

# the MESSENGER

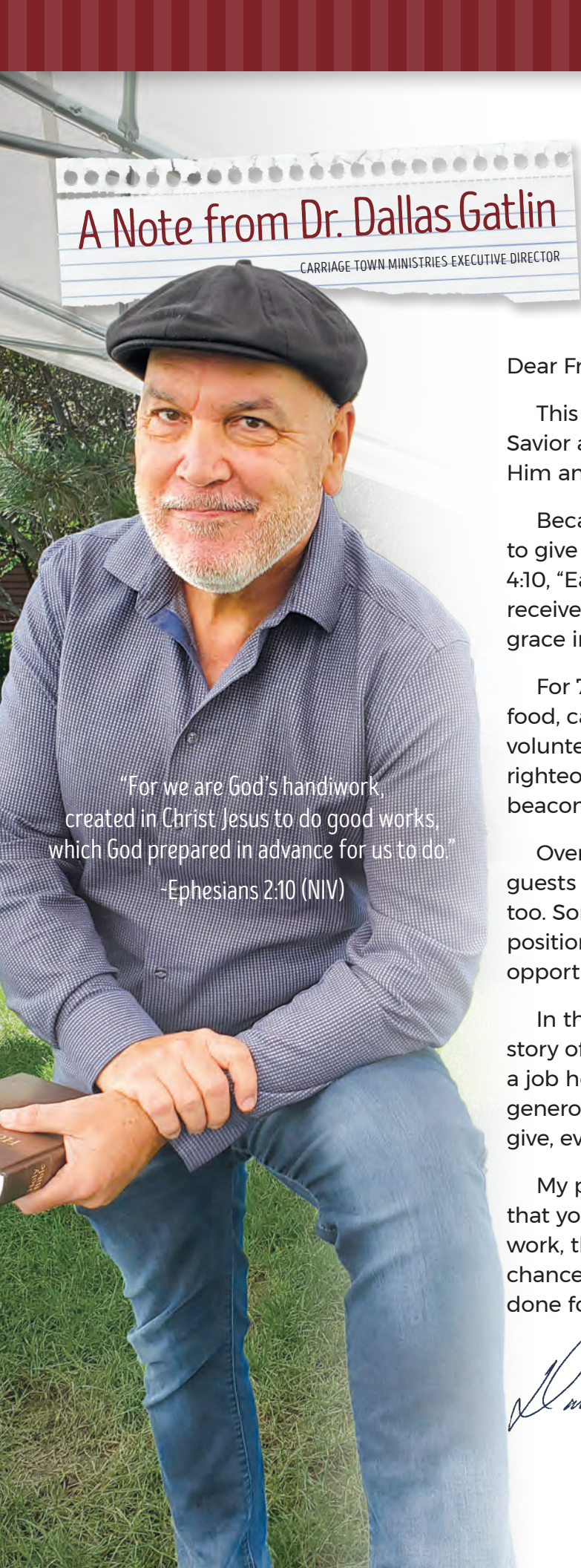
Serving, Reaching, Teaching — **Together**

NOVEMBER 2020

70 Years  
of Equipping  
Neighbors  
for a Life  
of Dignity  
and Purpose

This holiday season, Michael is grateful for the skills and faith he gained at Carriage Town Ministries!





## A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# We Honor Your Works of Service

Dear Friend,

This season, we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and the joyful life He offers to all who embrace Him and walk in His steps. What an amazing gift!

Because God has given to us so freely, it's a joy for us to give to others. Among my favorite passages is 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

For 70 years, the gifts of financial support, serving food, caring for the poor, counseling the weary, volunteering time, teaching skills and training in righteousness have kept Carriage Town Ministries a beacon of hope to neighbors in need.

Over the years, we have been honored to help our guests discover and use the gifts God has given them, too. Sometimes, these gifts develop into volunteer positions. Other times, they bear fruit through career opportunities!

In this issue of The Messenger, you'll learn Michael's story of earning an education and working hard to find a job he loves. Of course, it's all possible because of generous partners like you who continue to love and give, even when times are uncertain.

My prayer this Thanksgiving and Christmas season is that you're able to celebrate the blessing and dignity of work, the opportunity to use gifts God provides, and the chance to serve others out of gratitude for all Christ has done for us.



Dallas Gatlin



"For we are God's handiwork,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do."

-Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

# “I always wanted to help people.”

## YOU are helping Michael do what he loves!

Perhaps like many of you, Michael was born and raised in Flint. He attended Northwestern and Northern High Schools and then earned his associates degree.

For most of his life, Michael worked in manufacturing, making an honest living and doing his best to contribute to the community he knows and loves. But earlier this year, Michael lost his job.

He searched for other options but nothing panned out. And the last thing he wanted was to feel like a burden to his family or friends.

“I just decided to come to Carriage Town Ministries,” Michael shares.

Right away, Michael had a safe place to rest and nourishing food to eat. Thanks to generous friends like you, Michael has also learned new skills he can use to apply for more positions in the future.

Initially, Michael served on our janitorial team, ensuring our living environment remains a dignified place to live and grow.

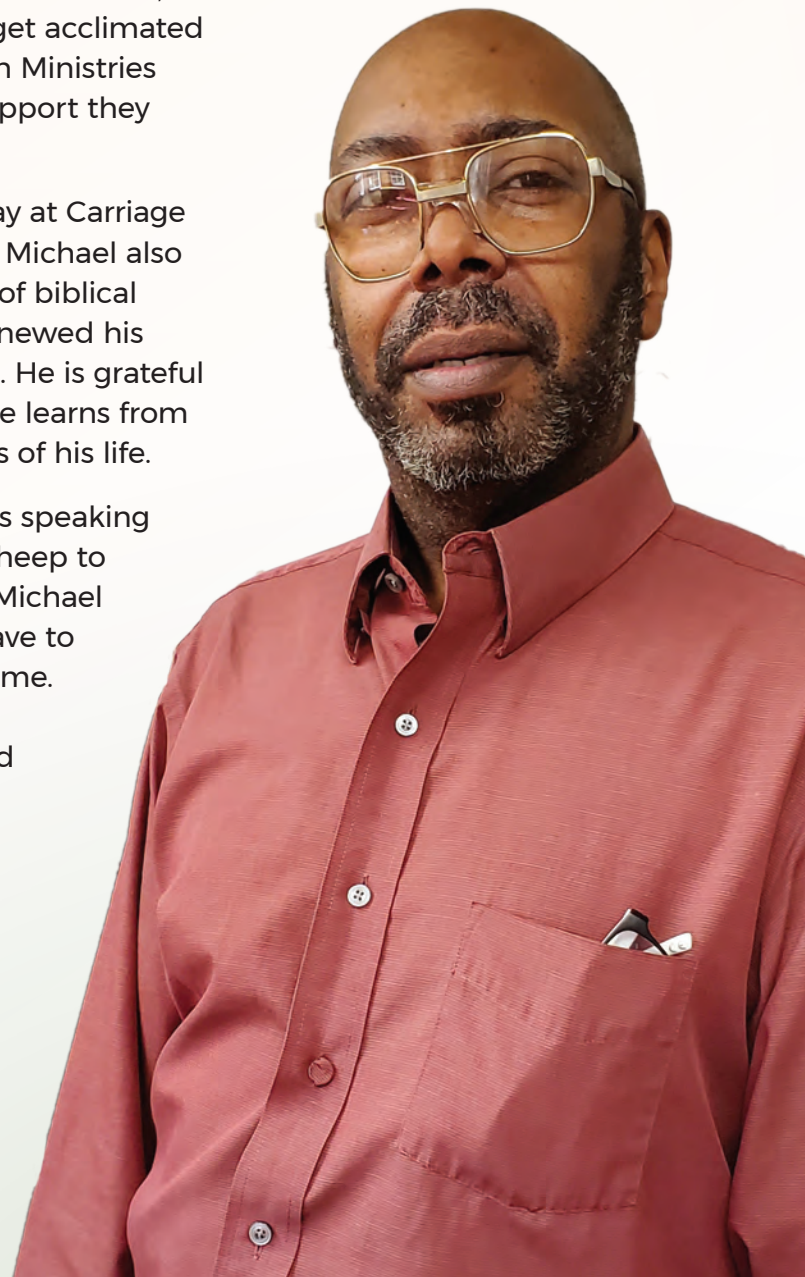
Today, Michael works as a Resident Coach Assistant, helping guests get acclimated to Carriage Town Ministries and have the support they need to thrive.

During his stay at Carriage Town Ministries, Michael also soaked up a lot of biblical teaching and renewed his walk with Christ. He is grateful to apply what He learns from Jesus to all areas of his life.

