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Jerome Buckley
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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

Increase Your Fundraising Success With Matching Gifts

There's a public secret that benefits many individuals and nonprofits. It's called matching gifts. That's the term for when an employer – or other organization – commits to make a gift to a nonprofit that “matches” the gift made by an employee or other qualified individual. Sometimes there are “qualifications” or “restrictions” set on these gifts, sometimes not. Here's a simple example: you make a gift to a nonprofit and ask for a receipt. You submit the receipt to your human resources office. A gift is then made from your employer to the nonprofit. That's it – instant money!

Matching gifts programs – when utilized – make a significant difference in the fundraising growth of a nonprofit. Unfortunately, in too many cases people are not aware, don't know they are eligible, or just don't participate. These programs are both an employee benefit and one way that businesses and corporations give back to the community. A matching gift program ensures that funds are directed to organizations that employees believe in.

Tips for employers with a matching gift program.

- Let your employees know about the program. Include information on your website and in new employee sessions.
- Communicate the steps that need to be followed, online links to forms, and limitations if any.
- If different levels of matching are available, let people know what those are.
- Promote the giving program and highlight organizations who benefit and employees who give.

Tips for donors

- Check to see if you are eligible to participate in a matching gift program.
- Ask coworkers to join you in making a meaningful gift to a nonprofit. When you ask others to give – and their gifts are matched – you increase your impact in the community.
- Don't be discouraged by the “paper work” that might be associated with the program.
- Follow up with the nonprofit to make sure they received the matching gift, and that they know you are one of the people whose gift is being matched.

Tips for nonprofits.

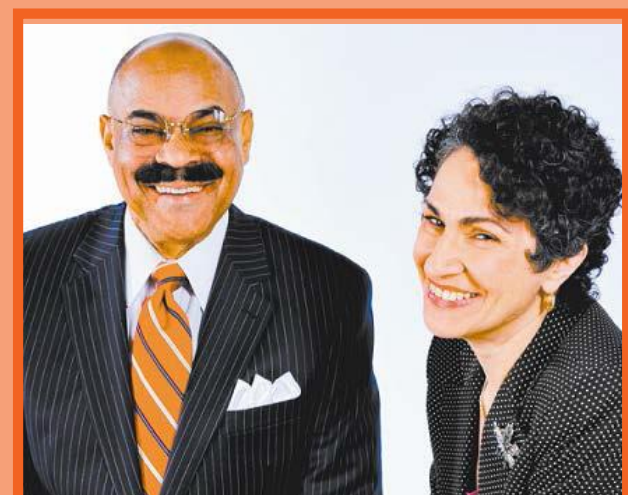
- Make matching gifts part of your fundraising strategy.
- Create awareness and educate your constituency about how they can increase their gift without giving more than they can.
- Train staff and volunteers in how to talk with donors about matching gifts.
- Don't be afraid to personally reach out to donors you know are employed by an organization with a matching gift program to discuss the importance of using the program and the impact that will have on your nonprofit.
- Acknowledge and recognize donors who make use of their matching gift program
- Encourage matching gift donors to invite their co-workers to support your organization.

- When reporting your fundraising results, highlight the impact matching gift programs make, and list the donors and businesses who have participated.

Matching gifts can double or triple your money - take the time, this could be your gold mine!

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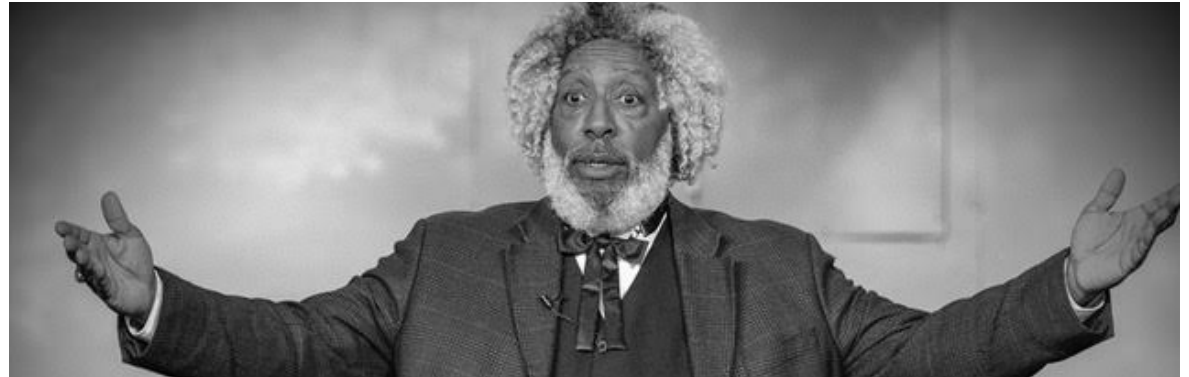
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Dear Citizens of Saginaw,

It is with unusual diffidence that I pen this letter, firstly to congratulate Mr. Jerome Buckley and his staff on sixteen successful years publishing The Michigan Banner News. He has by far exceeded the precedent set by the Black Owned Newspapers of the nineteenth century, such as the very first Freedom’s Journal. (1827-1829) founded by Rev. Peter Williams Jr. and my newspaper, the North Star (1847-1851). As we discovered then, publishing a newspaper is not a simple undertaking. Thank you for the hard work required to continue the historic legacy of the Black Press. Thank you for making good the guarantee of the United States Constitution that we the people continue to enjoy the Freedom of the Press. Now as ever, the voice of all the people must be heard.

Secondly; I extend my congratulations to all the recipients of this year’s Heart of the City Community Awards. Although I could not be present for the ceremony held at the New Horizon Conference Center, I was certainly with you in spirit. I was delighted to read in the papers most recent edition, each resume accompanied with your pictures. I am always amazed by the new technology which enables Mr. Buckley to publish the pictures in color. Both figuratively and literally, it was a colorful array of men and women selected and rightly deserving the high praise. A community like Saginaw, would not be possible without leaders like yourselves setting the example. Please continue to agitate for your respective causes.

Lastly, I wish to remind all of you of Mr. Buckley’s vision, which he so smartly titled, “Re-imagining a Greater Saginaw”. I have been happy to oblige his request to write this series of editorials to offer my humble ideas about how to unify your individual efforts for the common good of all the citizens. In short order, if you started with an evaluation of self, if you are changing your style of leadership from command and control to community and cooperation avoiding at all cost a bureaucracy , if you are investing in the future by building strong children, then you are well on your way to achieving a Greater Saginaw. Until our next conversation, please remember; “Without struggle, there can be no progress.”

Firmly Attached and Forever Your Friend,
Frederick Douglass - Abolitionist
Nathan M. Richardson –Understudy

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Night to Remember



WNEM TV 5's Colette Boyd introduces Youth of the Year Jawan Berrien

Night to Remember provides an opportunity for Club members (children ages 6-18) to meet a positive role model who cares enough about them to attend this event in their honor. The evening included dinner, entertainment, award presentations, silent auctions and a highlighted focus on the impact of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Our Annual Night to Remember Dinner & Silent Auction is a magical and glamorous evening that raises necessary funds for our Clubs and kids that attend! We host many positive after school programs, homework assistance, STEM, social skills, dance, arts & crafts, professional mentoring, and summer as well as athletic programs, and so much more for area youth.

The event took place on November 1st at Horizon's Conference Center, with over 330 guests, generous sponsors and community members in attendance. With your generous support and participation in our Night to Remember, we will be able to continue to provide life-changing programs and

opportunities to the youth who need us most, right here in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Thank You to all who joined us for our 2018 Night to Remember!

