“In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him.”
1 Samuel 18:14
part of the Cherry Street Mission Ministry philosophy involves providing multifaceted methods to restore the soul, spirit and mind of those who have lost hope.

Starting with a pilot group in the summer of 2018, and then the majority of guests by the end of the year; Cherry Street staff engaged a program for residential and community guests to be on a personalized development plan. The plans are developed by the individual and layered with many opportunities for engagement through services and the partnering collaborations. These plans will help to increase the sustainable impact for lives and generations.

Cherry Street continues the tradition of never shutting our door on anyone needing our help and walking alongside others as they pursue their own development plan.
Rae found herself at Cherry Street, isolated from her family. After years of thinking she had simply severe depression; she discovered she was bipolar. Unfortunately it was too late. She arrived at Cherry Street feeling isolated, unhealthy and disoriented.

Rae has also suffered from at least three strokes. It’s something that runs in her family. She thinks since she has been staying at the Sparrow’s Nest that she has had a few mini-strokes as well. “Two out of the three strokes I have had I was in the shower. Do you know how difficult it is to get out of the tub when you’re dripping wet, get to your phone, call 911, and try to talk? Because it affects my speech it is especially difficult. This is not my normal speech anymore. I have a lisp now. And it’s changed since I’ve gotten here. Staff at the Sparrow’s Nest have noticed it as well. I think I’m having these little strokes,” said Rae.

As an incredibly intelligent person, Rae was one of the early pioneers for the internet. And she is eager to get back into a place of success. She started off building computers with her dad. Then she made her way into building websites. Rae had a large list of clients she had been working with. Rae said, “I’ve been self-employed ever since, and I love it, and I love having that kind of control over my life and the independence that comes with it. Then I started getting a series of strokes, mini strokes.” Rae continued, “And I’m bipolar. So those things do effect the amount of work I can do.”

Even with Rae’s years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a place of success; it never would have prepared her for staying at Cherry Street. “I am a very independent woman. It’s just like you’re so independent that you get yourself into trouble,” Rae said. She used to work for hours on end, building people’s websites for them. Her niche was small businesses and working for international companies as well. She arrived at Cherry Street feeling alone and exhausted.

"AND THE LORD WAS WITH HIM; HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN WHATEVER HE UNDERTOOK." 2 KINGS 18:7

“I think people need to know that being homeless is exhausting because you’re fundamentally working on just surviving, and that takes work. That takes work because now these people aren’t safe. A lot of them have problems like they’re not on medication for problems that they should be on medication for,” Rae said.

When asked where she thinks she would be without Cherry Street, Rae’s answer is pretty simple. “On the streets, just like most of them. I’m a female. I’m 63. I have compromised health. I have neurological deficiencies. I’m a sitting target,” chirped Rae.

Having had a completely different life before coming to Cherry Street; it has been a total surprise to her to have to be here. But having been here has allowed her the chance to regroup and address the isolation and medical needs she has. She is enjoying Monday night Bible Studies at Cherry Street. Being at Cherry Street has allowed her the opportunity to take control back of her life by monitoring her health and addressing her needs right away. That kind of growth and recovery of success doesn’t come easy. But that’s the work that Cherry Street is used to doing.

When you are in support of Cherry Street you’re in support of providing access to services through Cherry Street and providing help to someone like Rae. Needing help through a significant transition, moving back toward her independent life and restoring herself, is made possible through those who assist Cherry Street.
Built around partnerships, Cherry Street’s Life Revitalization Center is an “under-one-roof, holistic ecosystem”. Community members can access services for housing, government assistance, behavioral health, temporary staffing, education and advocacy. Your support of $200 a month allows for those living in poverty to have wrap-around services.

As a monthly Pillar of Hope donor, you agree in providing opportunities for success. You make success possible by investing each month in the men and women that come to Cherry Street. For 72 years and counting, investment from people like you makes it possible for trust and consistency to be built in the lives of your brothers and sisters who are hungry for change.

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Jesus didn’t wait for people to approach him. He went to them. He went where people were. Jesus’ most powerful moments were not in the Temple. If we are called to be like Jesus there are plenty of opportunities to minister to others - at Cherry Street - in our safe and structured environment.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, he got off his horse to be with the person in need. Thank you to the churches who have recently volunteered their time to serve others at Cherry Street.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the volunteer team at 419.214.3357 or at volunteer@cherrystreetmission.org.
When Toledo Public Schools first opened Macomber High School, it was geared toward providing vocational training for boys. Over time, America told students to go to college and now we don’t have enough people to provide valuable services. Companies are eager to hire and are offering living wages and substantial benefit packages. To assist in finding meaningful careers and to fill open positions in the job market, Cherry Street is expanding the opportunities toward continuing education.

Over the last few years, Cherry Street has experienced great success in the continuing education programming for Customer Service/Call Center Training. In the initial formation of the classes, Cherry Street was able to tweak and improve the experience. Having completed the beta testing, in partnership with higher education institutes and hiring companies, Cherry Street is excited to expand the access to services and career prospects to include Manufacturing Skills, Digital Literacy, Welding and Tool & Die.

To provide the instructional guidance in the Customer Service training, Cherry Street has a long standing partnership with Northwest State Community College. In the recently started Welding and Tool & Die classes, Cherry Street is working with Owens Community College to provide instruction. The students, who started classes on Monday, June 10, 2019, are from all walks of life, throughout the Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.
WHAT THE PROFESSIONS ARE SAYING:

“We’re excited to be a part of this significant project and the positive impact it’s making on the community. Welding and tool and die are careers in high demand, right now.”

ROB KRAUS, Executive Director, Workforce and Community Service at Owens Community College

“The Customer Service/Call Center training program is something the community can be proud of. It’s graduating people into well-paying careers and we are honored to work with Cherry Street to achieve those goals.”

TAMI NORRIS, Training Coordinator, Northwest State Community College

“A continuing education class like this is a win-win situation for students and machining companies like ours. Students get both class room and hands-on experience while learning machining skills. Programs like this will help us staff for the future to meet growing customer requirements.”

JEFF FRAZIER, President, Frazier Machine & Production, Inc.

Planning for a vacation requires selecting a destination, making reservations and packing your bags. There is another area of life that requires good planning — your estate plan. A good estate plan can ensure you are prepared for the future, so that you have what you need when you need it.

If you would like additional information on ways to donate, contact Cherry Street at csmm@cherrystreetmission.org or 419.214.3007.

We have information that can help you put together a plan that is right for you. Please call or email us so that we can assist you.
For more information about Cherry Street or the Voice of Compassion, contact Nikki Morey at nmorey@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3009.

Donate Food
Your donations of food enable us to provide homeless and near-homeless men, women, and families with over 600-800 meals each day, in the form of hot meals. Food donations must have been prepared in ServSafe® method or donated as a whole, uncooked food.

Please bring your donations to:
Cherry Street’s Life Revitalization Center Building
1501 Monroe Street (former Macomber School)
Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Donate Non-Food Items
Your donations of non-food items provide dignity to our guests 365 days a year. We accept donations of toiletries, winter gear, socks, scrubs and underclothing for both men and women.

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Cherry Street’s Life Revitalization Center Building
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Weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Call 419-214-3007 for more information.

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Cherry Street accepts stocks, bonds, trusts, jewelry, real estate, boats, RVs, and other vehicles. If you would like additional information on ways to donate, contact Cherry Street at csmm@cherrystreetmission.org or 419-214-3007.

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