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## Pulpit and Politics

by Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr.



that there is a perception of political power in the black church that does not exist in reality.

When it became apparent that the black church would be a powerful force in the civil rights movement, the focus for community leadership became the black church leaders. The prominent pastor became the spokesperson for community issues, the go to negotiator when civic situations needed a go between. The black community began to look to that pastor for insight, whether personal, political, social, or spiritual. The broader community expected that pastor, local leader, to be the voice of reason that could keep the peace. They became the gatekeeper.

Through the days of Dr. Martin Luther King, the civil rights, equal rights legislation, urban development, and entry into the blue collar middle class we saw great men and women provide leadership. We also saw two other phenomena that

Recently, I read excerpts from an article that suggested that most of the social problems in the urban (black) community can be traced to the failure of the church. The black church has been the target of attribution for the past several decades. I believe

increased the perception of power and influence.

The first phenomena that occurred was the fact that black people truly followed and believed in their leaders. The second was that whenever those leaders were called to assist in community issues, the people in the community responded to their leadership which caused a level of respect from the larger community. I am not just talking of race, but the economic division that responded.

I believe that the perception of political influence is kinetic. It is waiting to be fulfilled. The will to do this will come from those who want to see real change, unselfishly. That is the only way to overcome that malady of disconnection.

I honestly don't think we will have the luxury of missing the mark in this present election. The differences in the candidates are stark and need no rehearsal of the potentials of each one. I am convinced that we need to have informational discussions about elections at every level, about economic development efforts that don't leave our children. We need to advocate for reduction of the debt for higher education.

One of my favorite leadership quotes says, "A leader who has no one following him is just a man taking a walk." I am more than committed to that belief. I look for the leaders in the faith community to do the work of their faith. We can turn that perception into a reality.

# Remembering Bruce Moorer, here in 2016

by Mike Thompson

Some Michigan Banner readers may hear pleas to vote on Nov. 8 because we must "stop Trump," and that's reason enough, even if we must resort to Hillary. After all, Trump should have been stopped from the start, when he first emerged as a birther with racist claims about President Obama not being a real American, and then added Muslims and Mexicans. It apparently was okay for Trump to slur ethnics, but when Donnie switched to my white peers wives' and daughters' privates, that was too much for them.

And so readers may ask, why should my Anglo self be urging my black brothers and sisters to vote?

Within the following remarks, this will not focus only on stopping Donnie. There is more to voting than that. State and local elections. We begin by thinking of fall 2016, of course, but also of 1983.

Why 1983? Am feeling old in asking this, but do you remember Oliver Bruce Moorer? If you remember Bruce Moorer, then maybe join me in asking for the senior citizen discount. If you do not remember, then what follows is a local history lesson. Keep in mind, our bottom-line theme remains getting out and voting.

Bruce Moorer, before 1983, was a local pioneer as Saginaw's first black probation officer at the county jail. He was killed at his central East Side home in what city police described as a drug raid for suspected marijuana. The four officers were white, one especially notorious in the community (Lapeer and Sixth Street, Saginaw's small 1967 "Detroit summer"). And so back during the early 1980s, a quarter century ago, there was a Black Lives Matter-type of outcry when police killed Bruce Moorer..

Emotions spilled into the local 1983 election.

Do you remember when W-3-SOUL, now KISS 107, had a voice? In 1983, there was an all-day election radiothon to get out the vote. Various activists such as Bernice Barlow and Al Loveless and John Pugh (now best known as Pamela's dad) would speak on 3-SOUL from a downtown base at Zion Baptist. Pastor Roosevelt Austin would tell the most important story of all -- how during the early 1950s down in Louisiana, he and four

young friends were voter registration activists, and one of them was murdered in the same manner as Medgar Evers was murdered. "It could have been myself who was killed. That is why I always vote," Pastor Austin would say over the 3-SOUL airwaves, causing thoughts at this particular time to turn to Bruce Moorer as well.

There were immediate results in 1983, the largest turnout among Saginaw black voters before or ever since -- even more than for Jesse Jackson in 1988, or for Barack Obama in 2008 or 2012.

Do you remember Louis Oates, Mildred Mason, Carter McWright, Hazel Wilson, Jim Woolfolk? They all won office in 1983. Suddenly, Saginaw had black majority membership on BOTH the City Council and on the Board of Education.

We would think this would have been a signature year for progress, for people finally to continue voting.

Indeed, the newly elected 1983 "black majorities" worked "across the river" among white folks who were afraid of some sort of racial takeover. The Board of Education extended after-school programs to all elementary buildings, both East Side and West Side. The City Council took post-Bruce Moorer steps to integrate the Police Department, but also extended block grant home-repair zones into the eligible areas of the near West Side.

Still, it seemed during that time like not much changed. Saginaw was in the middle of decline. And Saginaw was not alone. The same was happening in scores of towns across the nation. We can talk GM and redlining, and various causes, all that we want. But as Larry Crawford, mayor 1983-87, explained back then, "We on the City Council got blamed locally for the Reagan years, even among our own people."

As soon as 1987, many black citizens had become discouraged and stopped voting. Even Willie Thompson and Louie Oates got voted out of office

in 1987 (hard to imagine) due to lack of black people voting. And the downfall has continued into the 21st century. For only one example, when Carl "Mac" Williams fell short of becoming Saginaw County's first black state Senator a few years back, the main reason was an awful 15 percent voter turnout on the East Side.

So now here we are, a quarter century past what I still think of as the 1983 Bruce Moorer Voter Turnout Era. Even the police killing of Milton Hall, five summers past, failed to produce people participation in the same degree as Bruce's death. It seems like some people have given up.

In conclusion: (1) Remember Medgar Evers and Fannie Lou Hamer and Pastor Austin's young 1960s friend (and countless more whose names we'll never know). (2) Remember Bruce Moorer. (3) Even if you feel it makes no difference, go and vote, simply for your own personal civil rights fulfillment.

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For over 60 years, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation have supported the United Way nationally and locally. Today, AT&T continues this legacy of support through a contribution of \$12,000 to the United Way of Saginaw County. In 2016 alone, AT&T gave \$5 million to 500 local United Ways across the country.

The United Way of Saginaw County will use the contribution to support programs that create long lasting change in the local community. The United Way is dedicated to improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good, as is evident from the work the United Way

of Saginaw County is doing in Michigan. For example, in the past year, the organization funded programs like the Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region, which provide a fun, safe and nurturing after-school environment for the area's youth.