Passport to Manhood: This fall, young men ages 8-14 are participating in a Passport to Manhood Program. The goal of the program is to teach and promote responsibility, reinforce positive behavior and develop character in adolescent males. This all-male dinner celebrates the graduation of Club members from the Passport to Manhood program.

With your generous sponsorship each club member will receive a tie and dress shirt to wear to the dinner, as a symbol of the young man's commitment to increase their character and citizenship.

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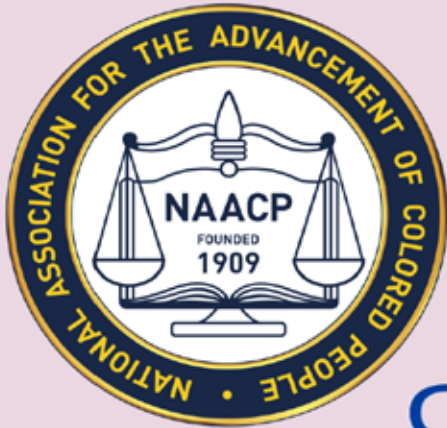
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HEALTH

Only Floss The Teeth You Want To Keep!



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Dear Dr. Nash,
I am very concerned about my overall health and I know there is a connection between being healthy overall and good oral health. Could you please tell me what is the best way to take care of your teeth. I want to be able to keep my teeth as long as I can and be healthy just as long.

Best,
Antonio

Antonio,

I will be honored to explain to you the best basic way to take care of those “Pearly Whites”. And you are correct that there is a connection between good oral health and good general health. At this point I will not get into what connections have been proven, that will come in another article. But if you follow the basic instructions I will outline in this

article, most of your teeth should last you a lifetime.

Basics for taking care of your teeth would be to floss once a day, brushing your teeth twice a day with a good toothpaste that contains fluoride and to make sure you see your dental professional twice a year. Most dental insurance plans will cover preventative dentistry at almost no cost to the patient and I am saddened to say that a lot of people do not take advantage of this benefit and let their teeth break down when they could have been saved.

Here you will find the a basic outline on at-home dental care:

When buying a toothbrush, find one that will reach all the surfaces of your teeth. If you have a situation where you can’t hold a toothbrush well, look into getting an electric toothbrush, but you can do a good job with a hand-held toothbrush. If your toothbrush is worn or the bristles are ragged or bent, buy a new toothbrush.

It is a good idea to get a NEW toothbrush every three months, or even sooner if you have been sick. Toothbrushes tend to harbor bacteria and if you have been sick, your toothbrush should be tossed as soon as possible. I do not recommend one brand of toothbrush over another because it is how you brush — not what you use to brush — that is important.

Make sure you use a toothpaste that has fluoride in it. This type of toothpaste can reduce decay up to 40%. There are even some toothpastes that can be prescribed by your Dental Professional that have large amounts of fluoride incorporated into them. Your dentist may prescribe one of these if you are especially prone to developing decay.

Brush Properly!! This is a must. To clean the outside of your teeth, position the brush at a 45-degree angle where your gums and teeth meet and then gently move the brush in a circular motion using short gentle strokes. To clean the inside surfaces of your upper and lower front teeth, hold the brush vertically make several gentle strokes over each tooth and its surrounding gum tissue. And please spend at least 2-3 minutes brushing your teeth. Get a timer, or set your phone timer, do anything you can to brush your teeth for a minimum of 2 minutes.

To floss properly, gently place the floss between each tooth using a back-and-forth motion. Do not force or snap the floss into place, just use the gentle back-and-forth motion. Then curve the floss into a C-shape against one tooth and then the other. I talk to patients everyday that say they can’t floss but they are all doing it wrong! The back-and-forth movement works!

Remember my friend! Only Floss The Teeth You Want To Keep!






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SVSU Hosting Lecture by Scholar on North Korea's Nuclear Crisis



Hyun-Wook Kim

An expert in one of the world's most dangerous foreign policy challenges – North Korea's nuclear weapons program – will speak on the topic at Saginaw Valley State University.

Hyun-Wook Kim will visit Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in SVSU's Founders Hall. His presentation will address how North Korea's nuclear program changed the balance of power in Northeast Asia, and what that political environment means for the rest of the world.

The event is free and open to the public.

Kim has played a key role in shaping South Korea's policies towards China and the U.S. on the issue of North Korea's nuclear program.

He is a professor at the Seoul-based Korea National Diplomatic Academy, which is affiliated with South Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Kim also served as an advisory member for the National Security Council and today remains a standing member of the National Unification Advisory Council, an agency formed to advise the president of

South Korea on peaceful unification policies between North and South Korea.

Kim received his bachelor's degree in political science from Yonsei University in Seoul. He received his master's degree and Ph.D. in political science from Brown University, and he worked at the University of Southern California as a postdoctoral fellow.

The lecture is part of SVSU's Barstow Excellence in Teaching Humanities Seminar, which was created to promote excellence in teaching and recognize scholarship in the humanities. The seminar was established through a gift from The Barstow Foundation, which supports education, health and human services agencies and humanitarian causes with emphasis on the greater Midland area.

The lecture also is part of the SVSU 2018-19 Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Series. For more information about Wednesday's presentation and the speaker series, visit www.svsu.edu/publiclectures/.

SVSU Hosts Regional High School Students for Foreign Language Day



*Students perform during the 2017 Foreign Language Day at Saginaw Valley State University.
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Saginaw Valley State University will welcome more than 400 high school students from eight regional high schools during the 43rd annual Foreign Language Day at SVSU Thursday, Nov. 8 in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts.

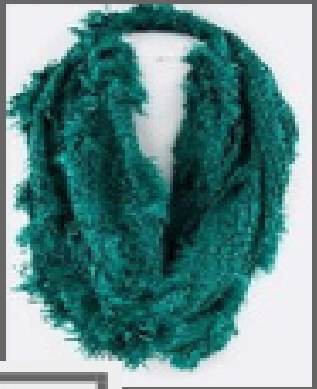
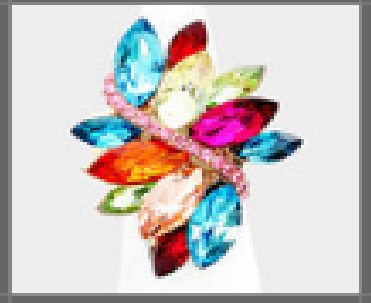



Hosted by SVSU's Department of Modern Foreign Languages since 1976, the day will feature contests between students performing in categories such as song, dance and skit/musical, all in the languages of French and Spanish. The event also includes an international awareness contest, highlighting the importance of foreign language study for 21st century learners.

Students from the following high schools will participate: Birch Run, Caro, Hemlock, John Glenn, Pinconning, Roscommon, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, and Tawas.

The skit/musical contest is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. The song contest is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. The dance contest is scheduled from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. The international awareness contest takes place from 10 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

The event is part of a series of events SVSU is hosting as part of International Education Week.

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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To Whom It May Concern:

On Wednesday, January 23, 2019, Saginaw Valley State University will be the site for the 10th Annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event. Attendees will include students, community supporters, business and civic leaders throughout the region. **This year's speaker is Valerie Jarrett.** She is the former Senior Advisor to the President of the United States and former Assistant to the President for Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs.

As the Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama from 2009-2017, Jarrett oversaw the Offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and chaired the White House Council on Women and Girls.

During her career at the White House, she helped diverse groups of advocates with efforts to strengthen the middle class while championing equality and opportunity for all Americans. She also worked on campaigns to end sexual assault, empower working families and promote early childhood education.

Prior to serving in the White House, Jarrett was the CFO of The Humanity Company in Chicago, chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, commissioner of Planning and Development, and deputy chief of staff for Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley

Jarrett received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University in 1978 and received a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.

