

Harbor Light

PROVIDING A BEACON OF HOPE THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT

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Family. Room.

Thanks to you, families now have a place to stay. pg. 2

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Your thoughts matter to us!



4 100,000 meals
in 100 days.



A New Season

A new season is coming! I personally love the Fall with all the changes, the colors, the refreshing coolness. It is a transition to a different time of year full of memorable moments as we anticipate the holiday season and wonderful gatherings with family, the special foods we enjoy or the times of worship and thanksgiving for all God has done for us. Even with winter looming, Fall is a favorite for many of us, because we welcome the change and truly love seeing God's handiwork in nature. Knowing He is in control gives us peace and assurance. It



Kevin Newton
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allows us to enjoy each new season, looking forward to what He will do in our lives. This fall, a new "season" is also coming to Muskegon Rescue Mission as we prepare to expand our ministry. As you know, we have been working to remodel and repurpose our Women's Shelter over the past year and a half. Well, that process is coming to an end and the result is that we have a beautiful, updated Women's, Children's and Family Shelter facility that is capable of meeting many more needs! We will begin very soon accepting families that include older teen boys, allowing them to be sheltered with their family instead of being sent to a different, secular facility across town. What a blessing this will be for these mothers and

their older children to be able to stay together! Then, later this year, we plan to begin our ministry to intact families, something that is desperately needed in Muskegon. We look forward to being able to house Dad, Mom and kids all together while helping them rebuild their lives. The renovation includes such basic things as new furniture, a new roof, new plumbing and electrical, nearly 100 new windows and much more. It also includes new enhancements such as our first ever "Welcome Center" where new guests are greeted and given an orientation to the Mission, allowing them a more dignified and relaxed entry to the shelter during what can be a very traumatic time in their lives. A greatly expanded Children's

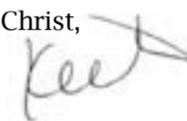
MRM prepares for expansion

Area, Dining Room, new bath and shower facilities and other new features help to insure that our Shelter environment is safe, healthy, welcoming and truly shows hospitality and love. All of this is only possible because of your financial support and partnership in prayer for the work of MRM. Working as "partners in the gospel" together; we all are contributing to the work of changing lives through "demonstrating and proclaiming" God's love to all who come to our doors. We currently have raised about \$950,000 of the \$1.3 million dollar cost of this project and are asking all of our supporters to consider a gift or pledge to help us finish covering this expense. Our goal is to have NO long term debt and to be free to continue our work

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." — Philippians 1:3-6

of helping everyone that the Lord sends to us each day. If you, your church or your company leadership would like to take a tour of the newly renovated Women's, Children's and Family Shelter, or would like more information on the project, please call or email. We LOVE showing what God has provided and what the family of God has been able to do, working together, to bless families in their time of deepest need. Thank you for being a part of

this great work. I truly "thank my God every time I remember you"!

Love in Christ,

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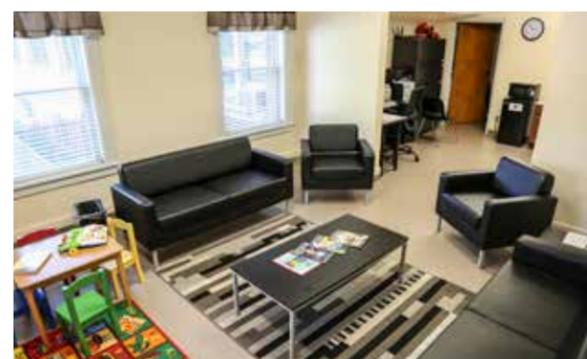
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Make an impact. *Let your voice be heard.*



If you've been connected to Muskegon Rescue Mission for a while, you've likely heard us say "hope happens here." But it simply would not be possible without the feedback, input, prayers and generosity of our supporters. Your thoughts really do matter to us and we take them to heart.

In that spirit, would you be willing to take

the short survey we've included along with this newsletter? It's only been sent to a select group of donors, so every response matters. By completing and returning this survey within the next 10 days, you'll provide us with valuable insights concerning how we can be more effective, and help to ensure our "100 Days of Hope" Campaign and long-term ministry together are successful.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. We would prefer you answer every question, however if you encounter one you are not comfortable answering, please feel free to go on to the next.

2. Please return your completed survey in the enclosed envelope within 10 days. Thank you.

We respect your privacy! The information you provide will be used by Muskegon Rescue Mission only.

1. Please tell us about yourself.

Gender

Male Female I prefer not to answer

Age

Under 35 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-69
 70-74 75-79 80-84 85 or over I prefer not to answer

Marital Status

Married Single Widowed Divorced I prefer not to answer

Family

Number of children under 18: 0 1-2 3-4 5-6 7+
 Number of adult children: 0 1-2 3-4 5-6 7+



2. How would you rate our relationship with you as a supporter of Muskegon Rescue Mission?

Please check one

Excellent Very Good Good Fair Low

Anything we can do better in the future to build relationships with others like you?

3. How would you rate Muskegon Rescue Mission's ability to live out our Christian mission?

Please check one

Excellent Very Good Good Fair Low

Anything we can do better in the future to improve how we live out our Christian mission?

4. How would you rate Muskegon Rescue Mission's service of helping those in need in our neighborhood?

Please check one

Excellent Very Good Good Fair Low

Anything we can do better in the future to improve how we serve the immediate needs of the hurting in our community?

5. Please rate how important you feel it is to inspire a passion for helping those in need in the next generation. *Please check one*

Crucial Very Important Somewhat Important Unimportant

Any suggestions on how we can inspire the next generation to get involved with Muskegon Rescue Mission?

6. How would you describe your personal interest in expanding the impact of Muskegon Rescue Mission to future generations?

- I want to leave a legacy that honors God, blesses my family, or helps people in need.
- I want to pass my values to future generations.
- I want to protect my family from unnecessary heartache, expense, or hassles when I'm gone.
- I would consider including Muskegon Rescue Mission in my Will or Trust.
- I would consider honoring someone who has impacted my life by including a gift in my Will to MRM.
- I would need more information in order to consider including MRM in my Will or Trust.
- I have included Muskegon Rescue Mission in my Will or Trust.
- I do not currently have an up-to-date Will or Trust and wish to get my "house in order."
- Other (please specify): _____

Please update your information here:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____
 Preferred Phone Number _____
 Email _____

Thank you for making the ministry of Muskegon Rescue Mission possible! We deeply appreciate your commitment to helping us meet the immediate needs of our hurting neighbors, in order to offer the spiritual nourishment necessary to effect true and lasting change.

Please return this survey in the enclosed reply envelope within 10 days. Thank you!

100,000 meals in 100 days

donate now >> muskegonmission.org

Join MRM's new campaign to help feed the homeless in our community



Muskegon Rescue Mission's 100 Days of Hope is a community-wide effort to raise \$200,000 (enough to provide 100,000 meals) for the homeless and hungry in our community. Although this specific campaign is only for 100 days, your participation and support will have an ongoing impact in our community. We are asking churches, individuals, businesses, and groups to join us in our mission of feeding the homeless in our community.

We are inviting you to be a part of 100 Days of Hope. By joining with us YOU will be part of the hope, that together, we provide to the homeless and hungry. Participating in community programs, hosting events, or simply making a donation are just a few of the many ways you can help us reach this ambitious and crucial goal.

To schedule your personal tour or learn more contact:

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