



# CITY RESCUE MISSION



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Come & Help us Celebrate!

Our 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary



Taste Mission Manna!

Tour both facilities!

Transportation from Michigan Ave.!

### Centennial Tour & Open House

To Be Held At The

City Rescue Mission

607 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Saturday,

SEPTEMBER 17, 10 a.m.



FREE ADMISSION

★ Michigan Avenue

★ Maplewood Center

If you can't attend the tour from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., there is an open house for both facilities from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

(Email [info@lcrm.org](mailto:info@lcrm.org) or call 517.485.0145 for more information.)



MAKE YOUR PLANS

The Mission Centennial Tour is a special event for our supporters, like you! The tour begins at Michigan Avenue and will last from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parking is available at Brogan's parking lot across the street (see inside for a map). Tour buses will collect attendees at Michigan Avenue every half hour, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and running until 12:30 p.m., and will take them to the Maplewood Center. Once the tour is completed at Maplewood, another bus will transport attendees back to Brogan's parking lot. If you are unable to attend the tour in the morning, there is a public open house at both facilities from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. As this is available to the general public, transportation will not be provided. Parking for the Michigan Avenue open house will still be available at Brogan's parking lot and, due to limited parking at Maplewood, we ask that attendees at that facility park at Michigan Works or Walter French. (See inside for a more detailed event schedule.)

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## *A Message from Mark: "a Message and a Meal"*

*"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another,  
just as you also are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

As I finished a message one evening on Michigan Avenue, I had a young man approach me full of smiles; he was exceedingly joyful. He asked if I had remembered him from a couple years ago.

I told him that, unfortunately, I could not quite remember his name, although his face looked familiar. But, then again, we do serve thousands of unique men, women, and children each year. His name was Christopher, and he explained, "The Mission helped me out more than anybody else. I have a mountain of gratitude for what you, Richard Gray, Roger Motter, Mike Hayes and so many others did for me."

Christopher had come "right to the Mission after serving 12 years in the military." He left the military through an honorable discharge with the hope of starting a new life. However, he quickly lost everything because of his poor life choices. Christopher ultimately credited us for pointing him in the right direction. "I now have a job and have my own place. However, most importantly, I'm serving God. I came here just for a message and a meal. This is still the best place to come in Lansing!" he said with a million dollar smile.

He couldn't seem to stop hugging me in an overflow of gratitude and tears. "I praise God that you (the Mission) were here for me. I am thankful the Mission is here, for others like me that need help."

Every day it seems that there is an increasing demand for meals and shelter beds. Christopher is not alone. We are sheltering over 130 men, women, and children each night; over two thirds are women and children. Christopher's encouraging words remind me of how God provides; He provides through his people. God provides in order to change lives for all of eternity. You never know when someone is going to come "just for a meal" or "just for a bed" and find eternal life as well. However, none of this would be possible if you were not willing to utilize God's provisions on behalf of those in need. Thank you for being a Rescuer. Thank you for helping us help others.

To God be the Glory,



## *Report for the First Six Months...*

*of 1961*

Free Meals - - - - - 14,114  
Free Lodgings - - - - - 4,724

*of 2011*

Free Meals - - - - - 54,544  
Free Lodgings - - - - - 21,017

## *A Place in the Sun*



With the beauties of summer come the first “fruits” from our garden at the Maplewood Center. In early spring, Ryan Fisher came to do an Eagle Scout project and worked to provide us with the garden boxes you see in the accompanying photo. Vegetables harvested from this garden have already been used to help feed the increased numbers of men, women, and children coming to the Mission for meals. Guests help with the maintenance and upkeep of this little “place in the sun.”

## *Centennial Tour Schedule for Saturday, September 17, 2011*

Call 517.485.0145 or email [info@lcrm.org](mailto:info@lcrm.org) for more information!

### **Tour Schedule - 10 a.m. to Noon**

Tours begins at Michigan Avenue facility.

Park at Brogan’s Parking Lot (see map) and enter through 613 E. Michigan Avenue (look to the right of the “Jesus Saves” cross).

10 a.m. first tour available

10:30 a.m. bus leaves for Maplewood Center (buses leave Michigan Avenue every half hour and return to Brogan’s Parking Lot from Maplewood after Maplewood Center tour)

\* second tour begins at Michigan Ave.

11 a.m. bus leaves Michigan Ave.

\* third tour begins at Michigan Ave.

