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make all the difference!



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President

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—John 13:34 (NIV)



YOUR LOVE TRANSFORMS LIVES

Dear Friend,

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."—John 13:34

Over the past couple of months, COVID-19 has unleashed unprecedented trauma and hardship on the entire city of Milwaukee. In many ways, the hardest hit have been those who are most vulnerable—those devastated by hunger and homelessness, seniors and the elderly, and struggling communities like Lindsay Heights.

But in painful times like these, I'm reminded that the real antidote is not fear and panic. It's unconditional love—God's love for broken people like you and me. This love is the very heart of the Gospel. And our own love for God and one another is the essence of what family and community are all about. It's this Gospel love that transforms lives at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and throughout our community.

I've seen this kind of love shine brightly in the past several weeks, not just inside the walls of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, but throughout our community. Against nation-wide shortages of face masks and hand sanitizer, friends like you stepped up and helped provide those things. When we were facing emergency needs of crucial items like men's boxers, thermometers and groceries, again kind folks like you responded with life-saving donations. And I can't tell you how grateful I am for the love you've shown us through your online donations, encouraging emails and prayers. An anonymous friend even posted a sign at our front door: "Heroes Work Here"!

It's that kind love that inspires hope, turns eyes toward God, and even transforms lives. That's why I'm so grateful for caring folks like you who do not hesitate in sharing not only your financial support, but also your *unconditional love*. Your love, compassion and commitment to vulnerable men, women and children truly make this work possible—especially in challenging times like these.

Thank you for providing the love and hope that helps our struggling neighbors not only survive their circumstances, but thrive in spite of them!

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Vanderburgh, D.Min.
President

YOU HEARD MY CRY—THANK YOU!

When Shaquonna came to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission two months ago, she was crying out for help. In some ways, she'd been crying for help her whole life. It was in Joy House, our shelter for women and children, that she finally found a loving community eager to listen—and she was determined to use the help she received here to turn her life around. Not just for herself, but for her sons.

"When I got here, I was so lost and depressed, and I couldn't see a way out," she says. "But I had to find a way. I wanted my two boys to see that, yeah, life is hard sometimes, but their mom made it. And I want them to see that when life gets hard for them, they can make it, too."

As a child, Shaquonna endured years of emotional and physical abuse. Her family often struggled with homelessness, bouncing from house to house, even living in abandoned homes when they had to. When she turned 13, however, the abuse turned so severe that Child Protective Services placed her in foster care. Feeling hurt and angry, she rebelled.

"I figured, if my own family didn't love me, nobody loved me," she says. "No one cared, so I started running away. I wasn't going to listen to anyone."

She had her first son at 18 and her second when she was 21. But the men she dated abused her, too. She started to fall into a crippling depression and even suffered a nervous breakdown. Eventually, she lost her job and her home.

"I was becoming my mom," she says. "And I couldn't do that to my boys. I needed help, so I finally came to



Joy House. Joy House showed me that someone cares. They showed me I'm worth being loved. They supported me, helped me with my kids and helped me get close to God. They're showing me how to be the kind of mom I long to be."

"I want the donors to know that I'm so grateful for their support when I needed it most. I don't know where I'd be without Joy House."

HOW YOU'RE BUILDING HOPE AT O

Zip code 53206—Lindsay Heights—is one of the poorest and most troubled communities in Milwaukee. Sitting just north of downtown Milwaukee, nearly 74% of adult males living there are unemployed, two-thirds of the children live in poverty and 96% of school-aged children come from economically disadvantaged households.

Yet today, thanks to caring and generous friends like you, Lindsay Heights is also becoming an epicenter of hope through the Milwaukee Rescue Mission's North Campus.



Transforming a Community

We work to strengthen families in the community through our school, Cross Trainers Academy, and other resources and outreach opportunities. Here's what you help do every day:

- **Education:** Cross Trainers Academy provides Christ-centered education for at-risk students, from K4 through high school. We help students reach their full potential by emphasizing strong academics, character development and preparing them to enter a vocational program or college.
- **Resource Distribution:** Our Equip program provides stability to at-risk families in the community through the distribution of clothing,

OUR NORTH CAMPUS



“As 12th graders, we had the chance to attend MATC and earn college credits while attending high school. Cross Trainers Academy opened so many doors for me. I am blessed in ways I couldn’t imagine.”

—Destiny, student in first graduating class of Cross Trainers Academy

“Cross Trainers Academy is more than a school, it’s people working to improve the lives of our kids in this community. The teachers aren’t just teachers; they care about me as a parent, and they care about our lives outside of the school.”

—Bianca, parent

—Through Your Support!

nutritious meals, hygiene items, school supplies and more.