In addition to this contribution, each year AT&T employees take part in an employee giving campaign that provides millions of dollars to nonprofit organizations, including the United Way. In 2015, AT&T employees, including employees represented by the Communication Workers of America, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers or the Telecommunications International Union, pledged \$37.4 million through this campaign. "AT&T shares United Way's commitment to strengthening communities and improving lives," said Jim Murray, AT&T Michigan President. "The United Way of Saginaw County's support for programs with proven results in our community improves the lives of our citizens by connecting them with resources and expertise that helps them succeed."

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# Flint Mayor Inaugural Ball



*(l-r) Stacy Erwin-Oakes,  
Jerome Buckley, and  
Flint Mayor Karen Weaver*

## HEALTH

## Free Radon Test Kits Available in October



Chris Klawuhn, Saginaw County Environmental Health Director, announced today that the Saginaw County Department of Public Health is distributing free radon test kits in October. He encourages area residents to get a kit and test their home during the coming heating season and, if necessary, to take action to reduce their exposure to this tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas.

Stating that some area residents may be at

risk of developing lung cancer from exposure to elevated levels of radon gas in their homes, Klawuhn said, "We are encouraging Saginaw County residents to stop by the health department and pick up a radon test kit, and more importantly, to use that kit during the coming heating season."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, surpassed only by cigarette smoking, and it is a significant environmental health threat that can be easily detected. When elevated radon levels are found, residents should confirm the measurements with additional testing, and then take action to reduce the levels in their homes.

Radon occurs naturally in soil and rock, but being a gas, it can move upward through the soil and it enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation floor or walls.

Typical entry points include floor/wall joints, sump openings, crawlspaces, cracks in the floor, and other penetrations caused by plumbing, wiring, or ductwork. Outdoors, it is diluted by the atmosphere, but indoors it tends to be more concentrated and can accumulate to unhealthy levels. Klawuhn is quick to add that "the only way to know if your home has an elevated radon level is to test your home."

"Because radon is invisible and can't be smelled, it's easy to ignore," Klawuhn said. "It doesn't cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, skin rashes, or other warning symptoms that might be experienced as a result of exposure to many other environmental toxins, yet extended exposure to elevated radon levels may increase one's risk of lung cancer, a generally fatal disease."

**Radon, JUMP TO PG 11**



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**Radon, FROM PG 26**

EPA estimates that radon is responsible for more than 21,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, and a Michigan Public Health Institute report estimates that more than 600 of those occur here in Michigan. Nearly one in eight homes in Michigan has elevated radon levels.

Testing is easy and inexpensive, Klawuhn says. The do-it-yourself test kits distributed by the health department are normally available for \$10.00, and that includes postage back to an out-of-state lab, as well as the fees for having the device analyzed and a report sent back to the consumer. Free kits are available through the month of October in Room 101 at the Saginaw County Department of Public Health, 1600 N. Michigan Avenue in Saginaw.

For more information, call Environmental Health Services at (989) 758-3686 or visit [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org). The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also has a toll-free number at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642).

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# Flint's New Chief Public Health Advisor Officially Onboard

by Kristin Moore



October 6, 2016 (Flint, Mich) — Flint Mayor Karen Weaver is excited to now have a Chief Public Health Advisor on the job as she works to grow her administration and increase staffing levels at City Hall.

“Staff was reduced to basically a skeleton crew over the last several years,” said Mayor Weaver. “Since the water crisis is now getting the attention it deserves, we at the City have been forced to do much more with less. The addition of Dr. Pamela Pugh as Chief Public Health Advisor is a significant step to help us better meet the needs of Flint residents still dealing with the ongoing

effects of the man-made water disaster.”

Dr. Pamela Pugh is a Michigan native who was born and raised in Saginaw. Pugh is the owner of Urban Regeneration LLC, a business which serves as a catalyst for economically sustainable and healthy urban communities by assisting public agencies, organizations, and businesses in building capacity through effective operations and winning partnerships. Prior to starting Urban Regeneration, Pugh worked at the Saginaw County Department of Public Health for 14 years.

Pugh earned a Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH) from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Florida A&M University (Go Rattlers!). She is eager to use her knowledge, skills and experience to help make a difference in the lives of families in Flint.

“Serving the people of Flint is a huge honor for me,” Dr. Pamela Pugh commented. “I recognize

the critical assignment before me and have hit the ground running, working to find balance between gathering accurate data related to the Shigellosis outbreak and timely reporting to the community. One of my foremost goals is to work with residents and other City partners to help restore trust in those charged with the task of protecting the health and well-being of residents. I am up to whatever it takes to ensure that this happens. The residents of Flint deserve nothing less.” The position of Public Health Advisor is an essential need identified by Dr. Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Assistant Surgeon General Admiral Michelle Dunwoody. Dunwoody and Lurie were appointed by the Obama Administration to assist Mayor Weaver and her administration with the pressing health needs facing Flint residents.

## CenteringPregnancy Program coming to Saginaw County to improve the health of newborns and infants

Saginaw, MI – Can infant mortality rates be improved by providing a group model of care? A program called CenteringPregnancy believes it can; this proven, evidence based program leads expecting mothers through a structured process resulting in fewer spontaneous pre-term births and fewer newborns with low birth weight.

The Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. (MiHIA) and Central Michigan University Health (CMU Health) are



bringing the program to the region, starting efforts in Saginaw County.

“Saginaw County as a whole has a disproportionate rate of preterm delivery and low birth rates, and our infant mortality rate is .93%, compared to .68% state-wide. We also know that African American mothers experience infant mortality at almost three times the rate of Caucasian females,” says Dr. George Kikano, Dean of CMU’s College of Medicine. “We’re determined to make positive changes to these trends.”

The current CMU Health obstetrics clinic in Saginaw has a large number of ethnically diverse, low-income women who are at a high risk of experiencing these poor outcomes.

“In the group care model of prenatal care, women become actively involved in their own health and their own care. They have the opportunity to spend about 20 hours of face-to-face time with their provider and group throughout the pregnancy, compared with

only 2 hours of total time with a provider in a traditional individual care model. This powerful combination of improved knowledge and participation has been associated with improved outcomes in many areas, and a better experience for patients and providers alike,” says Dr. Erica Canales, MD, who practices in Saginaw.

CMU Health will be evaluating 10 aspects of birth outcomes on a quarterly basis to track and report the impact of the program.

“Infant mortality is a high priority throughout the state, and MiHIA is eager to play a role in addressing this major health barrier,” says MiHIA CEO Beth Roszatycki. “Our goal is to see a long-term strategy to replicate and expand this program to additional counties beyond Saginaw.”

