



# WINTER

## newsletter



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## TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE — THANKS TO YOU!

DEAR FRIENDS,

AS WE REFLECT ON THE INCREDIBLE WORK BEING DONE THROUGH OUR MINISTRY, GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILY SERVICES, ONE THING REMAINS CRYSTAL CLEAR — NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU. WHETHER YOU GIVE, SERVE, OR PRAY, YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS WHAT FUELS EVERY STEP OF PROGRESS WE MAKE TOGETHER BY GOD'S GRACE AND GOODNESS.

### ★ OUR DONORS: THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

YOUR GENEROSITY CHANGES LIVES. EVERY GIFT—LARGE OR SMALL—OPENS DOORS FOR PROGRAMS TO THRIVE, FOR COMMUNITIES TO BE REACHED, AND FOR HEARTS TO BE TOUCHED WITH HOPE. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED EVERY SINGLE DAY. YOU ARE THE STEADY HEARTBEAT BEHIND EVERY MISSION WE ACCOMPLISH.

### 👏 OUR VOLUNTEERS: HANDS AND FEET IN ACTION

TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS—THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP, STEPPING IN, AND MAKING LOVE TANGIBLE. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE YOUR TIME AND ENERGY CREATES RIPPLES OF KINDNESS THAT EXTEND FAR BEYOND WHAT WE CAN SEE. YOU EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE, AND YOUR DEDICATION INSPIRES US ALL.

### 🙏 OUR PRAYER PARTNERS: THE SPIRITUAL STRENGTH BEHIND THE MISSION

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY LIFT THIS WORK UP IN PRAYER. YOUR INTERCESSION COVERS EVERY OUTREACH, EVERY TEAM MEMBER, AND EVERY LIFE WE STRIVE TO IMPACT. OUR SUCCESS ISN'T JUST MEASURED IN NUMBERS, BUT IN THE FAITH AND PRAYER THAT SUSTAINS IT ALL. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR OUR PRAYER BREAKFAST ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:30 AM. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY!

### ❤️ WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

IT TAKES ALL OF US—STAFF, DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PRAYER PARTNERS—WORKING HAND IN HAND TO BRING LIGHT TO THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS MISSION AND FOR BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF COMPASSION IN ACTION. WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS IN ALL OUR MINISTRY AREAS. WOULD YOU CONSIDER DONATING A 3 HOUR SHIFT A WEEK AT THE FOOD PANTRY, MOMS & TOTS, THE RETAIL THRIFT OR FURNITURE STORE? WOULD YOU CONSIDER ENLISTING YOUR CIRCLE OF FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS? INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR MINISTRY AREAS, A FEW WORDS FROM EACH DIRECTOR AND REASONS WHY OUR VOLUNTEERS SERVE FOLLOW. STOP IN, EMAIL OR CALL ANY OF THE MINISTRY DIRECTORS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JOINING OUR GOOD SAMARITAN TEAM!

ROBYN YARMAK  
DIRECTOR GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILY SERVICES





**JOLYN CLARKE, RETAIL DIRECTOR**

**RETAIL AND FURNITURE STORE VOLUNTEERS SERVE BY SORTING DONATIONS, GREETING AND ASSISTING CUSTOMERS, HELPING BRING ITEMS IN FROM VEHICLES, MOVING FURNITURE, AND ASSISTING WITH DONATION PICK-UPS. THROUGH THEIR SERVICE, THEY HELP SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE AND SUPPORT OUR MISSION BY BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS (MATTHEW 25:40).**

**"MY FAVORITE PART OF VOLUNTEERING AT GOOD SAM IS THE PEOPLE. WE ENJOY WORKING AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER. THANKS TO ALL THE DONATIONS WE KEEP BUSY AND ARE ABLE TO FEED FAMILIES." - KATHY, CHARLEVOIX, MI**

**PASTOR DAVE KROON, FOOD PANTRY DIRECTOR**

**"GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH SO MUCH, WE CAN'T HELP BUT BLESS OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED." THIS IS THE GOOD SAMARITAN PANTRY MANTRA. THANKS TO WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS AND SUPPLIERS WE ALWAYS HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOOD ITEMS TO SHARE. MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD YET FIND IT HARD TO ADMIT THEY NEED HELP. THEREFORE, AS PANTRY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WE WANT TO BLESS ALL WHO COME TO US NOT ONLY WITH THE FOOD, BUT ALSO WITH KINDHEARTED SPIRITS. EACH FAMILY THAT VISITS US NEEDS TO KNOW THEY ARE VALUED AND HAVE COME TO A PLACE THAT WELCOMES THEM WITHOUT JUDGEMENT. OUR VOLUNTEERS GET TO BLESS OUR NEIGHBORS AS THEY GREET THEM, AS THEY STOCK SHELVES FOR THEM, AND AS THEY BID THEM GOOD DAY. THE VOLUNTEERS ALSO RECEIVE A BLESSING AS THEY MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THEIR NEIGHBORS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT US!**

**"VOLUNTEERING AT THE GOOD SAM FOOD PANTRY IS ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF MY WEEK. I MEET WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND AM HONORED TO HELP SERVE OUR COMMUNITY."  
-SUE, ELLSWORTH, MI**



**GAYLE KROON, DIRECTOR, MOMS & TOTS**

**GOD'S BLESSINGS ABOUND! RECENTLY MICHIGAN'S BIGGEST BABY SHOWER WITH THE PROMISE FM SHOWERED MOMS & TOTS WITH ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED BY OUR FAMILIES. GOD'S LOVE SHINES THROUGH MANY GREAT MINISTRY FRIENDS! SERVING OUR FAMILIES TAKES A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO WEAR MANY "HATS" OR CHOOSE A "HAT" THAT FITS THEM WELL. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? PLEASE REACH OUT FOR INFORMATION!**

**"THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT BEING A VOLUNTEER AT MOMS & TOTS, IT'S HARD TO NARROW IT DOWN TO ONE. HOWEVER, IF I HAD TO CHOOSE MY VERY FAVORITE, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE "INVITATION" TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF A YOUNG MOTHER, WHO I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IF IT WERE NOT FOR MOMS & TOTS. TO HAVE THE SPACE TO LISTEN TO HER STORY, ENCOURAGE HER IN HER CHALLENGES, AND SHARE WITH HER THAT GOD SEES HER AND SHE IS LOVED: IT'S AMAZING. I CONSIDER IT A GIFT, AND I AM BLESSED". - LINDY, BELLAIRE, MI**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

**GOOD SAMARITAN TEE UP FOR FAMILIES GOLF FUNDRAISER - AUGUST 23 AT ANTRIM DELLS**

**MOMS & TOTS TURNS 25 YEARS OLD - WATCH FOR MORE INFO ON CELEBRATION DETAILS**

**ANNUAL MOMS & TOTS FUN"D" FEST - SEPTEMBER 12**

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