- **Community Engagement:** Equip also supports the community by hosting block parties, a neighborhood association, adult education for career and personal growth, parenting classes, budgeting guidance and family support groups.
- **Support for Seniors:** Senior men and women in Lindsay Heights are among the most vulnerable. We offer valuable support by hosting special events for these elderly friends, and also by delivering critical supplies and food baskets directly to their homes.

“We’re giving our students and neighbors the opportunities they need to grow as a community in Lindsay Heights—bringing them together in fellowship and friendship, preparing and encouraging them for whatever their calling is. God is using our North Campus to be a catalyst to create change in families and neighborhoods in that whole community.”

—Patrick Vanderburgh, President



MATCHING CHALLENGE

Your Gift Will **DOUBLE** in Impact This Month!

Hurting men, women and children who come to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission desperately need hope and a helping hand—they need **YOU!** And now, thanks to a generous group of friends who recently contributed a \$228,771 Matching Challenge Gift, every donation we receive in May will be combined with the Match. Any gift you send will be **DOUBLED** in impact—automatically—to help even more of our struggling neighbors, and to remind them that someone really does care. This extraordinary opportunity is only available for a short time—please give **by May 31!**

Please send a generous gift today to **DOUBLE** your impact!

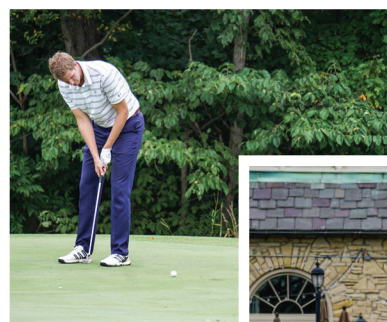
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Transform a Life—and Honor a Friend or Relative!

One of the most powerful gifts you can give someone is a gift that transforms a life forever. If you're looking to make a meaningful gesture this spring and summer, browse through our online Gift Catalog at www.milmission.org/catalog, and provide food, shelter and other resources to men, women and children at the **Milwaukee Rescue Mission**. Then print out a certificate to send to a special friend or relative in your life to let them know your gift was given in their honor!

Attention Golfers: New Location for “18 Holes for the Homeless” — Save the Date!

Calling all golfers! Doesn't matter if you're a golf pro or a weekend hacker, we'd love to see you at our annual golf outing, “**18 Holes for the Homeless,**” on August 31, 2020 at Westmoor Country Club, **a new location.** Your participation will help the Milwaukee Rescue Mission provide hope and care to struggling people in our community by raising awareness and funds to help those who come through our doors for sanctuary.



For more information, contact events@milmission.org or call **414-935-0253** or visit milmission.org/events

MEMORIAL & IN HONOR OF GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF: Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost a loved one. A memorial gift to MRM is a special way to offer hope to the hurting in the name of a friend or family member.