The CenteringPregnancy program planning will begin in August 2016, with the program delivery starting in late fall. The grant project will conclude in July 2018. For more information, please contact MiHIA at [admin@mihia.org](mailto:admin@mihia.org).



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**INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS & WEALTH****Chamber Announces Recipients of 2016  
Community Leadership Awards**

Saginaw, Mich – The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and Premiere Sponsor St. Mary's of Michigan will honor five community leaders on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Annual Community Leadership Awards Luncheon. One of the Chamber's premiere events of the year, the Awards Luncheon typically includes over 500 guests who come together to support the recipients and learn about their lives, businesses and accomplishments. This year's award recipients include:

- Terry Klein with T. M. Klein & Sons, Inc. receiving the Outstanding Small Business of the Year Award;
- Kenneth Streeter, receiving the inaugural Community Impact Award;
- Brandon Bordeaux, receiving the Dr. Samuel H. Shaheen Vision of Free Enterprise Award;
- Laura Yockey, receiving the Spirit of Saginaw Award; and
- Louis Furlo, Sr., receiving the Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award.

Anyone interested in attending the celebration can purchase tickets online at [www.SaginawChamber.org](http://www.SaginawChamber.org) or by calling the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce at 989-752-7161. Tickets are \$45/ea. with discounts available for tables of 8.

Information on each of the recipients follows.



**2016 Outstanding Small Business of the Year • T. M. Klein & Sons, Inc., Terry Klein, Owner**

More than 40 years ago, Terry Klein and his wife Mary purchased a colony of honey bees to help pollinate their apple trees and garden.

What began as a hobby has grown over the years into a home-based, family-owned business with distribution from Michigan to China.

T.M. Klein & Sons produces and packages honey and sells specialty glass and plastic jars to a diverse client base of small start-up businesses, home industries, local food markets, the craft beer industry and Meijer stores. In keeping with the nurturing nature of bees, all of their glass and plastic products are either reusable or recyclable.

A true family organization, T. M. Klein & Son's have counted three generations among their 20 employees including Terry and Mary, their sons Dan and Dennis and their grandchildren Joshua, Rachel and Matthew. Though, according to Terry, even the unrelated employees at T. M. Klein and Son's are like family.

To keep pace with the demands of a growing business, in the past 10 years Klein & Son's have added a processing plant, new harvesting and processing equipment, and a second 5,000 square foot building. In 2015, the company recognized a nearly 50% increase in the sale of barrels of honey. They have been nationally recognized for the quality and nutrition of their honey receiving several small business awards including a review from Texas A&M.

In an innovative attempt to help more of their bees survive the cold winter months, Klein & Sons began sending pallets of hives by flatbed truck to warmer climates. Then, each spring, they begin the process of rebuilding the colonies.

Active contributors to the local community, T. M. Klein & Sons works with

the Tri-Township Fire Department on any emergency involving bees. They also provide education days for area school children and donate their product to local food pantries.

Customers appreciate the personal touch when dealing with Klein & Sons citing their honesty, integrity and professionalism.

Nathon Lane, Production Manager of Sleeping Bear Farms put it this way:

"Conversations with T. M. Klein employees always encompass a little work and a little life ... truly an authentic small American business."



**2016 Community Impact Award • Kenneth Streeter**

Ken Streeter has spent over 40 years helping provide a better life for the homeless and the elderly. Beginning as a Rescue Mission volunteer, Ken's role eventually grew to service as a member of

the Board of Directors and finally as the Mission's twenty-second superintendent. His title later changed to executive director and his tenure is documented as the longest in Rescue Mission history.

In its early days, the Mission served homeless men and later assisted families recovering from the Depression. However, as times changed, there became a growing need for service to a different population.

Under Ken's leadership, the City Rescue Mission opened the Family Shelter in 1983 to provide safe, clean, emergency lodging and

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Christian witness to homeless women and children. It was one of the first ministries of this distinction nationwide.

His ability to recognize and meet the needs of others has served the community well. In 1991, Ken spearheaded efforts to acquire Community Village and began providing assisted living services to mainly low-income elderly residents. Working with Bay County, Ken helped expand the Mission's services to a wider geographical area and worked to establish the Good Samaritan Mission in Bay City.

To support Mission services, Ken sought to find new sources of funding and, in the summer of 2010, helped orchestrate the opening of the Rescue Ministries Thrift Store at Green Acres Plaza in Saginaw Township. The thrift store serves the dual purpose of providing financial resources to the Mission organizations and offering new life for donations of clothing and home furnishings at low prices.

Ken's leadership and vision has grown City Rescue Mission from an organization with one employee and a \$40,000 annual budget into Rescue Missions of Mid-Michigan, an organization with four divisions, more than 100 employees and an annual budget that exceeds \$4 million.

Ken is the current administrator for Community Village and Director Emeritus for City Rescue Mission of Saginaw. His vision, compassion and care for those in need have impacted countless lives, and the foundation he has built over the years will allow the Mission to continue that impact long into the future.



**2016 Dr. Samuel H. Shaheen Vision of Free Enterprise Award • Brandon Bordeaux**

Brandon Bordeaux went to work for Caravan Knight Facilities Management as a Northwood University co-op student. After graduating, he joined the company as sales and marketing manager and then progressed to the position of purchasing manager.

In 2005, at the age of 28, Brandon purchased a majority stake in the business and eventually rebranded the company Caravan Facilities Management.

In just ten years under Brandon's leadership, the company grew from a custodial service organization with 200 employees and annual sales of \$12 million to an international, minority-owned company with 2100 employees and annual sales exceeding \$123 million.

His secret formula for growth lies in diversifying the company's customer base to include automotive and healthcare industries, entertainment venues, restaurants and educational campuses. He has expanded the product and service lines to include facility, building and fleet maintenance; grounds and landscaping; environmental services; and security and staffing personnel.

Strongly committed to Caravan employees, Brandon encourages team building, leadership from management, safety, and a positive work environment. He has implemented innovative safety initiatives that engage employees and reward excellence.

Brandon is equally enthusiastic in his support of local businesses and the community. The company uses local vendors for supplies and purchases vehicles from local dealerships. In addition to financial support, employees at all levels are provided opportunities to volunteer and participate with a wide variety of community programs and organizations. Some of these include

- Making Our Children Smile;
- United Way of Saginaw County;
- Children's Zoo at Celebration Square;
- Light Up The City;
- The Humane Society; and
- Habitat for Humanity.

Brandon Bordeaux's vision for growth of his company and the community is both aggressive and demanding. He expects to work hard to achieve his goals and respects that work ethic in the people around him. As he says himself ... "If it were easy ... everyone would do it."