I am requesting your financial support to promote the upcoming MLK event, entitled "Working Together – Sharing the Dream." This funding request would support the event in the following ways:

- Funding would underwrite the scholar-

ship dinner that recognizes recipients and their families.

- Funding would sponsor the MLK Drum Major Award that is presented by the sponsor to a leader in the Great Lakes Bay Region.
- Funding would sponsor the post-presentation reception.
- Funding would provide a keynote speaker and reception to bring home the theme, "Working Together – Sharing the Dream."

Corporate levels of giving are as follows:

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This regional event will celebrate Dr. King as well as recognize youths in our region. Collectively, the community foundations have established and implemented an annual scholarship opportunity for up to 15 high school seniors across the region who have demonstrated Dr. King's teachings. In the past, the community foundations have

awarded each recipient a \$1,000 scholarship. At the event on Jan. 24, the community foundations will once again present these scholarships. Our request for financial contribution focuses on the regional event recognition dinner, keynote speaker and reception.

This year, the MLK Committee will again introduce the MLK Drum Major Award, which will be awarded to a member of the community who has worked in the trenches, embracing the Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice. The MLK Drum Major Award will provide the recipient with a plaque as well as make a contribution to their local charity.

I sincerely hope that you will consider supporting this event. I feel strongly that your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth and community by promoting diversity and inclusion throughout the region. Thank you in advance for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (989) 964-4068 if you need additional information.

Lastly, if you are considering a sponsorship level that includes tickets for the Scholarship Dinner and members of your organization plan to attend the dinner, we are requesting that you RSVP for the dinner, along with the names of the attendees, no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2019, by contacting Vanessa Salogar at the Saginaw Community Foundation (989-755-0545) or Vanessa@saginawfoundation.org. Thank You!

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SVSU Serves Those Who Served, Again Earns 'Best for Vets' Ranking



Saginaw Valley State University hosted a Memorial Day commemoration event for the campus community and the general public on May 23. In the attached photo, military service members unfurl the American flag for use in the ceremony. Photo credit: Michael Randolph, SVSU.

Saginaw Valley State University has again been recognized for its support of military-affiliated students, earning a place in the Best for Vets: Colleges 2019 rankings by Military Times.

Chaz Fowler, a political science major from Bay City and a Marine Corps veteran, currently serves as a student liaison at SVSU's Military Student Affairs office. He said the transition from working in the military to returning to civilian life can be hard to navigate, but SVSU's resources can make it easier.

"Many veterans are commuter students," said Fowler. "This department gives them a place to be involved and included in university life. It provides a great environment for veterans to be around like-minded individuals and experiences. It really bridges the gap between vets to their academics as well as their community."

For a school to be placed on the "Best for Vets" list, colleges and universities must be considered a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families.

SVSU is rated No. 101 among all four-year institutions nationwide in the 2019 rankings by the independent media organization dedicated to news and information about the military. This is the fifth consecutive year SVSU has earned the designation.

To be considered, colleges and universities complete a comprehensive survey which is evaluated by Military Times. Institutions were then ranked based on survey responses as well as on data collected by three different federal agencies.

Bethany Alford, SVSU's director of Military Student Affairs, said SVSU's assists students and family members with paperwork, accessing their

federal benefits, academic advising, and generally serving as a "one-stop shop" for military-affiliated students. They also take pride in creating a friendly and welcoming place on campus.

"Our office creates an environment that is not just for information, but also a great place for conversations with other student veterans," she said. "They come in and can hear about what's happening on campus, but also can feel the comradery they've missed since leaving the service."

SVSU will acknowledge receiving the "Best for Vets" honor during a Veteran's Day event Thursday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Curtiss Hall banquet rooms. Colonel Timothy Houchlei, state family programs director for the Michigan Army National Guard, will serve as the featured speaker.

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Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams and Ray Roderick

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Leading Players

Cade Lambert
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Felix Meisel
Jeffrey Hoang
Hadley Gorsline
Bee Pike
Jordan Boss
Sean Kall
Cade Norman
Jenna Doyle
Lily Larsen
Claire Rousseau
Alex Keith

Featured Dancers

Lynneross Abelgas
Sofia Avilés
Samantha Carpenter
Megan Douglass
Nina Groll
Sydney Mason
Clara Morford
Arianna Mullikin
Hannah Nicklyn
Lizzy Peake
Lyric Peterson
Mia Polson
Amelia Rummler
Kristina Wise

Supporting Players

Michael Corner
Renée Crachiola
Wisdom Dudley
Lila Duvendack
Audrey Espinoza
Amarus Green
Faolan Hill
Ally Sanchez
Evan Siemienkiewicz
Cole Starke

Featured Chorus

R'ion Champion
Adrianna Conner
Vanessa Gloude
Ludkhana Inman
Eddie Jones
Paige LeRoux
Savannah Maddox
Analia Medel
Rachel Meisel
Josephine Moffitt
Azharia Pratt-Hardin
Yariah Scott
Luke Starke
Regan Williams

Citizens Chorus

Karleigh Anderson
Anthony Ashmall
Gracey Brandel
Alexis Burns
Trinity Carter
Olivia Chobod
Brenden Chubb
Lauren Cleckner
Tatyana Clement
Chloe Datte
Kathleen Deibel
Ashley Deibel
Kaitlyn Dowdell
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Tamiya Goodwine
Danielle Griffin
Marissa Gumm
Addisyn Heinz
Gillian Heise
Shaelyn Hellwig
Hall Hewett
Abigail Hoskey
Batuhan Kalak
Justin Knowles
Keira Krans
Sarah Krolewski
Isabella Larson
Paul Leffler

**Citizens Chorus
(continued)**

Maris Logan
Ruby Longtain
Victoria Markley
Emily Marsella
Allison Mize
Joshua Moore
Deanna Morley
Emily Music
Brandy Muz
Hannah Norman
Kaylie Payne
Carlos Rosado-Rivera
Destiny Scott
Emily Scott
Aaron Siemienkiewicz
Nicklaus Sturm
Sean Sullivan
Kailyn Sweeney
Mariyah Washington
Crystal Whitmore
Elizabeth Whitmore
Joshua Wilkins
Riley Will
Christina Yarn
Madeline York
Ashlyn Zollinger

Technical Team

Jordan Pinet
Liv Gotham
Grace Rigda
Kennedy Thomas
Alix Zwingman
Sam McGrandy
Drea Brown
Autumn Kellet
Michelle Ross
Chloe Krueger
Lexi Lang
Sophia Loraine
Lucy Rulig
Madison Morrison
Valerie Rogers
Claire Baskins
Devyn Burns
Sophia Egbert
Bianca Felix
Brady Gromaski
Michael Hall
Finn Hill
Sage Lambert
Destinee Pruitt
Jaskirat Rathod
Isadora Rodriguez
Raghav Sharma
Claire Starke

**Technical Team
(continued)**

Josh Stuber
Ayanna Truckner
Dean Brown
Emalee Clark
Jordyn Corley
Emily Honeman
Josh Larsen
Ethan McCool
Cameron Scott
Nolan Yockey
Collin Datte
Michelle Emmendorfer
Jack Huffman
Riley Spry
Ian Wamsley

Director

Lori Duncan

Vocal Director

Farrah Madsen

Choreographer

Faith Dore

Set Construction

Brian Pike

Costumes

Jill Rummler



by Andrea Hewett

With colorful costumes, catchy tunes, and fun choreography, “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” makes for a great family outing. With a large ensemble cast of 6th graders through High School Seniors, audiences will have no trouble finding a character to relate to. From the imaginative Jeremy and Jemima, caring and inventive Caractacus and Grandpa, and mesmerizing Truly to the hilariously self-centered Baron and Baroness, eager to please Boris and Goran, and the Sinister Childcatcher.