11:30 a.m. bus leaves Michigan Ave.

\* fourth tour begins at Michigan Ave.

12 p.m. bus leaves Michigan Ave.

\* fifth (and final) tour begins at Michigan Ave.

12:30 p.m. **final bus trip from Michigan Ave.**

### **Map Legend**

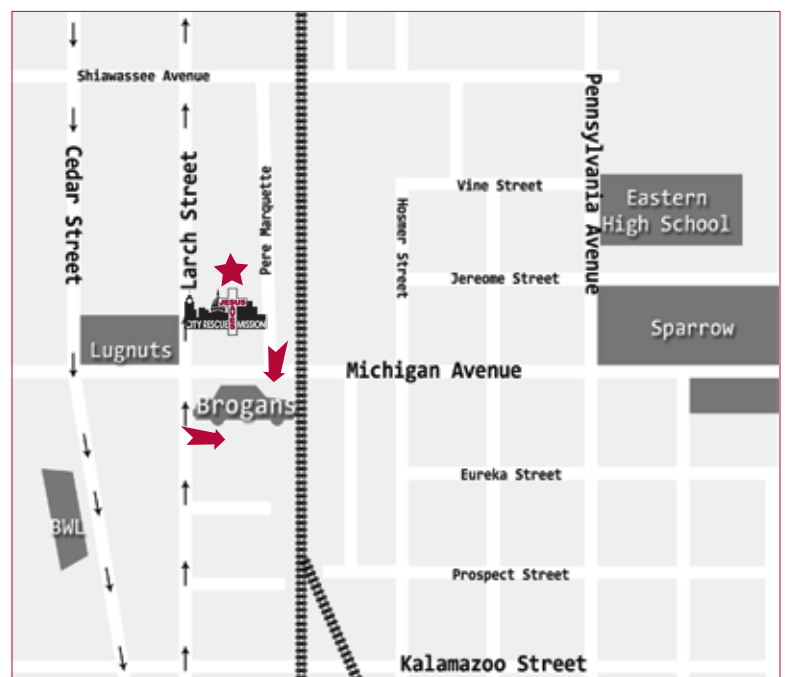
★ 613 E. Michigan Avenue

➔ Entrances to Brogan’s Parking Lot

### **Open House - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Open house available at Michigan Avenue and our Maplewood Center.

Parking available at Brogan’s Parking Lot (see map below) and Michigan Works or Walter French. (There is limited parking at both facilities, so please be considerate and use parking indicated above unless a physical need requires you to park at the Mission.)



## Who, What, When, Where, or Why?

What is this? See if you can guess what this piece of "technology" is. We won't ask you to guess its purpose, but we will let you know. Check out next month's newsletter or the Mission facebook page to see if your guess was correct.



The picture featured in the July newsletter shows Steve Morse (left), who served in maintenance during the late 1970s.

What is this?

Go to the Mission's facebook page and check out the Mission History album!



## Ways You Can "Be a Rescuer"



1. Be a Faithful Mission Supporter
2. Pray for the Mission and Its Needs!
2. Have Your Business/Church Host a Barrel Drive
3. Collect New Socks and Underwear
4. Donate Extra Item from "Buy 10 Get 11th Free" Sale to the Mission
5. Request the Mission Receive Rewards from Your Purchases  
Meijer Community Rewards: 879536      Kroger: 83703
6. Spread Awareness of the Mission

## Housekeeping

### Personal ID Number:

Above your name on your receipt or newsletter envelope is your PID. This number will help if you have a duplicate or have questions regarding a monetary donation to the Mission.

### Tax Deduction/Credit:

Gifts given to the City Rescue Mission of Lansing qualify for a tax credit/deduction. By law, we are not allowed to list a dollar amount for non-monetary donations; please keep your store receipts for new items to attach to your copy of the receipt. Monthly giving reports for cash donations are always mailed in the middle of the following month.

### Too Many Mailings?

If you are receiving a duplicate mailing, please call 517.485.0145 or email [info@lcrm.org](mailto:info@lcrm.org).

### Mission Needs

Ground Beef  
Canned Fruit (#10 cans)  
Canned Vegetables (#10)  
Plastic Spoons and Forks  
Shaving Cream  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Razors  
Baby Wipes  
Diapers- all sizes  
Napkins  
Toilet Paper  
New Socks and Underwear  
Pajamas  
Blue Jeans