**2016 Spirit of Saginaw Award • Laura Yockey**

As Community President and Senior Lender for Chemical Bank, Laura Yockey is a recognized community and business leader. She is also an enthusiastic and dedicated



community volunteer.

She is a current diplomat, past ambassador and past chairperson for the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. She is on the Board and Distribution Committee of the Saginaw Community

Foundation and serves on the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows.

In fact, Laura has devoted a staggering amount of time, effort and dedication to a nearly endless list of charities and development organizations all in support of making Saginaw a thriving community for its residents and a supportive environment for area businesses.

With a special passion for organizations that serve and support children, Laura has spent several years working with Junior Achievement as a consultant, a Titan Challenge Coach for highschool students, a classroom volunteer, a fundraiser and a two-year board chair.

She is currently a strong advocate for Saginaw Promise, serving as a member of the Executive Committee and as board treasurer. The Saginaw Promise mission is to affect Saginaw's economy and quality of life by promoting and supporting a culture of post-secondary education for all of its graduating students through information, programming and the awarding of "last dollar" scholarships. Laura shares the Saginaw Promise belief in the power of education to transform lives and impact the future of Saginaw and the entire Great Lakes Bay Region.

During her tenure on the board, Saginaw Promise has awarded almost \$600,000 in scholarships to 447 students. Graduation rates have increased and dropout rates have decreased at both Arthur Hill and Saginaw

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High Schools. Saginaw Public School's college enrollment has grown and a new Saginaw Promise website was developed to assist parents and students 24/7.

On behalf of Saginaw Promise, Laura has spoken throughout the region promoting awareness through results and growing support for the program.

Laura combines motivation and drive with an endless supply of enthusiasm and a total commitment to Saginaw. And as someone who volunteers to make the community a better place for everyone, Laura Yockey embodies the "Spirit of Saginaw".



**2016 Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award • Louis Furlo, Sr.**

Louis Furlo, Senior has been a lifelong Saginaw resident and champion for countless Great Lakes

Bay organizations for over 50 years ... including over 150 local and regional organizations he has supported as Morley's Chairman of the Board.

As the modern-day founder of Morley, he ensured that an important part of the firm's culture included a responsibility to serve, support and invest in the community, and he incorporated that value into its mission statements. The firm was recognized for that culture in 2007 when Morley received the Corporate Community Service Award from the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce.

Lou attended Bay City Junior College and worked at his family's hardware store before beginning a career with Morley Brothers at the age of 28. At the time, Morley Brothers was one of the largest wholesale hardware distributors in the U.S.

As a territory sales manager, Lou

recognized the potential of the incentive and motivation business as a natural outlet for Morley merchandise and formed the firm's incentive division in 1964.

The board eventually appointed him president of the firm in 1979 and shortly thereafter, he initiated the sale of Morley Brothers.

In 1982, he purchased the incentive division with a group of investors, and renamed it Morley Incentives becoming Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the company.

The Furlo family purchased all outstanding shares from the original investors in 1991.

Today, Morley employs over 2,500 associates providing Meetings & Incentives, Business Process Outsourcing, and Exhibits & Displays services to 45 Fortune 500 and Global 500 clients.

Lou remains Chairman of the Board and, with his three sons, owns and manages the firm which is one of the largest employers in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

As a philanthropist and community advocate, Louis Furlo, Senior has leveraged his talents to support many international, national and local organizations.

He is a charter member of Legatus, a Catholic organization dedicated to improving the moral and intellectual faculties of corporate leaders worldwide.

He was also instrumental in the founding of Drug Free America with his close friend, former Secretary of State, General Alexander Haig. This organization is dedicated to helping teens live productive, drug-free lives.

Lou is a lifelong supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and was honored personally by its founder, Danny Thomas.

In 1997, he was appointed to the Northwood University Florida Board of Governors, and became Chairman of the Florida Board in 2004. He was ultimately appointed to the Northwood University Board of Trustees in 2005 and remained an active

member until 2010, when he retired and was designated Trustee Emeritus after 14 years of service.

In Saginaw, Lou served on the Board of Directors for Citizens Bank and its predecessor Second National Bank. For over a decade, he served on a variety of executive committees for both banks, including a key position as a member of the banks' Charitable Trust Committee.

As someone who worked most of his career downtown, Lou has a passion for preservation of local historic architecture. As a member of the Board of Directors and Membership Committee Chair at the Saginaw Club, he worked to ensure sustainability of this historic landmark.

A lover of classical music and patron of the arts, Lou supports the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra and served on its Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Director Search Committee.

He is also a supporter of the Saginaw County Hall of Fame and is a member of its Board of Directors, dedicated to recognizing Saginaw's local heroes.

Lou recently retired from the board of directors of St. Mary's Field Neurosciences Institute in Saginaw where one of his favorite responsibilities was serving as the Committee Chair for ThinkFirst, a public education effort he helped launch to build awareness for wearing helmets while riding a bike, skateboard or scooter.

With hard work, faith and an entrepreneurial spirit, Louis Furlo, Sr. has made the Saginaw community a better place to work, live and raise a family ... and this year we honor his dedication with the Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award.

The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce is a coalition of nearly 1000 area businesses. It is the Chamber's mission to support local small business success in pursuit of their vision for a strong and healthy community.

## Federal EDA grants to Kettering University, University of Michigan-Flint, Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce support economic development in Flint

Kettering University, the University of Michigan-Flint and the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce have received Economic Development Assistance grants from the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA). Kettering University received \$1.9 million for completion of phase two of the Kettering University GM Mobility Research Center. The University of Michigan-Flint received \$400,000 to establish a University Center for Community and Economic Development. The Flint & Genesee Chamber received \$197,416 to create a brownfield redevelopment accelerator.

“Ensuring that our nation’s communities have the vital, infrastructure and tools needed to support economic growth is a top priority for the Economic Development Administration,” said U.S. Assistant Secretary Jay Williams. “Today’s investments support Flint’s initiatives to grow the local economy and provide employment opportunities for the local workforce which helps strengthen the country’s global competitiveness.”

Kettering’s Mobility Research Center is being constructed on a 19-acre property at the corner of Chevrolet Avenue and Bluff Street. Phase one of the project, which included construction of a 3-acre test pad, was completed in the fall of 2016.

Phase two construction, with support from the EDA grant, will begin in the spring of 2017. Components of phase two include a low-speed road course with elevation and surface changes, optional routes and other features aimed at creating diverse testing environments. A garage facility will be constructed to include automotive bays, conference and office space and indoor lab space.