Directed by Lori Duncan, you can see the hard work and effort put in by the entire cast and crew. If there is a missed mark or line, it goes unnoticed due to the professionalism and support of this young cast. The vocals, directed by Farrah Madsen,

seem to be custom-made for each performer’s voice. The choreography of Faith Dore is a wonderful blend of modern and classic dance moves. The costumes are a reflection of the times and capture the subtle differences of each place you visit. The set design and construction is absolutely stunning and by far exceeds expectations thanks to the crew and many local businesses and families that donate.

It promised to be a fun-filled night for all adults and children alike. This play had something for everyone; singing, dancing, comedy, drama, and a flying car. This play is guaranteed to make you laugh, or at least walk out with a few new songs stuck in your head. “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” was a real wild ride.



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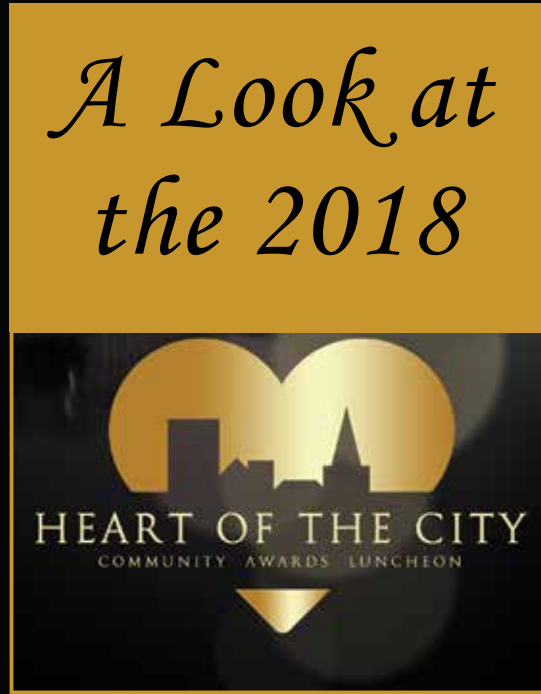
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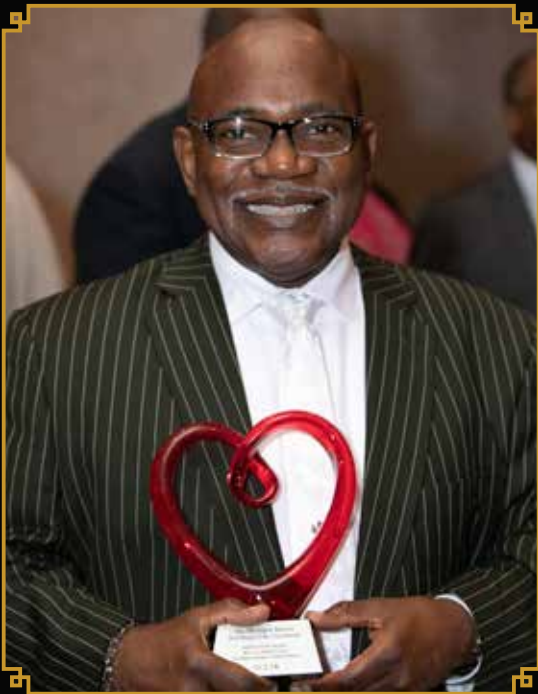




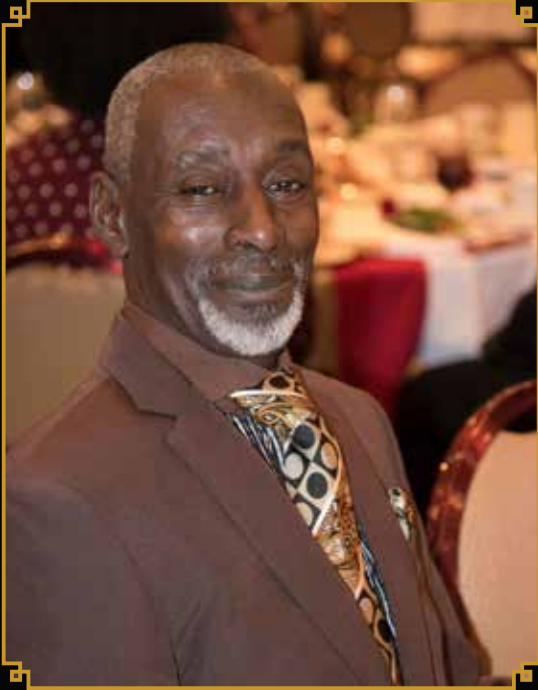






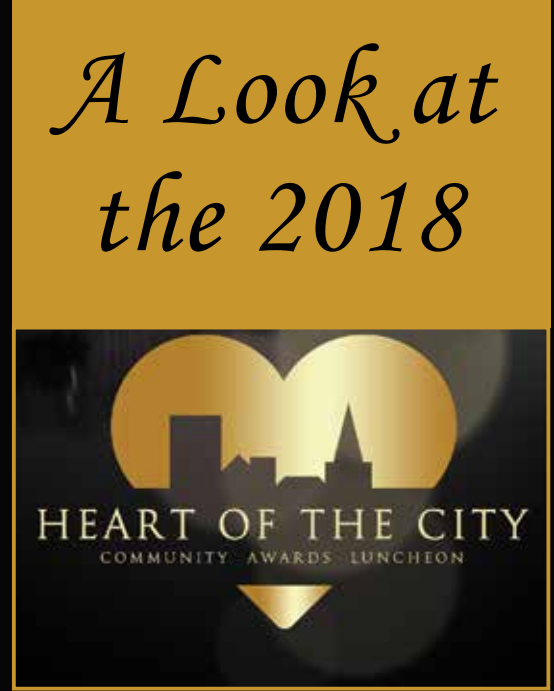












RAE LYNN TINSLEY-BUCKLEY
SCHOLARSHIP

In 2017, Jerome Buckley established **The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship** to honor his wife, the late Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley | 1953-2015 |.

Rae Lynn was Co-owner of The Michigan Banner and served as Editor until her passing. She held a Bachelors degree in Business Management from Saginaw Valley State University and had a strong passion for journalism and the community.

The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship is awarded to high school students in the Great Lakes Bay Region who intend to pursue a degree in Journalism, Communications or a related field from an accredited Institution.

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Elijah M. Rice
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Sydney Toshach
Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy



ELIJAH
RICE

I am from the City of Saginaw, I am sixteen and I have home schooled since I was ten. I am very active in my youth group at Saginaw Valley Community Church. I have been part of a bowling league since age thirteen, where I learned I thoroughly enjoy the combination of mathematics, physics, and strategies involved.

For the past two years I have worked weekly on my church tech team, which involves being creative with choosing camera angles, overlaying projections and scriptures that my pastor and guest speakers request, as well as troubleshoot when technical issues arise.

I received my first laptop when I was twelve, and that's when I really started liking technology. I started recording and editing for my own YouTube channel. That is when I fell in love with video editing, because I like the feeling of creating something from beginning to end that is my very own.

Now that I am older I am interested in filming and editing and have done both for various productions, such as church productions, RTG dance ministry, and other personal projects. I also direct and edit the weekly announcements at SVCC. I'd like to make a career of this. I plan to go into ministry and I would love to create multimedia productions for churches and various ministries.

SYDNEY
TOSHACH



My name is Sydney Toshach. I have been interested in photography and photojournalism for the past three years. I have taken senior pictures for students at my school and have an interest in landscape photography. Although I have only been taking photos for a short period of time, I am in my sixth year at Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, where I studied art in the 2D/3D Art Concentration for four years and music in the Voice/Keyboard Concentration for two years. I am a multi-instrumentalist and currently teach music lessons at a small music store in Midland, Michigan. As a student at SASA, I highly prioritize my grades and GPA. All throughout middle school I was in NJHS and will be inducted into NHS at the end of this school year.

