

# GUIDING LIGHT MISSION

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Winter 2010 Edition

## VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Director's Informational Breakfast

Take a moment to learn more about the homeless community from the men that live at Guiding Light Mission, tour our facility and hear from Executive Director, Stuart Ray. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends and family to Guiding Light Mission and the work you do as a volunteer!

**Where:** Guiding Light Mission  
**When:** Wednesdays 8am-9am  
**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Mary at [mary@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:mary@lifeonthestreet.org) or 451-0236 x20.

#### Musicians Against Homelessness

Join us at the BOB on Sunday, February 21, for a lineup of bands performing in support of Guiding Light Mission.

**Where:** the BOB on Monroe  
**When:** Sunday, February 21, 3pm-midnight  
\* For more information, please contact Sharice at [sharice@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:sharice@lifeonthestreet.org) or 451-0236 x17.

#### Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Mark your calendar for a morning filled with food, friends, and entertainment. Our 'THANKS' to you for everything you do for the community at Guiding Light Mission.

**Where:** Guiding Light Mission  
**When:** Saturday, April 24, 9:30am-11:30am  
\* Look for a formal invitation coming soon! For more information, please contact Mary at [mary@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:mary@lifeonthestreet.org) or 451-0236 x20.



### Volunteer Spotlight: Barb Andela-Skar



A very special thank you to Barb Andela-Skar for her work at Guiding Light Mission! Barb has coordinated the donation and installation of a sink bowl, a new barber chair, and a hairdressing cart filled with the essentials for providing hair care services to our men. Barb has helped our men to transform themselves physically as they focus on their spiritual & emotional transformation, and we are all tremendously grateful to Barb and her clients at Hairacy Salon for their contributions.

## Looking for more ways to help?

We are grateful for all our volunteers, and genuinely feel that we could not provide this level of service to the community without your help! If you're looking for more ways to get involved, or can help us by engaging your friends, family and coworkers, please consider these upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Golf Outing Planning & Event Day Volunteers.** We're looking for help in pulling together a very successful Golf Outing! If you are available to help coordinate the logistics of this event, or on the day-of, please contact Anna at [anna@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:anna@lifeonthestreet.org) or 616-451-02326 x35 for more information.
- **Chapel.** We are in need of more licensed chapel speakers, seminary students, and music ministry for our chapel services at noon and 6 p.m. Please contact Mary, [mary@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:mary@lifeonthestreet.org) or 616-451-0236X 20.
- **Man-2-Man Mentors.** We are in need of mentors for the men in our recovery program. Just one hour a week can make a difference in a man's life Forever. If interested in learning more on this opportunity, please contact Bill Shaffer, [bill@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:bill@lifeonthestreet.org) or 616-451-0236 X33.

### REMINDERS!

- **New volunteers** are not scheduled until a request form has been returned
- **Group volunteers** are scheduled 3-4 weeks from date a request form is received
- **Everyone** please sign in at the reception desk every time you volunteer
- **Individual & Group** request forms and volunteer brochures are kept at the reception desk. Please pass these on to anyone you know that is interested in volunteering!
- **New volunteers** please have your photo taken at the reception desk
- **Chapel speakers** please arrive 10 minutes before your sermon, begin preaching on the hour, and finish within 20-30 minutes.

Please visit our new website at [www.lifeonthestreet.org](http://www.lifeonthestreet.org).

# THANK YOU *for everything you do!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Guiding Light Mission Golf Outing

Spend a day on the green in support of Guiding Light. \$95 per golfer, or \$380 for a foursome. [Sponsorship opportunities are available!](#)

Lunch & dinner will be served.

**Where:** Deer Run Golf Course  
Lowell, Michigan.

**When:** Monday, June 21, 1pm  
shotgun start

\* For more information or to RSVP, please contact Anna at [anna@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:anna@lifeonthestreet.org) or 451-0236 x35.

## SPECIAL THANKS

A big thanks to Dutton Christian Middle School for hosting a coin drive to benefit Guiding Light Mission, and for your time volunteering at GLM. May God Bless You!



Please check the Volunteer Board weekly for updated volunteer information!

## Letter Writing Campaign

*You can help in a BIG way by simply drafting a “Dear Family and Friends” letter or e-mail explaining why you support Guiding Light Mission and the cause of providing for the homeless in our community. As for them to support you in your passion and our mission, and together we can make a big difference in our community. It’s easy!*

### 1. WRITE A LETTER

Tell the story of your experience at Guiding Light Mission as a volunteer, as a mentor, or as a donor. If you’ve had the opportunity to work with men in our substance abuse and rehabilitation program, or watched them throughout their journey at Guiding Light Mission, share what you’ve learned with others (no last names, please!). We are tremendously proud of the men at GLM, and their amazing stories can be an inspiration to many.

### 2. SHARE THE FACTS

Your personal stories and experience at GLM are extremely powerful, and so are the facts about our community and those that we all serve at the Mission. Including some of the startling facts can be a great way to illustrate the need for the services provided by staff, volunteers and donors at Guiding Light Mission. (see the sample letter for statistics to include!) You can download fact sheets online at [www.lifeonthestreet.org](http://www.lifeonthestreet.org) to include with your letters. We’re happy to help you get the information you need to be successful in your fundraising, so please be in touch if you need our help. Contact Anna at [anna@lifeonthestreet.org](mailto:anna@lifeonthestreet.org) or 616-451-0236 x35.

### 3. GET THE MESSAGE OUT

Whether you do it via email, snail mail, or with a personal phone call, sharing your story and our message can generate great support for our mission and the cause you so graciously support.

#### Start with the lists you already have

- Address book
- Holiday card list
- Team rosters
- Church directories
- Business contacts

#### Then watch the numbers multiply!

- Ask you email contacts to forward it on to their contact lists
- Send 5 extra copies of the letter, with envelopes, to encourage others to pass it on by mail

### 4. TAKE IN DONATIONS

Mail in or drop off any donations that you receive as a result of your letter-writing or email campaign. Or, if you’ve directed someone to our secure online donation system, there’s no need to worry about keeping track of checks and cash. We will always reach out and thank donors for being an important part of our success and continued support of the community in need.

### THANK YOU!

Your help is a true blessing to all those served at Guiding Light Mission!

Download these instructions & a sample letter online at [www.lifeonthestreet.org](http://www.lifeonthestreet.org)!