

Guiding Light Mission names

Two New Board Members

GRAND RAPIDS, MI FEB 15, 2011 - Guiding Light Mission is proud to announce the addition of two new members to their Board of Directors. *"Guiding Light Mission is delighted to add the talents of these individuals to the board. We are committed to helping homeless men reengage with the community and look forward to their contributions,"* said Board Chair, Kevin Stotts.



Shawn E. Merritt

Shawn Merritt is a founding member and the president of SDI Consulting, LLC. Under Shawn's leadership, SDI has grown in two related but distinct service areas: Enterprise Learning & Talent Development and Business Growth Services.

Enterprise Learning and Talent Development specializes in large scale, complex organizational changes by 1) consulting to corporate learning functions to help them standardize on best practices and 2) implementing strategic learning & performance systems for Fortune 500 clients. Business Growth Solutions division helps small to mid-sized businesses grow through consulting engagements focusing on strategy, leadership, sales, innovation, and operational effectiveness.

Shawn has architected frameworks such as The Instructional Spine, The Performance Framework, The Delivery Method Decision Matrix, The Use of Time Index, and the Insight Selling Funnel.

Shawn received a Master's degree in Educational Systems and Organizational Behavior from Michigan State University in 1991.



Nate Vander Stelt serves as the Director of Development and Foundation for Potters House School. He has served in advancement, development and recruitment for over fifteen years. Prior to this he served as Youth Pastor at 1st Allendale CRC and Sunshine Community (middle-school), as well as Executive Director of Early Teen Ministry (North America). He is certified as a Christian Stewardship Professional with Christian Leadership Alliance. Nate has been a member of the Engagement Advisory Committee for Guiding Light Mission for the past year.

Nate received his Master of Arts in Youth and Education from Calvin Seminary in 2001. He and his wife Kristi and their three children attend Madison Square Church. Nate enjoys fishing, golf, running, reading, family vacations and opportunities to serve others.

"I'm happy to have the expertise that both Shawn and Nate bring to our Board of Directors, and I look forward to working with them as we continue to plan for our future," states **Stuart P. Ray**, Executive Director.

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About Guiding Light Mission

Guiding Light Mission provides meals to anyone in the community in need. An average of 12,322 meals per month is served to men, women and children at Guiding Light Mission as well as distributed to local charities and emergency food basket providers. Guiding Light Mission provides emergency overnight shelter for 51,200, and offers a Christian based, residential substance abuse and life recovery program known as START (Spiritual Truth And Recovery Training). The Mission is funded entirely by private donations and relies extensively on volunteers who serve over 12,900 hours. For more information about Guiding Light Mission, please visit www.lifeonthestreet.org.