

SOUP *for your* **SOUL**

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TRUE LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH YOU!



Your generosity at work...
in real lives...
EVERY DAY

Making new opportunities together



Rev. Patrick H. Vanderburgh
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.”

—PROVERBS 23:18, NIV

The comedian Phil Silvers once said, “Every time opportunity knocks I ain’t got enough money to open the door.”

While said in jest, this statement reflects reality for so many of the homeless men, women and children in Milwaukee. But thanks to the generous gifts of kind-hearted neighbors like you, those who are in great need have opportunities available to them today.

In this month’s *Soup for your Soul*, you’ll see how your gifts to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission help open up new opportunities for thousands of guests who come through our doors — 365 days a year.

For most of our guests, opportunity comes in the form of a free meal and a safe place to sleep. A plate of food, freely given, is often the turning point in a person’s life. With a full stomach and rest, men and women often take advantage of other services and programs available through MRM — up to and including transitional living programs that provide the skills and stability for them to live productively on their own.

This month, we’re happy to update you on the progress of Danise and Larry — both of whom graduated from our programs and are now leading productive lives in our community!

You’ll find their stories inspiring — and I thank you for investing in their lives. You’ve played a large part in their success.

Also, don’t miss page 5 — celebrating the very first 5th grade graduation of our Cross Trainers Academy. Here at-risk children in the community have an opportunity to receive a quality, Christian education. Students from Pre-Kindergarten through grade five learn a wide range of subjects — from math and reading to Bible and art. Again, a big thanks to you for your gifts!

Partnering with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Vanderburgh', written in a cursive style.



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
 –2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



Larry Serves Up a Slice of Encouragement

College students at a local university know exactly who to go to when they're looking for encouragement and compassion as they deal with the responsibilities of college...and he's not a counselor.

They stop by their dining room and see Larry, who serves up hot, fresh pizza with a big smile and an upbeat greeting for every customer.

We introduced you to Larry, a former resident of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, some time ago. In his previous life, he was addicted to drugs and alcohol — he'd even steal just to get his next fix. After walking out on his daughter, he found himself “knee-deep in drugs” and quickly approaching rock-bottom.

But that was over five years ago. Today, Larry's a completely different person!

Walking with Christ

Your gifts gave Larry the opportunity, through the recovery classes at MRM, to clean up his life — and his soul. And part of that process for Larry came through his experience of “Godly love.” Larry says, “MRM is more than a building. I can go to the staff and talk to them...ask questions...get feedback. MRM showed me how to love God. It's incredible!”

Larry found that by putting the Lord first in his life, blessings followed... including a renewed relationship with his daughter, now grown and serving in the Navy. “She makes an effort to see me,” says Larry.

Larry has been clean and sober for over five years. He loves his job serving pizza, but he's doing so much more with his life. “MRM taught me to stand up and be a man...I've learned to

walk with Christ,” Larry says. “I know He's with me. My life is a testimony.”

Giving, Not Taking

Larry used to steal from others for drugs, but now he's giving away as much hope and encouragement to as many people as he can. He's no longer a “taker,” but a “giver” who wants to help students feel welcome by genuinely getting to know them.

“Serving pizza is not only a job. I do what I can to encourage other people. To connect with others, I take it as a personal interest,” Larry says.

Your generosity has had a real impact on Larry...on his total life-change. And, he's thankful for you. “Thank you,” he says. “It's your donations that keep this place in business...to help guys like me find Christ.”

New Season, **NEW**

This has been a summer of hope and renewal here at MRM.

Our 4th of July celebrations provide us opportunity to remember the men and women who have so faithfully served our country.

Through times of peace and times of war, the men and women in uniform have devoted their time and energy. For some, there was never a hero's celebration. For many, the violence they experienced has forever changed their lives.

Did you know that, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless, over 40% of homeless men are veterans...and that up to 200,000 veterans are homeless on any given night?

Here at MRM, many of the men and women who come in for food and shelter are veterans. So, when you give to MRM, you give back to those who bravely gave of themselves.