I will be graduating in 2020 and plan to apply to Kendall College of Art and Design and Grand Valley State University. At one of these schools I plan to study photography and photojournalism as well as take opportunities to go on photojournalism trips to show parts of the world some people may be unable to see. I wish to experience and share our world's many intriguing cultures and ways of life. After I have had the chance to travel and learn, I hope to own my own photography studio.

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JJ BOEHM
| Saginaw Valley State University |



J.J. Boehm joined Saginaw Valley State University in 2003 as its media relations officer and currently serves as the director of media and community relations. In that capacity, he serves as the official media spokesman and representative for the school.

Prior to SVSU, Boehm spent seven years at WSGW radio in Saginaw. During that time, he received more than 20 first place awards for broadcast journalism from the Michigan Associated Press.

Boehm served three years as president for the White Pine chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. He also serves as chair of the

chief communications officers committee of the Michigan Association of State Universities.

As a community volunteer, Boehm has chaired four successful campaigns for public support of community causes. He led efforts that resulted in approval by Saginaw County voters to financially support the Dow Event Center, Saginaw County Sheriff's services, Saginaw Township police, and Saginaw County 911.

Boehm completed a bachelor's degree in mathematics at Valparaiso University and a master's degree in administrative science at SVSU.

BOB JOHNSON
| MLive |



I am a lifelong resident of Saginaw. I graduated from Delta College in 2010 and began working for The Saginaw News as an intern reporter where I worked for a year.

I returned in 2013 to the news which was now known as MLive/The Saginaw news. I've covered community events, crime, government, education and business. I've also covered Bay City and Flint, including the Flint water crises.

When I'm not working I volunteer with the Power of Dad.

I'm currently the chairman for the board of First Ward Community Center.

I serve on the boards of the Saginaw Cultural Committee, Saginaw Public Libraries, The East Side Soup Kitchen, Community Corrections, Positive Results Downtown and Saginaw Area Fireworks.

When I finish with that I binge watch Netflix series and chase my lap dog Bella around.

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LAURA BIGGINS
| Garber Management Group |



Laura has been with the Garber organization for 27 years, working in a variety of roles including advertising, marketing, public relations, communications, travel and event coordinator, charitable giving liaison and as Executive Assistant to the senior leadership staff. Her community involvements include serving as a Diplomat for the Chamber of Commerce for 15 years, a Chamber Ambassador, a Board Member of Released to Reign, Board Member of Saginaw Society for Crippled Children, and serving on committees for many organizations over the years including the the Boys and Girls Club, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"In my role at Garber Management Group, I have the opportunity and great pleasure of working with many nonprofit organizations. I am proud to be a part of an

organization that is committed to giving back to the community, not only with financial resources but with time and talent. Over 1000 hours of community service were volunteered by Garber employees last year and nearly \$1,000,000 is donated to the Great Lakes Bay Region annually. It is a privilege to be a part of such a philanthropic and civic minded organization."

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Laura grew up in Wisconsin and earned her Bachelor's in Business Administration from Carroll College in Waukesha, but Saginaw has been her home since 1985. Laura and her husband Jim are the proud parents of two wonderful young men.

CAMERON BRADY
| Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity |



Executive Director Cameron Brady began as a volunteer on the affiliate's Public Relations Committee in January 1998. He became the affiliate's second paid staff person in September 1998 when he was hired via a Capacity Building Grant as Administrative Assistant. He became Executive Director in February, 2011. The affiliate has now grown to 13 full-time and five part-time staff. Mr. Brady reports to an active and engaged eleven-member board of directors.

Mr. Brady works with a "Spirit of Abundance" and has developed successful collaborations with other Habitat for Humanity affiliates and many local businesses and nonprofits.

Saginaw-Shiawassee was named Habitat for Humanity Michigan's "Affiliate of the Year 2014" and annually ranks in the Top 5% among 1,360 affiliates nationally for the number of families served.

- Mayor's Servant Award (April 2003)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from Saginaw City Council (January 2005)
- Licensed Residential Builder
- Certified Green Professional, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
- Certified Aging in Place Specialist, NAHB
- Certified Lead Renovator

Community Involvement

- Chair, Northern Michigan Affiliate Leadership Council (Habitat for Humanity)
- Board Member, Habitat for Humanity Michigan Fund
- Board member, Saginaw County Consortium of Homeless Assistance Providers (SCCHAP)
- Member, Rotary Club of Saginaw
- Member, Saginaw Community Affairs Committee ("Bishop's Breakfast")
- Member, Saginaw CRA Bankers Forum

- Member, Alignment Saginaw
- Member, Saginaw Housing Task Force
- Chair, SCCHAP [2004-2008]
- Past Chair, SCCHAP Grants Committee
- Past President, Leadership Alumni Association of Saginaw County
- Past Co-chair, Habitat for Humanity Michigan Fund Development Council
- Former board member, Rotary Club of Saginaw
- Former Board Member, Downtown Saginaw Association
- Former Member, Saginaw County Vision 2020 Task Force
- Graduate, Community Builders Resident Leadership Training
- Graduate, Leadership Saginaw, class of 2003
- Graduate, 1,000 Leaders program, October 2004
- Graduate, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance Institute for Leaders, 2012
- Graduate, Leadership Shiawassee, class of 2015

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GAVIN W. GOETZ
| AT&T Michigan |

Gavin W. Goetz currently serves as the Legislative Director for AT&T Michigan. Gavin oversees all AT&T local, state and federal lobbying on telecommunication issues. Gavin also covers a territory that currently includes the Great Lakes Bay Region in Bay, Saginaw counties and oversees AT&T foundation giving and community interaction across the state.

Gavin serves on many boards and committees including across his territory including the Great Lakes Regional Alliance Board and Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce.

Gavin has worked for AT&T (formerly Michigan Bell / Ameritech / SBC) since 1990, 28 years. During that time, he has held positions in Customer Service, Retail Sales, Large business Account Sales and Winback. Gavin has

been in External Affairs since 2000.

Gavin has attended Delta College and Northwood University in pursuit of his undergraduate degree in Business Administration.

Gavin and his wife Laura have four young boys – Alexander (18), Zachary (14), Spencer (14) and Evan (11) and lives in Bay County.

SONYA SURLS
| Wilson Ford Lincoln |

Age: 47

Born: Saginaw, MI

Spouse: Sheldon Surls

Parents: Charles and Lily Dixon

Youngest of 10 children

Graduate of Saginaw Public Schools,
Western Michigan University

Worked for Saginaw Public Schools 1996-1999

Worked as a Stock Broker 1999-2008

Currently works in Automotive Sales and Special Finance
2008-Present

Employed by Wilson Ford Lincoln of Saginaw, MI

Trained Professional Visual Artist, Photographer and
Creative Writer

Hobbies: Sports, Travel, Agriculture

Motto: God First, Family Second and be a blessing to
someone next

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OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARD

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DANA TELL
| Team One Credit Union |

Team One Credit Union was originally organized by a group of 15 teachers in 1935 as Saginaw Teachers Club Credit Union. Formed to fill a need as a place where teachers could receive financial assistance at reasonable rates, the purpose of this credit union was, and is, to encourage thrift (savings) among our members. In the early years, the credit union was maintained at Saginaw High School in the physics classroom of Mr. Poulson, who was also the credit union treasurer. In 1957, Dean Ruple and his wife, Lois, ran the credit union from their front porch. New teachers moving into the area were often given loans for clothes and an apartment. Because they were new to the area, and had no money, it was also common for Dean Ruple to give teachers the money to open an account for membership.

