their closets!
- Visit us so we can show you what a difference your donations make!
- Buy an extra tube of toothpaste, bottle of shampoo, or other personal item and give it to Crossover to help brighten the day of someone in need.
- Ask your Sunday School class to challenge another class to see who can collect the most new underwear or socks to donate...Make it FUN!
- "Like" us  on Facebook  then Share our page with your friends!

The possibilities are endless and the joy you can bring to a person in need with your Act of Random Kindness

How will you fill your ARK today?



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## Gifts of Memory

We offer our deepest sympathies to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and we are truly grateful for the loving donations in their memory.

**Rita Brawner:** by Riverside Tabernacle

**Watson Kenworthy:** by Donald & Elaine Kaye, JoAnne Coates

**Martin Vallee:** by Gene & Beth Dolby, Dennis & Teresa Wyatt, Charles & Kathryn Hollitt

**Barbara Landaal Terry:** by Barbara Smart, Virginia Landaal, Jeanette Mansour

**Ann Young:** by Charley & Maryetta Mueller

**Eleanor Trembley:** by James & Carol Smeets, Henry & Sandra Smeets, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cross, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Robinson, Ned & Sharon Trembley

**Donald Wolfe:** by Stephen & Donna Renton, the Seporin Family, the Gossage Family, Olof Karlstrom & Olivia Maynard, the Lund Family, Michael Weger—Tree of Life, Erica Prescott, Sally Strand, Rob Agree & Sharon Nelson, Brian & Sarah Schenk, Ted & Maureen Klein, Mary & Tom Macaulay, James Davis, Bill & Linda Gifford, Tom & Jennifer Anderson, Michael Hebner, Frederick & Barbara Bellairs, Carol Sanborn-Carol Sanborn Interiors, Inc., Robert & Mary Wright, Charles & Nancy Willette, Shirley Stevens, Gloria Austin, Jane Keeler, Randy Ryan, P.A. Koch and R.L. Cook, Janet Williamson, Virginia Braun, Joseph & Carole Plunkey, Timothy Purman, Douglas & Marsha Ockerman, Christopher & Joyce Theodoroff, Richard & Betty Ramsdell, James & Kimberly Noe, B.D. & A.L. Weber, Sueann Weston, Deborah Gustafson, John Ridgeway, John & Carol Olson, Kelly & Ellen Brisbin, Nancy Durant, Kenneth & Barbara Menear, Ronald Krueger, Jr., Beverly Dolan, Craig & Lois Mengel, James Lengyel, Robert & Janie Frasier, Andrew & Linda Bentley, John Stevens & Brenda Dalton, Joseph & Mary Foust, Christine Wright, Craig & Sarah Leavitt, R.H. & A.U. Kraft, Charles Bradley & Claire Ann Stevens, Susan Davidek, Francis & Lynn Booth, Brenda Dominy, Harry Garrison, Donald Gilbert, Jeffrey & Erin Masters, Lenore Calvert, Jeanne Dobs, Judith Clippard, Gerald & Grace Condon, Kenneth & Carol Smith, John & Sarah Perry, George & Betty Reseigh, Diana Harsch, John & Ann Briggs, The Hurand Family, Mark & Marcie King, Charles & Maryetta Mueller, Bob & Patti Pollack, Jim & Maureen Jarrard, Irving & Ruth Foon, Nancy Schlaback, Presence Marketing/Dynamic Presence—Christine Fiedorowicz



## A word from the Executive Director

### CROSSOVER = HOPE 2013

“Let not the needy, O Lord be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away!”

*-The Book of Common Prayer, p.98*

At Crossover, we live this daily. As her workers and volunteers, we go humbly and lovingly about our business of providing hope. We see **HOPE** every day in the laughter of a child; **HOPE** in a mother as she finds warm clothing for a child to wear, or fresh diapers for her baby’s bottom; **HOPE** in the eye of the homeless as we put groceries into their hands...food that will provide nourishment for their bodies, love and comfort for their souls; **HOPE** as we console a new client who asks “Please help me. I’ve never had to do anything like this before.”; **HOPE** as we assure them everything will be alright and we will help them weather the storm; **HOPE** when we place a gift card for a new pair of shoes in the hands of someone going on a job interview filled with possibilities. This is what we do, provide **HOPE** by providing the things that most of us take for granted. **HOPE** is our business and we **THANK YOU ALL** for the work you do in this ministry, whether it is in providing financial support, in kind donations, or as a volunteer, none of this would be possible without your love, compassion and commitment to provide **HOPE**.