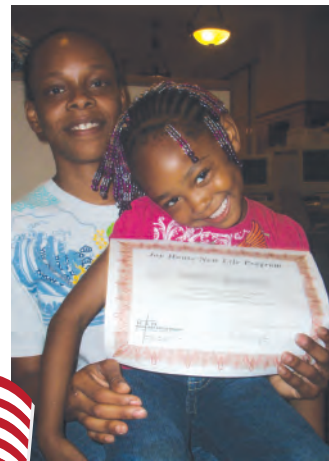
Thank you for your year-round support that ensures all-around care – meals, shelter and other basic necessities – to homeless veterans as well as other of Milwaukee's men, women and children in need.

A plate of nourishing food is often the first step on the road toward long-term change.



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Real renewal starts deep within – at the heart. At MRM, Christ is the key for life change. That's why Bible studies, chapel services and one-on-one counseling sessions are provided – to help men and women begin new lives in Jesus Christ.



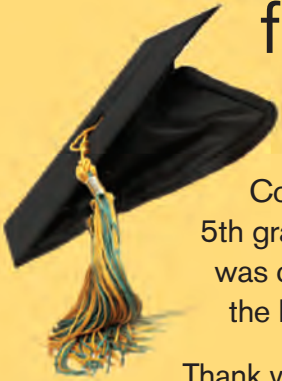
Your gifts help provide not only food and shelter, but training and counseling each of our guests needs to become an active, productive member in society.

Thank you to all our volunteers – from those who prepare and serve meals, to those who clean, sort donations and help children with their homework! Your gift of time is a real, tangible expression of love and care.



OPPORTUNITIES

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE for the first class of **5TH GRADERS!**



Congratulations to the very first graduating class of 5th graders from CrossTrainers Academy! Graduation day was celebrated on June 10, with great excitement from the boys and girls, their families and teachers.

Thank you! Your generous donations have helped provide these great children with a caring, supportive environment during the critical first years of schooling – encouraging them to both learn and grow.

Thank you for helping to give them a better chance for success!

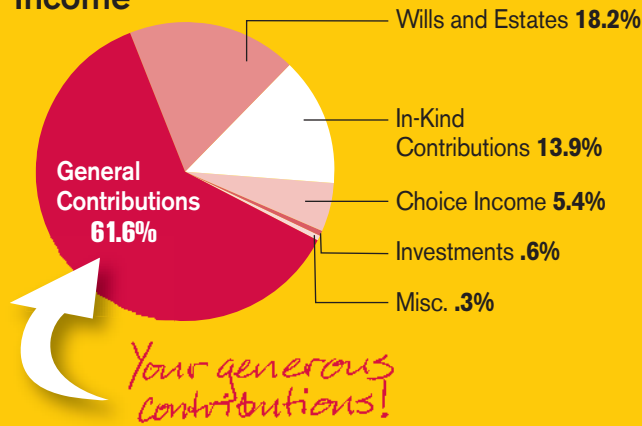


Starting in 2006, CrossTrainers Academy began offering girls and boys from the surrounding community a Christian education focusing on a wide range of subjects, from math and reading to Bible and art. On June 10, family members, staff and friends of the school celebrated the graduation of the very first class of 5th graders.



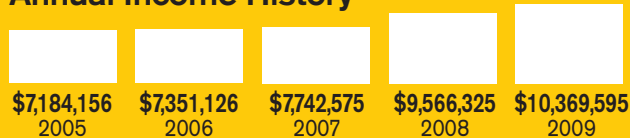
2009 Financial Information

Income



General Contributions	\$6,386,775	61.6%
Wills and Estates	\$1,889,311	18.2%
In-Kind Contributions	\$1,445,520	13.9%
Choice Income	\$566,881	5.4%
Investments	\$51,927	.6%
Misc.	\$29,181	.3%
Total Cash Income	\$10,369,595	100%

Annual Income History



Where Does Your Dollar Go? 2009 Fast Facts



227,610
meals served



109,573
nights of safe lodging



49,262
articles of clothing distributed



206
professions of faith



161
program graduates



Programs 77%

Administration 11%

Development 12%

An audited financial statement is available upon request.