In 1967, the Saginaw Main Office was opened and the first credit union employee, Don Pilon was hired and eventually became the first CEO of Team One Credit Union. Konnie Werner was named President/CEO upon Don's retirement from the credit union. At the time of Konnie Werner's retirement, the Board of Directors named Gerald Hutto as her replacement as President/CEO. Since the credit union was established in 1935, we have seen tremendous growth in assets, loans and branch facilities as well as new services and technologies to serve our diverse membership. We have been able to accomplish this with the help of our dedicated and caring board and staff who have contributed their time and efforts for 80 years to the success of the credit union and for the benefit of our members.

We have undergone several name changes since conception. In 1955, we became Saginaw Education Association Credit Union. On March 6, 1972, the Board of Directors approved the name change to Education Employees Credit Union and that name remained in effect until it was changed to Team One Credit Union in 1993. Team One Credit Union was chosen to better encompass the growing field of membership and multiple Select Employee Groups.

As of now, Team One Credit Union service is available to residents in ALL Michigan counties. Team One Credit Union is proud to serve Michigan families and businesses with the financial products and services they need!

BRIDGET LOOBY STAFFILENO
| Catholic Federal Credit Union |

Bridget Staffileno has been the Vice President of Community Affairs for Catholic Federal Credit Union since November of 2005. She is a cheerleader for the region, an advocate for creating an inclusive community and a self-proclaimed "sucker for a good cause". She has served in many different leadership roles in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. She currently or has been a member of the Board of Directors for: Midland Center for the Arts, St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital Foundation, Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission, State of Michigan Nursing Home Administrators, Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail, and the Midland Downtown Development Authority. In addition, Bridget is the chair of the Mid-Michigan Chapter of Credit Unions, is on the Run for Your Heart Community Races committee, Community Affairs Committee (AKA Bishop's Breakfast) and Youth First Advisory Committee. She is a trustee on the Msgr. Eugene Forbes Scholarship Fund. She is a graduate of the Great Lakes Bay Region Leadership 2013 and Saginaw County Leadership 2008. Bridget has also been recognized with the following awards: Great Women of the Great Lakes Bay Region 2013, Great Lakes Bay Region Alliance "Ambassador of the Year" 2015, Mi Gente Magazine's Spirit of Frida Award - Amiga 2017, Michigan Credit Union Foundation - Community Volunteer of the Year 2017 and the Michigan Credit Union's League Bone Grassroots Professional Activist 2018.

Bridget is a lifelong resident of the Great Lakes Bay Region and a proud alumna of Central Michigan University. She is a long-distance runner completing 27 marathons including a 50-mile ultra-run and 8 Boston Marathons (next April will be her 9th). Bridget enjoys spending time with her husband, traveling, seeing her sons and finding joy wherever she goes.

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LOIS DALE

| Evans & Browne Funeral Home |



Lois is a native of Saginaw and a longtime resident of Buena Vista Township. She is a graduate of Buena Vista High School, attended Delta College and did an apprenticeship in Mortuary Science. For many years she was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and currently is a faithful member of Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as part of the Greeters Ministry, the Decorating Committee and Body & Soul Ministry. A passionate, enthusiastic, devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lois is known for her cooking and baking skills, especially her caramel and pound cakes. She participates in the Annual Breast Cancer Walk and Fund Raiser, and other community projects. She is currently building "A Blessing Box" for non-perishable items which will be located in Buena Vista.

Ms. Dale was employed for Dr. Harpal Singh M.D. She left the medical field to assist her mother and step-father, Mrs. Annie and George Evans to study and gain knowledge in operating the family owned business, Evans Memorial Chapel. She and her sister Carla, continued the tradition of

running the business, which later became Evans-Smith Funeral Home.

Lois is devoted and dedicated to the art of cosmetology. She enjoys helping families through their most difficult times and is a stickler for details. She's studied with the best and has achieved the gift of creating a comforting and memorable look for the families. Because of the loss of her son to violence, Lois has a special drive to show compassion and a unique concern for each family. She is presently Assistant Manager at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home.

ALONZO L. BETTS

| Evans & Browne Funeral Home |



Mr. Alonzo L. Betts hales from Jackson, Tennessee. He moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1972 and gained employment with Browne's Mortuary. He was formerly employed with Hall & Jordan Funeral Home in Cincinnati, OH and James L. Cole Home for Funerals in Detroit, MI. He is a graduate of Saginaw High School, Delta College and Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

Alonzo is a proud Veteran of the United States Army serving from 1984 to 1990. He is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) and Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course (BNOC). While on active duty he received the following awards, the Army Achievement Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award).

Mr. Betts has a Courtesy License in the States of Ohio and Indiana, a Professional License in the states of Michigan and North Carolina. He is currently the director of Evans & Browne's Funeral Home in Saginaw.

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DR. MAMIE THORNS

| Saginaw Valley State University |



Dr. Thorns currently serves as the Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs at Saginaw Valley State University, having joined SVSU in 2002. Thorns has over 30 years of extensive administrative experience in the field of higher education.

As Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, Dr. Thorns is responsible for providing leadership and coordination of SVSU's programs related to Diversity, equal opportunity and affirmative action. She serves as primary advisor to the President and the campus community on matters related to maintaining and enhancing a diverse and dynamic campus environment. Since 2011, she has served as the Coordinator of Title IX for SVSU.

At SVSU, Dr. Thorns was instrumental in the creation of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Youth Leadership Institute, a SVSU initiative which started in 2005. Over the years, this Institute has grown from serving 51 junior and senior high school students, to over 96 students representing Saginaw, Midland and Bay Counties. In addition, Dr. Thorns is co-chair with the

Saginaw, Bay and Midland community foundations for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Dr. Thorns remains active in the classroom, teaching courses on managing diversity and inclusion at SVSU, along with conducting diversity and inclusion training for local, state and national business, community organizations, and schools. In her personal time, Dr. Thorns enjoys mentoring underrepresented students and adults in the community who need guidance in making educational and career choices.

Dr. Thorns recently received the 2018 Innovation + Inclusion Leadership Award from Society of Diversity. The YWCA 2013 Women of Achievement Award as well as 2012 Live United Community Award by the United Way of Saginaw County for her leadership and contributions to the Great Lakes Bay Regional Youth Leadership Institute. Other awards include the Rueben Daniels Community Service Award (2007- 2008), the Girl Scouts' Woman of Distinction Award (2008), the Saginaw County Bar Association's - Liberty Bell Award (2011) and the NAACP Saginaw Branch President's Award (2009).

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Thorns earned a Doctorate of Education degree from Wayne State University, a Master of Arts degree from Ball State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Anderson University. She was recently endorsed as a national Certified Diversity Executive (CDE) from the Institute for Diversity Certification. Dr. Thorns is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Honor Fraternity and The American Association of Blacks in Higher Education. She is also actively involved in several community organizations such as Rotary International Club; NAACP Saginaw; Bridge Center for Racial Harmony; Tri-City Chapter, The Links, Inc.; the Saginaw Community Foundation; the United Way of Saginaw County; the Saginaw Promise Zone Authority Board; Hidden Harvest Board and the Dow Community Advisory Board. She is an active member of Bethel AME Church and is married to Odail Thorns, Jr.

PASTOR CHRIS PRYOR

| Victorious Believers Ministries |



Pastor Chris, servant leader, loving husband and involved father. These three roles best describes the driving force behind his passion for life. He is the Pastor of Victorious Believers Ministries COGIC where the motto is passionately seeking God, joyfully serving others and intentionally loving people. In May 2010, he was appointed successor to his father, mentor and hero as pastor by the international presiding Bishop, Charles E. Blake. His love for God and God's people is demonstrated through the vision, purpose and plan to build the five pillars of ministry (family, discipleship, evangelism, missions and community development) undergirded with prayer.