Another distinctive aspect of the facility is its connection to Kettering’s 4G LTE Advanced wireless cellular research network. Kettering is the only university in the country operating a private 4G LTE Advanced cellular network

infrastructure. The network operates at 10X the data speed of current cellular networks, and provides researchers on the proving ground and surrounding areas with unique access to the next generation of cellular communications systems.

“This unique facility – the only one of its kind on a university campus in the country – puts Kettering and Flint at the forefront of research and development in mobility and autonomous vehicle systems, as well as associated safety and other related technologies,” said Dr. Robert K. McMahan, Kettering University President. “This facility will create learning opportunities for students that are unmatched anywhere while also enhancing opportunities for faculty research in collaboration with industry. As importantly, though, it will also allow the University – and the city of Flint – to attract and retain new industry partners that will develop and manufacture these new products and technologies. We are grateful for the support from the EDA to allow us to construct phase two of this incredible facility.”

The University of Michigan-Flint received a highly-competitive grant of up to \$400,000 over five years to establish a University Center for Community and Economic Development. The EDA-funded University Center will provide entrepreneurship and innovation support in the seven-county region (Genesee, Shiawassee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties). The project includes funding for a regional asset mapping initiative — which will evaluate the impact of regional economic development efforts and conduct an annual regional business climate survey. A dedicated EDA University Center Research Fund also will support applied UM-Flint faculty and student research around economic and business development needs. UM-Flint students also will create a website to facilitate access to regional economic data, research findings, and create an

interactive map.

“Our faculty and student researchers will provide important insights our region needs to make the most of its economic development work,” Chancellor Susan E. Borrego said. “The UM-Flint EDA University Center will help our region’s economic development planning and decision making — and ultimately evaluate economic development efforts to assess which were most effective. We know that the U.S. Economic Development Administration is very selective in the creation of its University Centers and we are proud to host this project on our campus.”

The Flint & Genesee Chamber’s EDA grant will be used to help accelerate brownfield redevelopment in the city of Flint. This includes the completion of a feasibility study that will assist with redevelopment of the city’s most critical brownfield manufacturing site at the former Buick City complex. The feasibility study will include three main elements that will guide the implementation process for construction of a business accelerator facility at the Buick site – a market study, a site plan, and a business plan.

“Brownfield sites are both a challenge and an opportunity for Flint,” said Tim Herman, CEO of the Flint & Genesee Chamber. “Apart from a perception that there are environmental and infrastructure challenges at the sites, there can be difficulties involved with identifying property price, processing site plans, and working through business licensing and legal procedures. On the other hand, brownfield sites are optimal sources of real estate on which build modern facilities that will be attractive to site selectors and businesses looking to locate here. The EDA grant provides a critical piece of the puzzle for brownfield redevelopment in Flint.”

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***“Today’s investments support Flint’s initiatives to grow the local economy and provide employment opportunities for the local workforce which helps strengthen the country’s global competitiveness.”***

## New farmers market boosts prospects for downtown Saginaw economic growth Michigan Strategic Fund supports magnet development in Mid-Michigan; developers anticipate more businesses to locate to city

LANSING, Mich. – An expansive indoor-outdoor farmers market is expected to have a transformational economic impact in downtown Saginaw. The project, “Downtown Saginaw Farmers’ Market,” aims to elevate the city’s profile as a mid-Michigan destination, serving as a magnet for retailers, restaurants and businesses while attracting residents to an area where property has been long vacant. The Michigan Strategic Fund approved today \$3.475-million in support of SVRC Market Place. The funds, which are an incentive awarded from the Michigan Community Revitalization Program, are part of a \$19.8-million private capital investment into a 2.27-acre property along South Washington Avenue, a downtown main street and former location of the former Saginaw News building, vacant since 2009. When completed, the project is expected to create 53 jobs. “The SVRC Marketplace Project will be a great addition to the urban core of our city allowing residents to eat better, healthier foods, and to buy local,” said Saginaw Mayor Dennis Browning. “The city strongly supports the SVRC Marketplace Project and is excited about having a Farmer’s Market that is open all year long.” The 100,000-square-foot mixed-used

development will feature a three-story marketplace, food processing hub, rental commercial kitchens, business offices, retailers, space for permanent vendors, entrepreneurial support services and headquarters for SVRC Industries, Inc., which operates the farmers’ market under SVRC Market Place. Design of the farmers’ market encourages walking in downtown. The site is near the renovated Bancroft Hotel, a 122-unit historic building that re-opened in summer of 2014. The MSF provided \$1 million for the project. “The Farmers’ Market brings together the proud agricultural tradition of mid-Michigan with a distinctively 21st-century entrepreneurial sensibility,” said Steve Arwood, CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). “We look forward to the momentum of this project and the encouraging prospects for private investment into downtown.” On behalf of the MSF, the MEDC administers programs and performs due diligence on grants, loans, collateral agreements and approved funds. In addition, the MEDC is the state’s chief marketing agency engaged in business attraction and retention efforts along with serving as a catalyst for job creation

“The support from the Michigan Strategic Fund will help breathe new life into a core of Saginaw through new jobs created, the economic impact of new businesses, increased number of feet on the street and meeting the need for more fresh fruits and vegetables in our community,” said CEO Dean Emerson, SVRC Industries. In addition to MSF funds, the development has a package of loans and grants to cover the total cost. Sources include Chemical Bank, historic tax credit and equity provided by the developers. The MSF award is required leverage to receive a loan nearly twice that amount. Of the total \$3.475 million award, about \$1.5 million will be forgiven upon completion of the project. Pure Michigan is a brand representing business, talent and tourism initiatives across Michigan. These efforts are driven by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the state’s marketing arm and lead advocate for business growth, jobs and opportunity with a focus on helping grow Michigan’s economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit [michiganbusiness.org](http://michiganbusiness.org). For Michigan travel news, updates and information, visit [michigan.org](http://michigan.org).

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number of students into our classrooms, equipping them with the knowledge, experiences, and skills to make lasting contributions to the businesses, organizations, and communities they help shape. We invite you to see how our students, faculty, staff, and campus are making a real difference. More: [www.umflint.edu](http://www.umflint.edu).

About Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce: The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce is a premier business membership organization unlike most chambers of commerce. In addition to traditional member services, our responsibility includes serving as the lead economic development agency for Flint & Genesee, marketing tourism, youth and business training, and a Shared Services Center. More: [www.flintandgenesee.org](http://www.flintandgenesee.org).