“God is always speaking and wants His sheep to hear His voice,” Michael says. “We just have to turn up the volume. Carriage Town Ministries helped me turn up the volume.”

Kindly pray for Michael as he works hard to secure a new job in the

community and takes the skills and faith he’s gained at Carriage Town Ministries to everything he pursues.



# Celebrating the Gift of Work

CELEBRATING  
**70** YEARS  
OF COMPASSION

Over the past 70 years, Carriage Town Ministries has devoted our resources, time and heart to helping men and women know how deeply loved and valued they are by God.

Sometimes that comes through providing nourishing food for a hungry soul. Other times it comes through giving a weary neighbor a safe place to rest overnight from the worries of the world.

But for much of our history, equipping men, women and even children with the ability to know their gifts and apply them has ensured they can build lives of dignity, productivity, and value.

We celebrate the gifts of mastering new skills, gaining an education, developing new trades and securing a livable-wage job!

It is truly a gift to learn and work, and we thank you for making these opportunities possible through your support of Carriage Town Ministries.



We are thankful to help guests develop a wide range of personal skills from budgeting, communication, relationship building, parenting and more.

Time in our Learning Center means time learning with Jim! We are grateful for his decades of service to equip guests with skills they can apply to most any job situation.





Throughout the years, various programs have helped residents gain confidence to rejoin the work force.

Our Summer Education and Enrichment Program ensures a love of learning and dedication to hard work starts as early as possible!



Our Blueline Donuts job training has turned out some quality local restaurant employees over the years. Not to mention some very tasty donuts!

# Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

*Gifts received July 23, 2020 to September 22, 2020*

An honor or memorial gift to Carriage Town Ministries is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member. Our deepest sympathies are with friends who have lost loved ones.

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:

## **Carriage Town Ministries**

**P.O. Box 318**

**Flint, MI 48501**

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card.

*Thank you!*

## **MEMORIAL**

### **Wayne Martin**

*Dexter St. Gospel Chapel*

### **David Barnes**

*Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Bailey  
The Barnes Family (Adler,  
Beckman, Estes & Jensen  
Families)*

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*CUWS Alumni*

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*Gloria Stinson*

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Green Hornets of the 20th SOS  
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# Celebration Event Success, Thanks to You!

On October 15, we held our first-ever virtual event, the **70 Years of Compassion Celebration and Fundraiser**. We are humbled by the generosity of these major sponsors, additional sponsors, and ministry friends who made this year's one-of-a-kind gathering such a success. To see testimonials from the evening or to make a special gift, please visit [www.carriagetown.com/virtualevent](http://www.carriagetown.com/virtualevent).



Connecting our members with high quality medical care for 35 years.

A graphic featuring three circular photos of smiling people: a woman in a pink top, a man in a striped shirt, and another woman in a pink top. Below the photos is the text "MolinaHealthcare.com" and the Molina Healthcare logo with the tagline "Your Extended Family". A small ID number "924099081017" is in the bottom right corner.

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A white icon on a red background showing a family of three (two adults and a child) with a heart above them. The heart has a checkmark inside. There are small white starburst icons in the corners.

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# Consider Your Year-End Giving Plans

Many friends wish to make a charitable gift before December 31 to maximize tax benefits.

As a reminder, **the CARES Act signed into law earlier this year includes enhanced charitable income tax deduction provisions**

**for cash donations made in 2020.**

The CARES Act provides a \$300 deduction to non-itemizers and increases the annual deduction limit for cash donations by individuals from

60% to 100% of the taxpayer's annual gross income. The deduction limit for corporations also increased from 10% to 25% of taxable income.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

## Give Joy: Christmas Adopt-a-Family

**Every Christmas, our Adopt-a-Family drive brings hope to families in our community.**

Learn how you can provide toys and necessities to make a family's holiday brighter. Contact: **Tamela at [trigg@carriagetown.org](mailto:trigg@carriagetown.org) or calling 810-233-8787 ext 6207.**



## Wise Stewardship Of Your Generous Donations



Carriage Town Ministries is committed to excellence in financial accountability. We've earned a 4-star rating with Charity Navigator for our transparency, with 85% of your dollars going directly to ministry. Thank you for your continued support!

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## Our Mission

is to provide help, hope, and the Good News to our community through the skills and means of God's people and the transforming power of Christ's love.



*Serving the Needy Since 1950*

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