In 1996, he married his high school sweetheart & love of his life, Kenyatta Nelson. Quality time being both of their love languages, they make it a priority to always put each other first as they navigate life's journey. They enjoy traveling, sports, and regular date nights. God has blessed their union with two adorable sons, Carrington Drew & Chandler Blake. Not only does he cherish the titles of husband, father, and pastor, but he is also known as coach Pryor to all his son's friends on the football, basketball or soccer field.

Pastor Chris is the youngest child of the late Bishop Marvin C. and Evangelist Ruth C. Pryor. His parents instilled in him the importance of a healthy balance between faith, family, & friendships with an emphasis on education. The youngest of two brothers (Bro. Derrick and the late Elder Mel) and sister (Missionary Vonda Jones), he cherishes the close relationship he shares with them as they serve along side him in ministry.

He has prepared himself for corporate America with a B.A. in Business Administration, concentration in Management and a M.A. in Educational Leadership both from Saginaw Valley State University. He was employed by Pfizer Inc, for 13 years, where he was the recipient of many top awards, Rookie of the Year, Regional Advisory Board & President Cabinet Award. Pastor Chris' love for the word, has caused him to return back to school pursuing a Master of Divinity from Ashland Theological Seminary.

Pastor Chris passionately served as the Youth Pastor overseeing Triumphant Teens (T2) and Children of Destiny ministries for 16 years and currently serves as Jurisdictional Youth President & AIM Chairman (Auxiliary In Ministry) for Michigan Southwest Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Because praise is what he does and worship is who he is, he served as worship leader and still has a gifting and anointing to flow and usher people into the presence of God.

Pastor Chris serves on several board of directors, including the Board of Fellows at Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw City Rescue Mission, Disproportionate Minority Contract Initiative (DMC) and Rock the Island Community Event. He also serves on the Saginaw Community Affairs Community Board and is a regular host on TCT Christian Network, Ask the Pastor & Michigan Live.

In 2012 he was honored Fatherhood Award through the Power of Dad Organization. April 2014, he was selected as 100 Most Influential Pastors in the Church of God in Christ. March 2016, he was honored with the Prestigious HIM Award (High Impact Male) for the work he has done within the community. Elder Chris' favorite scripture passage is: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6. His life's credo is, "Praise is what I do and Worship is who I am."

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

JOYCE SEALS



Joyce Aldridge Seals is the oldest daughter of the late William and Eugenia Aldridge. She was born in Oxford, Ms., but came to Michigan at 4 years old. She attended the Saginaw Public Schools, graduating in 1967. She is happily married to Dr. Eugene O Seals. They will celebrate their 50 th year anniversary in December. They are the proud parents of 8 children, 18 grandchildren, and 2 great granddaughters. Joyce attended Saginaw Valley State College for one year and completed her BA in Education from the U of M., Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Seals started her Career at the State of Michigan with the department of Labor, working as an unemployment clerk, lead worker, and finally an employment specialist. In 1990, the Michigan Department of Education hired Joyce as an education analyst, where she supervised the KCP College Day Program Statewide. She also assumed the roles of Title IX Coordinator for the State, Ombudsman for post-secondary education and athletics. She served on the

Michigan High School Athletic Association, representing the State Board of Education.

She also worked for OIC of Metro Saginaw as a Social-Psych instructor and taught psychology for the Former Buena Vista Schools.

Some of her community activities:

Top Ladies of distinction, Inc., Top Teen Advisor

ADAM GONZALEZ



Adam Gonzalez was born in Saginaw and graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1985. On February 6, 1989 I enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 21, served our country with honor for four years, left Saginaw in 1993 and moved to Holland Michigan for a few years. Upon return to Saginaw in 2008 I found my calling, perhaps the leadership position I am best known for is the American GI Forum Commander twice. As Commander, I was responsible in upholding the mission of the forum which is to address problems of discrimination and inequities endured by Hispanics. In addition, I advocate for the promotion of fair & equal treatment of our Hispanic students in the educational system. He is also a proud member of their Honor Guard, it is a duty I feel most humbled about, and I take great pride in paying respect to the deceased veteran by participation in the funeral or memorial.

I have worked side by side with other organizations in many community related events. Some of these organizations include The Mexican American Council (MAC), La Union Civica Mexicana, Men of Color Committee, ALSAME, Guadalupe Gomez Community Clean Up Committee, Latino Legacy Weekend at MI State University, just to name a few. My beautiful wife Carmen Stricker says, I believe his involvement in a variety of groups shows his dedication to the community as a whole.

Religion encompasses a large role in my life. I have offered my assistance in various projects at my former church, St. George and his current church, St. Joseph Catholic Church. Performs significant roles as a Lector, former Assistant Director of the Youth Group, Assistance with the Pre-Marriage Counseling sessions, cleaning the church and helping with Church fundraisers.

As a Marine, I took great pride in my role as an advocate for all Veterans. I always said that Veterans are of one color, of one ethnicity, of one background. For this reason I hold memberships and is involved in many Veterans organizations (in addition to the American GI Forum) such as Vice President of the Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza, Marine Corps League, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the American Federation of Government Employees. The youth of the community have definitely benefited from my extensive involvement in extracurricular, educational and culture activities. I was also upset when we were informed that Saginaw was too small of an area to show the movie Cesar Chavez, so I started a petition to get movie distributors to bring the movie Cesar Chavez to Saginaw, yep we had it played here for our community. Along with my wife Carmen, we are involved with Big Brother/Big Sisters, our little brother is an amazing young man named Fabian Facundo.

I take great pride in my employment at the Aleda E Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw providing the utmost care and respect with Veterans that I work with. My current position is the Enrollment and Eligibility Coordinator one of my greatest accomplishments is receiving awards for Advocacy and Commitment.

On February 12, 2000, I was severely injured when I was hit by a car as I was walking. In an instant I lost the lifestyle he had grown accustomed to and everything changed forever. I spent several months in the hospital, suffered through many surgeries and had to learn to walk all over again. What many people do not realize, I am in constant pain yet continues to live life to the fullest, never complaining, always with a smile and a positive attitude.

Along with my wife Carmen, I have 5 sons, Anthony Cardenas, Adam II, Elias, Michael and Marcus Gonzalez. Two granddaughters Isabella Rose and Jayla and one grandson Marceliano.

Honors and Activities:

- United States Marine Corps- Honorable Discharge: 2 Letters of Appreciation
- American G.I. Forum- Past Commander, Board Officer, Scholarship Committee Chairman and Honor Guard
- St. Joseph Catholic Church- Lector
- American Federation of Government Employees- Member
- Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute- 2013 Graduate
- Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute- Past Board Member
- Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Business Association- Member
- PSA Star of the Month- February 2014
- LLEAD- Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development- Associate
- Inaugural Daniel Soza Award Recipient
- Recipient of Directors Coin Aleda E Lutz VAMC, Director Dr. Ginny Creaman
- ICare Award- Advocacy
- ICare Award- Commitment
- Special Emphasis Program Manager Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center- Hispanic Program
- Big Brother/Big Sister Volunteer
- Henry Marsh Institute of Public Policy-2018 Cohort
- Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza Board- Vice President 2nd Term
- Saginaw Leadership Class of 2019- Cohort

Heart of the City Award Recipients

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

RISING BUSINESS AWARD

RITA TRUSS



Rita is honored to be the wife of JT Truss for the past 37 years. They have 4 beautiful adult children and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

Rita Truss believes and practices the adage, "It takes a village." She is committed to the children and families in our greater community, without a doubt. As the former director of the Saginaw County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), she also believes in the power of strong partnerships.