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# The Feasibility of the National Museum of African American History and Culture

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As I watched the grand opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture on television I was filled with excitement and emotion. I was excited about this historic moment, and what it means for the African American community and the nation. I thought of my great grandfather William Harrison Hammond, an ex-slave who became superintendent of schools in Shelby County TN and the founder of Oak Spring Baptist Church in Arlington, TN which he pastored for 65 years. The museum honors and appreciates millions of African Americans like him sharing their stories with the country and the world.

I reflected on the great honor I felt when I was included as part of a team of 10 development professionals who conducted the fundraising feasibility study designed to learn whether or not the American public – and especially the African American community – was committed to help bring to life the 100 year dream for such a museum. Each team member interviewed 30 African American stakeholders from across the country to learn if they were open and willing to be engaged, and if they would provide financial support.

The United States Congress was considering

legislation to build and sustain the proposed museum, and had set out specific criteria that needed to be met. Congress needed to know how much could be initially generated from the private sector to meet the matching requirement that would come with federal funds. The feasibility study provided information that answered Congress' questions.

An important piece of information revealed during the study related to

the museum's location. We tested the concept of a museum that would be part of an existing Smithsonian site. This was unpopular with those interviewed. They felt that the impact African Americans have made on this country deserved more than being housed in existing or expanded Smithsonian properties. Interviewees felt the museum deserved the prestige of an independent site on the National Mall, and their voices were heard.

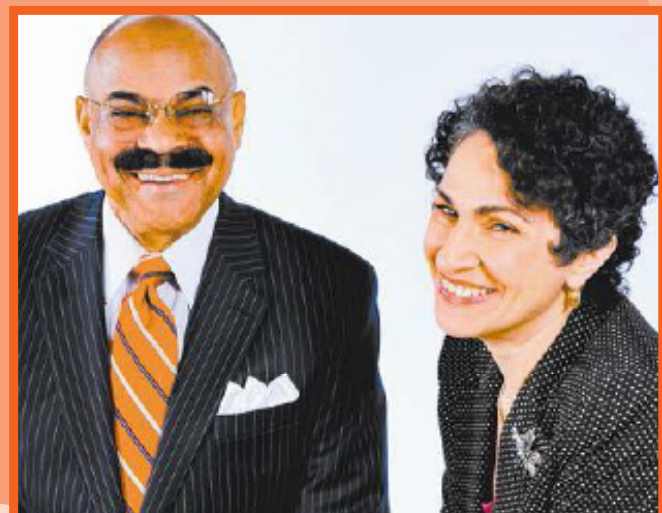
At Saad&Shaw we strongly recommend feasibility studies for organizations who are considering a major fundraising campaign. These studies are conducted before a nonprofit makes major investments of money, time and personnel. This first step and cultivation activity reveals the data and information that management and the board need to make critical decisions. These include decisions relating to leadership, attitude of the marketplace, available funding

(both short term and long term), capacity and infrastructure, and the extent to which a project meets the needs of the marketplace.

The feasibility study for the National Museum of African American History and Culture addressed these issues and more. The results demonstrated that America would support the proposed museum with both attendance and finance. The study was an important management tool that helped shape campaign planning and design; identify where money could come from; identify who could advocate for the campaign and museum, and learn where museum artifacts could come from. As a form of market research the study gave the project legitimacy. It was one part of the process that culminates now with the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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**EDUCATION**

# Kettering University's Academically Interested Minds Program Earns National Honor

***AIM Program at Kettering University earns the 2016 NAMEPA Outreach Program award.***

The National Association of Multicultural Engineering Program Advocates (NAMEPA) announced the selection of the Academically Interested Minds (AIM) program at Kettering University as the 2016 NAMEPA Outreach Program Award recipient. The AIM program aligns with NAMEPA's mission of providing quality service, information, and tools to students. "It's an honor for AIM to be recognized as an elite pre-college program that encourages students of color to pursue higher education careers in the STEM fields," said Ricky D. Brown, Associate Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Initiatives. "The recognition means a great deal coming from nationally renowned educators and engineers."

AIM is a five-week residential pre-college summer program that began in 1984 and has

continued to thrive over the years. The program is designed to augment Kettering University's efforts to reach a greater number of multicultural students who have a strong interest in the areas of engineering, math, science and business. There is no cost to students to attend.

Since its launch, 100 percent of its participants have enrolled at a college or in military service upon graduating from high school. A large percentage continued their education in the STEM fields.

"Parents and students who are seeking one of the best STEM-related pre-college programs in the country should consider AIM," Brown said. "AIM exposes rising high school seniors to state-of-the-art laboratories and technologies run by the very best faculty members at Kettering."

The NAMEPA Outreach Program Award was

established to honor outreach programs that have actively increased the participation of students from historically underrepresented minority (URM) populations in engineering. NAMEPA is a national network of educators and representatives from industry, government, and nonprofit organizations who share a common commitment to improving the recruitment and retention of Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic American, Native American, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander students earning degrees in engineering.

The Academically Interested Minds (AIM) Program will be recognized at the 37th Annual NAMEPA national conference at Purdue University in October 2016.

## SVSU lecture series lineup includes Supreme Court politics, future of science

Saginaw Valley State University is hosting several thought-provoking speakers for this year's Visiting Scholars and Artists Series. The series will run during both the fall and winter semesters and is part of SVSU's community-minded mission to bring leading scholars to campus and share their insights with residents of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The fall portion of the series will feature eight speakers covering a range of topics from the making of a writer to the mystery of Civil War London. With a retired SVSU president and a highly acclaimed physicist among the lineup, featured speakers will discuss politics within the Supreme Court, the revolutionary science of medicine and the need for inclusivity on college campuses and elsewhere.

All lectures are open to the public and admission is free of charge.

Fall speakers for the series include:

- Mamie T. Thorns, SVSU special assistant

to the president for diversity programs, will lecture on the topic of "Civility, Inclusivity and Equity on Campus and Beyond." In her role, she has provided leadership and coordination for SVSU's programs related to diversity, equal opportunity and affirmative action. Having more than 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in the field of higher education, Thorns was the recipient of the 2013 YWCA Women of Achievement Award. She was also recently endorsed by the Institute for Diversity Certification as a national certified diversity executive. Her presentation for SVSU's annual Rush Lecture will be Thursday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. in Founders Hall.