**Thank You!**

## Camp Sponsorships

*“The conscience of children is formed by the influences that surround them; their notions of good and evil are the result of the moral atmosphere they breathe.” - Jean Paul*

### Help us surround up to 40 inner city youth with God’s love.

Each year we sent about 40 children to Bayshore Camp to break from the chaos and insecurity of daily inner-city life. Bayshore allows these 5th and 6th grade boys and girls to experience nature, make new friends, and learn about Christ. The kids enjoy a week filled with canoeing, games, swimming, singing, riding the zip line and much more!

We are looking for people who would like to help send a child to camp with a donation of \$170. If you would like to sponsor a child on this once in a lifetime opportunity this summer, please contact Craig or Denise at (810) 234-2479.



## Items Needed for our Ministry

- Clothes:** *Children*—Boys & Girls Clothing sizes 18 mo. to 12  
*Men*—Shoes, Winter Coats (especially larger sizes!)  
*Women*—Winter Coats
- Household:** Silverware, Plates, Pots & Pans, Bedding
- Personal Care:** Feminine Care Products, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Lotion, Shampoo & Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap, and Tissue (we currently have very few items!)

## Martin Luther King Day of Service



Special thanks to our friends at the University of Michigan—Flint. Again this year, volunteers from U of M came to Crossover and helped sort clothes, organize the upstairs and much more! THANK YOU!

## The Feinstein Challenge 2013

### 16th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger

For the 16th year in a row, the Feinstein Foundation—an initiative of Alan Shawn Feinstein—is challenging agencies like ours to fight hunger.

Mr. Feinstein will divide \$1 MILLION among non-profit hunger agencies nationwide in his personal fight against hunger.



Alan Shawn Feinstein

Mr. Feinstein reminds us of something we hold dear:

*“Someday, all that will matter is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.”*

Thank you for sharing your love and the hope that someday no one will ever go hungry!

### PLEASE DONATE!

Any donations (money or food) made to Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry between **March 1st** and **April 30th** qualify toward the Feinstein Challenge.

WHATEVER YOU DONATE TO CROSSOVER, MR. FEINSTEIN WILL ADD MONEY TO IT. THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE OF HIS \$1 MILLION WE’LL RECEIVE—THANKS TO YOU!

Visit us at [crossoverministryflint.org](http://crossoverministryflint.org) to learn more about the Feinstein Challenge, or to donate via PayPal.

## Gifts of Honor

Thank you for helping those less fortunate by remembering those people special in your life:

**Jane Quin:** by Sarah Harper

**Jackie Elliott:** by Bill Needham

**The Four Harper Children:** by Sarah Harper

**Nancy & Paul Stermer:** by Elaine Stermer

**Elaine Stermer:** by Nancy Stermer & Paul Hoyte

**Don Wolfe:** by Deborah Gustafson, Brandi Cummings

**Dr. & Mrs. Dennis Wyatt:** by Dawn Vallee

**Mr. & Mrs. Gene Dolby:** by Dawn Vallee

**Sarah Harper:** by John & Ann Briggs

**Dawn Vallee:** by Dennis & Teresa Wyatt

**John & Lou MacGready:** by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

**John & Sally Minkler:** by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

**Garrett Bartholomew:** by Jeffrey & Christine Schewe

**Ken Kluender:** by Gerald & Elaine Condon

## Gifts of Celebration

Thank you for helping celebrate the milestones in these peoples lives:

**Dee Lada, in honor and appreciation and honor of her many years of fundraising for Crossover:** by Joe & Ruth Thrash

**Craig Leavitt, in honor of his new position as Executive Director:** by Jane Bingham

**Wilma Ballentine’s Birthday:** by David & Joyce Ballentine, Vicki Hyatt

**Donald & Joellen Reed, in honor of their 30th Anniversary!**



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## *A Year in Review...*

**IN 2012, with your help, we served over 13,057 individuals.**

- At 10 Mobile Food Pantries we served 5,053 people.
- Summer camp gave a week of special memories to 23 children.
- Back to school supplies were given to 118 children.
- 164 men and women received special work clothing and uniforms.
- 3,946 people received assistance with household and personal items.
- 358 young children had diapers.
- Winter coats brought warmth to 780 people.
- 4,532 people were given clothes to wear.
- We provided food for 5064 people from our pantry.
- 93 families were provided a feast for Thanksgiving.
- 280 children and adults were able to celebrate a brighter Christmas.

## *Thank You!*