William and JoAnn Barwick	Jesse Ryan Gamache	Robert F. Koehne	Walter and Keme Neuenfeld	Daniel (Boomer) Schulist
Leopoldo Bernal	Jeff Garroway	Georgia Koterba	John L. Nikolai	Carol Schultz
Kathy Berres	Pam Gaul	Joseph Kotnik	Karen Ollhoff	Gregg K. Schulz
John C. Bollinger	Rosemary Gieryn	Michael Krieger	Bill O'Neill, Sr	Ali Hassan Tawfik
Smita Bose	Howard Gnewikow	Robert and Dorothy Kruger	Ruth Otto	Juanita Scott
Roger Bottoni	Michael P. Gonia	Todd Kuepper	Gilbert Ozminkowski	Jerry Severson
Jerry Brabazon	Jean F. Gostisha	Roberta and Betty Kugel	Mary Paddock	Bernardo Soto
Mary Beth Braun	Marion Graf	Timothy Kuhn	Louise Pesch	Cynthia (Cindy) Stenz
John and Geneva Braxton	Dennis L. Haeuser	Beverly Landgraf	Gino Pezzin	Linda Stowell
Michael Bruno	Paul Halfman	Dr. Mika Lazdins	Janice Plumitis	Tony Strassburger
Beverly Bruno	Nancy Hardin	James C. Livingston	Jill Plumitis	Arthur Streich
Julie Busch	Nancy Marie Hartter	Ronald G. Lopez	Justin Podlesnik	Joseph (Joe) Strong
Emery Daniel Calvino	H. Roger Hathaway	Fred A. Luedke	Mary Presser	George Styduhar
Peggy Castillo	Eugene Heinen	Aurora (Zora) Lueneburg	Thomas Psket	Helen Tarasinski
Anne M. Catalane	Earl Herbert	Marlys Lunde	Benjamin Psket	Robert Tenley
Mike and Lois Chappel	Ileana and Gheorghe Herr	Bill Lynch	Petey Pues	JT Thomas
C.W. Chiang	Oscar and Delores Hetzel	Mason Maciosek	Roberto Marcos Quirino	Robert (Robb) Tilley
David P. Chyla	Roylene Heyer	Andrew Maglio	S Raju	Our grandsons, Caden and Sammy's Birthday
Mary Conarchy	Julie and Steve Hinderliter	Gene Mahner	Ben Ritter	Kelly Ullmer
Charles Custer	Mary Hinton	Chet Manchester	Robert Ritter	William (Bill) Vaitl
Souls Dascoli	Marianne Hoerig	Loretta Mansfield	Edward and Jeanne Rivard	Dominic Vallone
Robert DeBuhr	Mary (Louise) Hrovat	Janice Marquardt	Joyce Robers	Don Vanderventer
Margaret Dettmann	Lessie Hubanks	Matthew McCombs	Majorie Robinson	Richard and Carol Ward
Andy Devine	Noel and Carol Jackson	Peter J. McFadzen	My Mom, Charlotte Roehl	Kenneth (Ken) Warschcow
Dennis Droese	Chuck and Helen Jackson	William McGair, Jr.	Ervin and Leona Roehl	Dorothy C. Weiss
Henry Dupor	Arthur H. Jaszewski	In Memory of K. E. McGovern	Ronald Romanowich	Michael John Wiktorek
Elaine B. Eisner	Jimmie Jenkins	Pat McGuire	Gerald Ruehlow	Bob and Shirley Wilfert
Bill Eisner, Jr.	Our 68th Anniversary	Alfred Meyer	Arden Rummmler	Allan A. Wirth
Lucille Faust	Steve Johnstone	Ruth Mishun	Gloriette Rutz	Timothy (Tim) Wolfmeyer
Mitchell Fischer	Todd Justman	Bill and Vera Muir	Betty Jane Ryan	Kelly Wolfmeyer
Robert M. Fleischman	Margaret Kazikowski	Richard Murphy	Dr. Umesh Kumar Saxena	Dennis Worthly
Katie Foxe	Charlotte and Gene Keller	Stephen Nahrwold	Evelyn Schlundt	Eric Zagorski
Gerald (Jerry) Frank	Dewey, Opal, Helen and Jim Kessen	Louis and Lorraine Nelson		
Mavis Freyberg	Karl Keup			
Jack Frymire	Kyoko Kinishi			
	Eleanore (Elly) Kitzinger			

IN HONOR OF: A gift to MRM is a great way both to provide hope and to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion!

Kevin Bacon and Marilynne Matthias	Jesus Christ	All the Veterans	Mary Neustifter	Alicia and Aaron Roberts
Mary Blom's 60th Brithday	Blessed Virgin Mary	Our 68th Anniversary	Ryon and Deborah Northern	Brave Healthcare Providers
Colin Brauer	Ann Gotcher	The LORD Jesus Christ	Jerry and Jean Reed	Don Seynhoven
Payton Bykowski	Tom Griffey	Joseph Marchiando's Birthday	Bruce E. and Family	Luke Spychalla
	Chuck Herbst			

The names published on this page represent gifts to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, received from February 1 through March 31, 2020, greater than or equal to \$25.

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A WHOLE NEW FUTURE



When Ambrose was growing up in Lindsay Heights, the community had its challenges. But his dad was a good man who stressed education, church and hard work. Ambrose has carried those values throughout his entire life.

"Lindsay Heights lost some of those values over the years," Ambrose says. "Drugs, gangs, violence, unemployment, immorality, disintegration of families...the whole community just seemed to break down. Kids were just falling though the cracks."

When Ambrose's youngest daughter, Ambrielle, was born eight years ago, he says she was the "greatest blessing" of his life. "There was no way

I was going to let her get caught up in all that mess," he says. "So when I first heard about Cross Trainers Academy, MRM's K4-12th grade school, I knew that's where she was going to go to school when it came time."

"Cross Trainers Academy is helping educate a new generation of kids..."

Ambrielle is in the 2nd grade now, and Ambrose says Cross Trainers Academy is making a big difference in her life. "The quality of education is top notch. The teachers love the kids, they're Christian

role models, and they teach real moral values. They also provide a strong structure and discipline when it's needed. Ambrielle might be only an 8-year-old child, but she's a strong, amazing child of God."

Ambrose says Cross Trainers Academy is having that same impact on the entire community of Lindsay Heights. "Cross Trainers Academy is helping educate a new generation of kids, and their community meetings are bringing people together. Cross Trainers Academy is giving Lindsay Heights a future again."

It's one more way donors like you, who support the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, are making a difference. And Ambrose is one father who couldn't be more grateful!

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