- Paul Chang-Ha Lim will give SVSU's Barstow Lecture titled, "Heretical Lives Matter...Really? Policing the Boundaries of Mystery in Civil War London," on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall. Lim is an

associate professor of history and religious studies as well as the history of Christianity at Vanderbilt University. His latest book, "Mystery Unveiled: The Crisis of the Trinity in Early Modern England," was awarded the Roland H. Bainton Prize as the best book in history or theology in 2013 by the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. Lim earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University, a master of theology in church history from Princeton Seminary, and a Ph.D. in English religious history from Cambridge University.

- Eric R. Gilbertson, SVSU's retired president and current executive-in-residence, will give the James E. O'Neill Memorial Lecture Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts. His topic is "The Empty Ninth Chair: Politics and the Supreme Court." Currently teaching

**SVSU Lecture, JUMP TO PG 26**

**SVSU Lecture, FROM PG 25**

SVSU courses in administrative science and constitutional law, Gilbertson formerly served as legal counsel to the Ohio Board of Regents. He completed a bachelor's degree at Bluffton College, a master's degree in economics at Ohio University and a law degree from Cleveland State University; he also has received honorary degrees from the University of Mysore in Indiana and Ming Chuan University in Taiwan.

- Carlos Ojeda Jr., a former college administrator, is focused on teaching students across the country that their voices can be powerful. His passion for motivating others pushed him to start the organization CoolSpeak: The Youth Engagement Company. Providing youth motivational speakers, the organization includes programs and events that are specifically designed to give students the opportunity to engage while both educating and empowering them. Ojeda will speak Friday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. in Hamilton Gymnasium.
- Physicist Michio Kaku will examine "The Next 20 Years, How Science Will Revolutionize Medicine, the Economy and Our Way of Life" during SVSU's Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion Monday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. As the co-founder of string field theory and a professor of physics at the City University of New York, Kaku has written several books about the future of physics including "Hyperspace" and "Physics of the Impossible." His visit is part of the Dow Visiting Scholar program. The lecture will take place in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts.
- Samrat Upadhyay is a professor of humanities

at Indiana University. He has written several books including the short story collection "Arresting God in Kathmandu." The book won a Whiting Writers' Award as well as a pick for the 2001 Barnes & Noble Discover Great Writers Program. Other works by Upadhyay include the acclaimed novel, "The City Son" and "Buddha's Orphans." As part of SVSU's Dow Visiting Scholar program, he will speak Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. His lecture is titled "Celebrating Gratitude: An Ode to the Forces that Make a Writer."

- Charlie Appelstein works as a youth care specialist as well as president of Appelstein Training Resources, LLC. In doing so, he provides expert strength-based training for people and groups that work with children dealing with serious emotional and behavioral issues. In dedicating the entirety of his career to this cause, Appelstein has been called "the best youth care trainer in America," by Robert Lieberman, former president of the American Association of Children's Residential Centers. Appelstein's visit is also a part of SVSU's Dow Visiting Scholar program; he will speak Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Ott Auditorium in Gilbertson Hall.

His lecture is titled "Helping Kids to Be All That They Can Be-Using a Positive, Strength-Based Approach for Maximizing Children's Potential."

- Carolyn Woo came to the United States to attend college and completed bachelor's and master's degrees, and a Ph.D. at Purdue University. She was motivated by her life experience growing up in Hong Kong, hearing many accounts regarding the fleeing from the communist government in China as her parents had. After working as the dean of the Mendoza School of Business at Notre Dame, Woo accepted the position of CEO and president of the global humanitarian arm of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. She will deliver her lecture, "Working for a Better World," Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts as part of the Dow Visiting Scholar program.

The Dow Visiting Scholars & Artists program at SVSU was established through an endowment from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation to enrich our region's cultural and intellectual opportunities.

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## COMMUNITY

# Hearts for the Community receives two grants



Saginaw, Mich. – Hearts for the Community received a \$2,500 grant from the Nexteer Steering the Future Fund for its safe outdoor recreational park and food program and a \$8,000 grant from the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund to be used for the purchase of a playscape for the Hearts for the Community Recreational Park. The Nexteer Steering the Future Fund and the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund are managed by the Saginaw Community Foundation.

Hearts for the Community is a non-profit organization located on the Southside of the City of Saginaw that offers a safe outdoor recreational park and food program.

“These two grants helped Hearts for the Community buy materials for our recreational park and equipment to expand our programs for the youth in this community,” said Pastor Dennis Cotton, Sr. “Hearts For The Community is dedicated to bringing life back into the surrounding neighborhoods on the Southside of Saginaw.”

“The generous support of the Nexteer Steering the Future Fund and the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund makes it possible for our organization to exist and make the community a great place to live,” said Pastor Cotton. “Thank you Nexteer Automotive and Dow Corning Corporation.”

### About Hearts For The Community

Hearts for the Community (HFTC) is committed to helping our youth and families, by providing youth activities and a food program in

one convenient location. Since 2013, Hearts for the Community has been dedicated in servicing all surrounding neighborhoods on the City's South Side. We strive to help and prepare our youth to be productive positive well rounded role models, whether it's through girl scouts, tutoring, teaching life Skills, or field trips. All year round Hearts for the Community will encourage safer and cleaner neighborhoods, which will create a livelier community atmosphere. Learn more at [heartsforthecommunity.com](http://heartsforthecommunity.com).

### About the Saginaw Community Foundation

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Congress says pizza is a vegetable.



Historic First Congregational Church of Saginaw, Michigan announces the upcoming movie, Fed Up to be shown in the Bradley House Theatre on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 beginning at 4:00 PM. After the 1 hour 32 minute movie, Dr. Dan Kehres from Kehres Health & Chiropractic will have a short presentation with a Q & A session. Edible Arrangements will provide pineapple pops for a healthy snack, all for a cost of \$5.00 per person.

Fed Up educates the audience by looking at US Government-issued dietary guidelines from

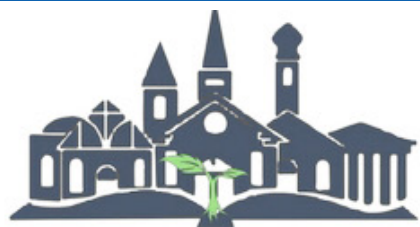
30 years ago and how the role of dietary sugar increases risks of obesity, diabetes, and other associated ill-health outcomes, especially in children. The film's director, Stephanie Soechtig, followed some of the movie's featured families for more than two years. The film documents their struggles with health issues. American journalist and TV personality, Katie Couric co-produced this documentary and is the narrator. The film premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival on January 19, 2014.