SUMMER Wish List

Some of our most urgent needs are listed here. If you can help, please drop off your donation Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!

- Socks (men, women and children)
- Underwear (all sizes, but especially children's sizes 2-6, and men's and women's large sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Deodorant
- Lotion & Vaseline
- Kleenex (box and pocket-sized)
- Toilet paper
- Cold & flu medicines (non-alcoholic)
- Pain relievers
- Thermometers (digital preferred)
- Thermometer covers
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Fabric softener
- Working wrist watches
- Small clock radios
- Lunch bags and sandwich bags
- Paper plates, cups and paper towels
- Plasticware
- Snacks
- Juice
- Fresh fruit
- Minivan with stow-and-go seating (to help transport people and donations)

URGENT School Supply Needs

We need you to help provide new school supplies (calculators, rulers, compasses, protractors, Prang and Crayola paints, backpacks, glue, pencil pouches and individual sharpeners, etc.) and supplies for our classrooms (Clorox wipes, cleaning supplies, boxes of snacks, dry erase markers).



Please deliver to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!

memorial & in honor of gifts

In memory of:

(gifts received from February 16 through May 15, 2010)

Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones. A memorial gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.

Gregg Bechel
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Kenneth Kasprzak

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In honor of:

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A gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a great way both to provide hope and to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion!

Attorney Mike Andaloro
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Gary Bilke

Helen Coates, Kathie's mother
John & Kathie Buono

Terry DuMez on 20 years of service with Alliant Energy
The Alliant Energy Foundation

50th Wedding Anniversary
Arthur & Grace Horn

Christine McCarrier
Jeffrey McCarrier

Grandson's 8th Birthday
Kim DeShong

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Umesh Saxena
Juhi Saxena
Ila Saxena

Deborah Skidmore's birthday
Stacey Schmidt

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Patrick Finley

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:

Milwaukee Rescue Mission
830 N. 19th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233
Or donate online at www.milmission.org

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card. Please be sure to include their address.

The names published above represent gifts to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission greater than or equal to \$25.



Moving on, after the fire

If you remember when we introduced you to Danise in a past edition of *Soup for your Soul*, you may recall that she had a bright future ahead of her.

Your compassionate gifts gave her the opportunity to learn the valuable life skills to physically and spiritually care for herself and her children. She seized that opportunity and graduated from Joy House's *Fresh Start* program.

After leaving MRM, she held down a steady job and even bought a car — taking care of herself and her family. Then, tragedy struck.

Closer to God

On a cold November evening in 2009, a fire destroyed her home. Everyone escaped unharmed, but they lost everything they owned except the pajamas they were wearing.

“Joy House staff were the first people I called,” Danise recalls. “We came in the next morning for support, prayers and clothes for the kids — we lost everything. The staff had everything prepared for us when we arrived, and they warmly welcomed us. They helped us after the fire and, after only seven days, we were able to get back out on our own!”

It's easy to be angry and bitter at such a devastating loss. But Danise, though shaken by the whole experience, responded with a remarkable perspective — seeing the blessings that resulted.

“Because of the fire, we grew closer together as a family,” she says. “We grew closer to God as a family. We lost only material things, but we still have each other.”

And she was also reminded that she is not alone — even though she's left MRM, MRM will never leave her! She also knows that she can always rely on the Lord, in all circumstances.

“A big thank you!”

“It's such a blessing to come to Joy House and find the things you need — especially with my kids. Anytime I run into a bad situation, I can call them for advice, prayer and help...for anything, and they'll do whatever they can to help.”

The Scripture Danise memorized during her stay at Joy House has also helped her through tough times. She feels especially happy to share the gift of God's Word to encourage others.

Not only were you a part of Danise's incredible life change, but your gifts also ensure that the Milwaukee Rescue Mission can be there for her, and others like her, any time they need support.

“Thanks!” Danise voices, recalling the faithfulness of friends like you. “Your donations are so appreciated. They've allowed me and my family to get everything we need to make a fresh start. A big thank you!”

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