

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. Faith based services and programs, showing the love of Christ, restoring hope, and rebuilding lives.

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Friend of Crossover & Spirit of Crossover

Congratulations to Jackie Elliott for being awarded the Friend of Crossover Award at our Annual Spring Luncheon May 8, 2013.

Dr. John Snell introduced Jackie and presented her the "Friend of Crossover" award. He noted that Jackie has faithfully served those in need in our community since for over 22 years. In fact, she was working in St. Paul's clothes closet before Crossover became Crossover. She's been described as the "Energizer Bunny!"

To help describe just what Jackie does for Crossover, he paraphrased Genesis 12 saying...God said to Abraham, I will bless you so that you'll be a blessing and then all the families in the world can bless themselves. "I contend that Jackie is the blessing that Crossover deserves!" said Dr. Snell. We are truly grateful for Jackie and all of our volunteers. YOU are Crossover and the reason we are able to help people in need!

Congratulations to Karen Dukes for being named the first ever "Spirit of Crossover" award winner! This award is given to a person, church or business that has gone above and beyond for Crossover during the year. Any business or church receiving the award gets to display it in their building for the entire year!

Maryetta Mueller, Vice President of Crossover's board, introduced Karen (who didn't know she was receiving the award!). Karen is our Center Coordinator and has worked at Crossover for 20 years. She played a pivotal role in keeping our board informed and Crossover running smoothly from August through October as the board searched for our new Executive Director. Thank you Karen for your caring, compassion and loyalty.

**CROSSOVER IS BLESSED TO HAVE
SUCH AMAZING PEOPLE IN OUR CORNER!**

Thank you Jackie and Karen!



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Annual Spring Luncheon



On May 8, 2013, we celebrated our 22nd year serving those in need with our Annual Spring Fundraiser! This year's fundraiser was a luncheon held at First Presbyterian Church, catered by Fandangle's!

The hall was beautifully decorated, lunch was delicious, and the fellowship was phenomenal! We would like to thank all who attended as well as our fundraising committee, led by Tim Bishop, with lots of help from his wife Melissa, and advice from Ruth Thrash, Dawn Vallee and Dee Lada. Thank you also to our Board, our anonymous donor who paid for lunch, the **Community Foundation's Flint Community Fund** and **Leroy F. Ball Fund**, our anonymous pen donor and more!



Jerry Walden, from the Gerholz Center for Christian Counseling, wowed us for a second year with his speech on the importance of knowing WHY we give and giving, not for our own sake, but for the sake of helping others. He stressed the importance of the role Crossover plays in helping those in need in Flint and Genesee County. Thank you, Jerry, for believing in us and what we do. YOU are Crossover!

Finally, Dr. John Snell presented the Friend of Crossover Award to Jackie Elliott and Maryetta Mueller presented the Spirit of Crossover award to Karen Dukes!

We're truly blessed to have friends like you and thank you for making our fundraiser a success!

Camp Sponsors Needed!

"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 around 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.



Back to School



Summer's almost here but, it'll be time to go Back to School before you know it! Each year, we help over 100 Flint / Genesee County children begin the school year with new clothes and school supplies.

We provide each child with two school outfits, a voucher for new shoes, socks, undergarments and a backpack filled with school supplies. If you'd like to help support this program, use the enclosed envelope to make a donation to this wonderful program (or donate online via PayPal).

Thank you for helping children in need!

Special Thanks to **The Whiting Foundation, Jennings Memorial Foundation** and the **Kiwanis Club of Flint** for their generous Grants toward our Back to School program!

Mobile Food Pantries

June 26, 2013—Westside Church @ 6 p.m.
August 22, 2013—Court Street UMC @ 11 a.m.

Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to work at a Mobile Food Pantry OR if your church would like to host a Mobile Food Pantry, please call us at (810) 234-2479.

*More mobile food pantries are being planned.
Please check online or call us for dates and times!*

A word from our Executive Director



What's in a word? Let's look at altruism...

ALTRUISM—*the principle or practice of concern for the welfare of others.*

Altruism is the premier quality found in all of our volunteers here at Crossover. Not a day goes by here where examples are not seen of this true human instinct! As humans, I believe we are wired to have compassion and care for one another. It is for this I am so thankful! As I greet volunteers like Carl, Diane, Paul, Martha, Jan, Janet, Lenore, Elaine, George, Betty, Brenda, David, Nancy, Judy, Jackie, Vickie, Jackie, Bobbie...names too many to remember them all, I see altruism as they so selflessly go about giving of their time, their talent, their resources, and yes, above all, their hearts and love! They may demonstrate altruism by working in the food pantry, sorting donated clothing or household items, wrapping Christmas gifts, packing backpacks with school supplies, or at a mobile food pantry. Let us not forget the tireless work of our Board of Directors and founders! You all touch the hearts and hopes of so many people in need. It is an honor to serve with you.

Thank You for your altruism!

We're Easy to Find Online



REMEMBER: You can find us online at www.crossoverministryflint.org, find us on Facebook listed as Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry, AND you can donate on our website using PayPal!

Our goal is to make helping those in need as easy as possible! Please call if you have ANY questions.

2013 Feinstein Challenge — Thank You!

Special thanks to everyone who saw the Feinstein Challenge as a way to further your donations. This year, you helped us raise **\$37,888.13** toward the Feinstein Challenge!

Your generosity will help provide even more food directly to those in need in our city and county, through our food pantry at Crossover and our mobile food pantries.

Thanks again to all who donated in March and April of 2013!

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.

Donald Wolfe: by Daniel & Renee Jones, Marilyn Gray, W.B. & Susan Phillips, Robert & Sally Krueger, Henry & Patricia Coucke, Jean Wolfe, Garrard & Moira Macleod, Charna Seide

Shirley Cormicle: by Charley & Maryetta Mueller, Judy Clippard, Richard & Ann Kraft, United Methodist Women—Linden UMC, Brenda Dominy, Larry & Beverly Rossow, Flint District Board of Missions & Church Extension of the UMC

Margaret Freeman: by Brenda Dominy

Martin Vallee: by Rosemarie MacLean

Chet Johnson: by Janet Williamson

Eino Rajala: by Joe & Patricia Higgins

Watson Kenworthy: by Jovan & Susan Djokovic

John F. Clippard: by Judy Clippard

Herman P. Kuehn: by Mary Kuehn

Viola Hall: by Leonard & Sharon Thomas

Gifts of Honor & Celebration

Thank you for helping those less fortunate while honoring loved ones or celebrating the milestones in these peoples lives:

In Honor of Craig & Sarah Leavitt: by Jane Quin

In Honor of Gloria Williams' 80th Birthday: by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

In Celebration of Jon Leavitt's 30th Birthday: by Craig & Sarah Leavitt

George & Betty Reseigh, in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

In Celebration of Sarah Leavitt's Birthday: by Craig Leavitt

In Honor of Ken Taylor of Curb A-Peel: by Shepherd's Phlox Gardening Club



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Urgent Donation Needs...

Personal Care: toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, toilet paper, lotion, shaving cream and razors.

Household: ALL size bedding, towels, washcloths, dish towels, pots & pans, cups, bowls, dinner plates, silverware and small appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.).

Winter Coats: men's and women's coats (especially larger sizes like XXL, XXXL, etc.)

Thank You!