Fed Up received a positive response from critics and review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes reports that 82% of 61 film critics have given the film a positive review, with a rating average of 7 out of 10. In her review for LA Weekly, Amy Nicholson praised the film by saying that “Fed Up is poised to be the Inconvenient Truth of the health movement.”

(Free-will donations are also accepted and benefit the Bradley House Theatre's quest to bring films with a social justice theme to our screen.) Mark your calendars and plan on attending!

Bring a friend or two!

First Congregational Church's building dates to 1867 and is located on the corner of South Jefferson Avenue and Hayden Street in downtown Saginaw. Bradley House Theatre has its own separate entrance off Hayden Street marked with signs. The congregation, gathered in 1857, is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, and has recognized excellence and eclecticism in its worship and musical offerings since the 1800's. First Congregational Church completed a renovation of the Bradley House Theatre in 2012 as a part of its Phoenix Project, which helps to solidify the congregation's cultural commitment to the Cathedral District, Saginaw, and the Great Lakes Bay Region. Dramas, contests, talent shows, movies, and other events have taken place in this space since then. Bradley House is also available for short-term rentals. For more information, call the Church office at 989.754.6565, Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM or visit our website at [www.fccsaginaw.org](http://www.fccsaginaw.org).



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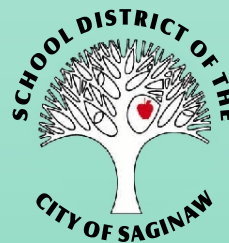
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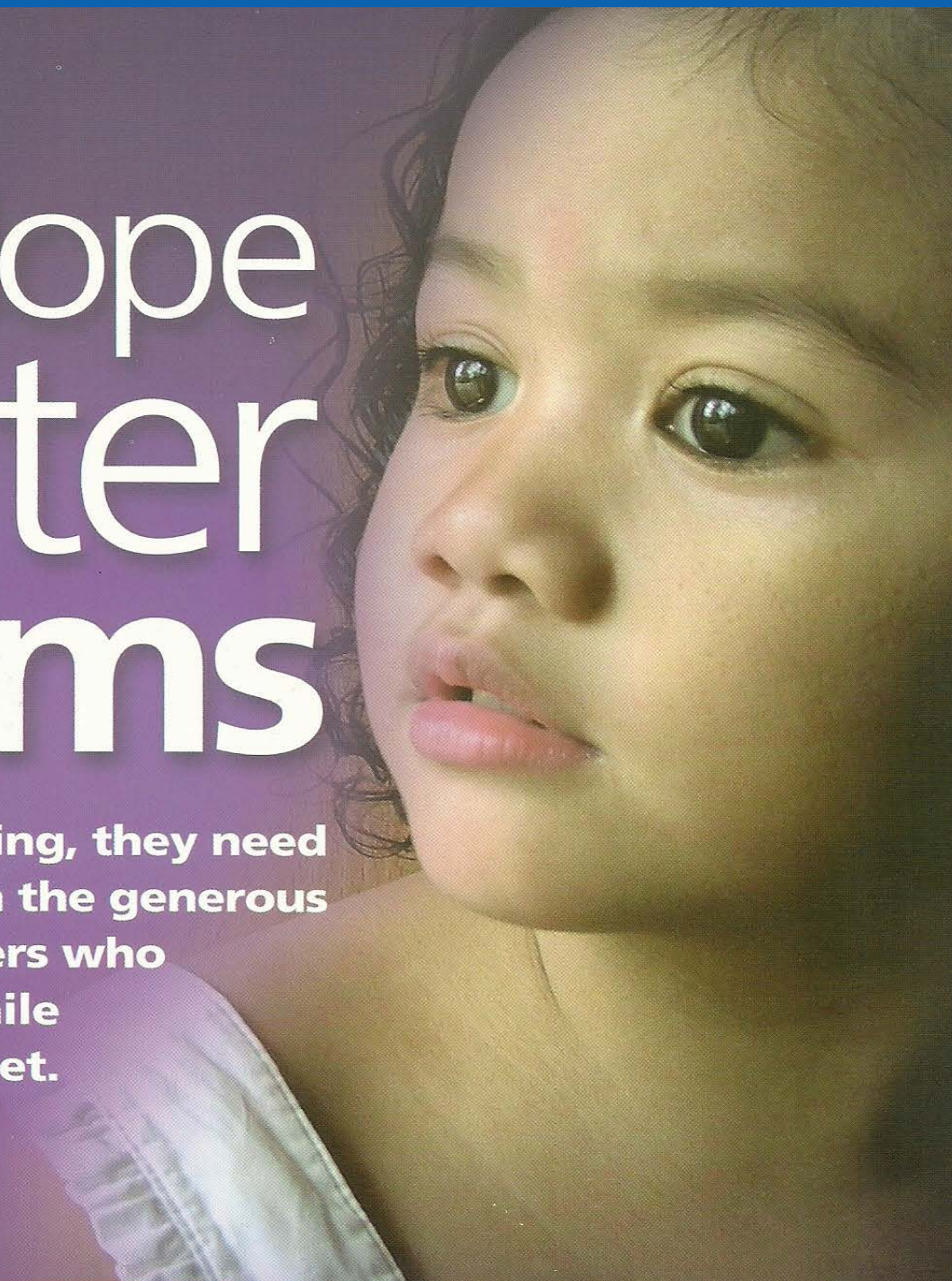
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**Tuesday, Oct 4,** 9 P.M. EDT, at Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia (VP Debate) Moderated by CBS News

**Sunday, Oct. 9,** 9 P.M. EDT, at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri (Moderator Anderson Cooper, CNN)

**Wednesday, Oct. 19,** 9 P.M. EDT, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Moderator Chris Wallace, Fox News)

**Tuesday, Nov. 8, VICTORY PARTY**

For a statewide list of other Michigan Debate Watch Parties: <http://www.migop.org/events/presidential-debate>

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# Meet Supreme Court Justices Viviano and Larsen

## MEET JUSTICE DAVID F. VIVIANO



Justice Viviano was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2013 and elected to complete the remainder of his term in 2014. Viviano: Reforming our Court System

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Court's e-filing pilot project, which streamlined operations and improved the court's ability to manage and share electronic data. He also worked to expand the court's use of video conferencing to conduct court hearings more efficiently and safely with reduced cost to taxpayers. Nearly 800 virtual courtrooms are saving taxpayers \$4.8 million this year alone. Justice Viviano now serves as the Supreme Court's point person for judicial training and statewide e-filing.



## MEET JUSTICE JOAN LARSEN



Justice Larsen served on the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School for more than a decade where she was also special counsel to the Dean. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2015. Larsen: Reforming Our Court System

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