Partnering with Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority and other community organizations came very natural to her. She recognizes that it takes a village to raise a child – and it also takes a village to provide services and meet the needs of the families. This village must consist of mental health and faith organizations, juvenile justice, education, public health, prevention, recreation systems and any other groups committed to keeping vulnerable children and families safe.

Developing this village required new and innovative relationships, restructuring of a traditional service delivery system and securing resources in a very slow economy. Because of Rita's leadership, creativity and dedication to get the job done, at the time of her departure there were DHHS staff stationed in 13 Saginaw County schools. Rita believes this approach "was and is critical to the success of DHHS and at-risk children and families the agency serves."

She was a voting member and active participant of the Saginaw MAX System of Care Coordinating Council, having worked closely with SCCMHA, families and many other community partners to establish a meaningful and lasting process – a process where the voices of children and youth would be heard, respected and considered when critical decisions were made regarding their futures.

In December 2010, Rita was appointed as the director of the Saginaw County DHHS. She was employed with the Saginaw County DHHS for 34 years and retired from the agency in December 2014. Currently, she is actively involved in the community as a licensed and ordained teacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ with the mandate of Luke 4:18.

Because of her work with vulnerable children and families and to strengthen partnerships across our Saginaw County "village", Rita has been the honored recipient of several awards.

Awards

- In 2013, Rita was the honored recipient of the Bernice Barlow Community Partnership Award given by the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority.
- In 2014, Rita and a team of community partners received the Honorable Robert E. Weiss Award at the State of Michigan Adoption and Permanency Forum.
- In 2015, Rita was one of the honored recipients of the Great Women of Saginaw Award received from World Outreach Campus, Dr. Hurley and Sandra Coleman

Accomplishments

- 1999 graduate of Agape Faith Bible Training Institute, Birch Run, MI
- 2007 graduate of Spring Arbor University, Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling, Spring Arbor, MI

MARKEEN BAKER

| The What Don't Kill You Show/StayKeen Network |



Markeen Baker is a lifelong resident of Saginaw. He attended Jessie Loomis Elementary, South Middle School, Arthur Hill High School ('06), Delta College (AA, '14), & Saginaw Valley State University (BSW '17). While is nothing in Saginaw." He has continued to fight against that negative belief. Markeen started the Stay Keen Network with the vision to create an online network that would operate and function as a televised network (i.e. NBC, ABC, CBS, etc.) that would provide opportunities to highlight those individuals who have not given up on their dreams and goals. The goal of the Stay Keen Network is be a home to shows and short films. This idea was the driving force behind the creation of the Facebook-based show "The What Don't Kill You Show".

Growing up Markeen was always encouraged to graduate and leave Saginaw because "there The "What Don't Kill You Show" aired its first episode on June 19th, 2017, with his father as the first guest. The show was filmed in the third-bedroom of his home. The show's original concept had each guest sharing his/her story until the target population was changed from those drawn to human interest stories to business owners and entrepreneurs who wanted their businesses spotlighted. To date, the show has reached a milestone of over 100 episodes. The show can be

watched each Monday and Wednesday night at 7 PM on Facebook Live through the StayKeenNetwork page.

Markeen is married to Mrs. China Baker and is the proud father of two children: Markeen Jr (6) & Melanie (9 mo) Baker.

VISIONARY AWARD

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RICHARD & WANDA STRINGFIELD
| Students & Future Technology Program (SaFT) |

SHEILDA BRADDOCK
| Isabella Bank |



Richard Stringfield began working with Women of Colors in 2014. A year later, in collaboration with Women of Colors and First Ward Community Services, he started the Students and Future Technology (SaFT) after school STEM program and became the Program Director. Richard attended North Carolina A&T State University where he received a B.S. degree in chemistry. He was employed by The Dow Chemical Company where he worked on a variety of research projects during his 32 years at Dow. He was awarded the Dow R&D Scientists' award for his contribution in developing and commercializing a new class of adsorbents resins. He authored ten U.S. patents during his career at Dow. He served as a coach/mentor for the Buena Vista High School FIRST robotics team for 11 years. He helped students design, build and program several championship and award-winning robots during this period. He is a member of The Iota Chi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Richard and his wife have two daughters and a granddaughter. As a futurist, he enjoys studying future trends in science and technology to understand their potential social and economic impact in the community. After realizing the tremendous impact that technology would have on today's students, together with his wife Wanda, they implemented the SaFT program.

Wanda Stringfield is a SaFT Program Coordinator. She attended

Grambling State University and obtained a B.S. degree in chemistry. She worked 28 years at The Dow Chemical as an analytical chemist before retiring. Wanda is currently Vice President of the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has been a GLBR Go Red for Women volunteer of the American Heart Association for the last 10 years and she is currently a member of the Midland 100 Club. Wanda has two daughters and a granddaughter. After countless hours of discussion with her husband, Richard, they realized the tremendous impact that technology would have on today's students and they implemented the Students and Future Technology (SaFT) after school STEM program.

Students and Future Technology (SaFT), is a Women of Colors Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education program taught in collaboration with First Ward Community Services. A primary goal of the SaFT program is to offer advanced 21st century skills training, like robotics and computer programming, to 1st - 12th grade students in the Saginaw area. We have created a science technology program staffed with volunteer science mentors and equipped with "hands-on" advanced technology tools. We use personalized project-based learning (PBL) methods to teach social skills, science and engineering practices as real-world models to students. Another goal is that students will learn to take charge of their lifelong learning process. The competency-based training allows students to learn at their own pace the way they naturally learn. The educational challenge today is to prepare students to solve problems we have not yet imagined, which will use technology that has not yet been invented, in jobs that do not yet exist.



Sheilda Braddock is the Community Development Liaison for Isabella Bank. In her position, she focuses on strengthening the bank's relationships and increase product awareness for the Saginaw area residents.

During her career, Sheilda has been very involved in the community. She currently is a member of the Board of Directors for the SVSU Foundation and the Samaritas Foundation. She serves on the YWCA Fund for Women & Children and the Community Improvement Initiative Committee for Saginaw Community Foundation. Sheilda is known by family, colleagues and friends for her passion to increase awareness and opportunities for economically distressed families. Because of her community involvement, she has received the YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region Lifetime Achievement award, The Kenneth E. Untener Cup and Zeta Phi Beta Omega Chapter Woman of the Year Award.

Sheilda previously served as the Advisor to the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, Community Liaison for United Way of Saginaw County, President/CEO of the LaMarr Woodley Foundation and First Ward Community Services.

Sheilda received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) and has 25 years of experience with non-profit administration along with 4 years of private philanthropic administration. Sheilda is also certified in non-profit management through the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development at SVSU.

Sheilda believes great leadership and service comes from the inner spirit. "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" --- 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV. Overall, as responsible members of our community, it is important to share our gifts and talents.



Heart of the City Award Recipients

MOTIVATION AWARD

MOTIVATION AWARD

MICHAEL MARSH

REV. DR. WILLIE CASEY
| New Hope Missionary Baptist Church |



Mr. Thomas Michael Marsh was born May 1, 1950 in the city of Saginaw Michigan. Thomas attended the public schools of Saginaw, graduating with honors from Saginaw High School in 1968. He was awarded the University of Michigan Honor Trophy in recognition of his outstanding achievement in scholarship, athletics, and leadership. Thomas played 3 years of high school football and received honorable mention in the Saginaw Valley League. He served as President of the Student Council and the Senior Class. Thomas was a member of the Youth in Action, the National Honor Society, Junior Classical League, the Latin Club, Letterman's Club, and the YMCA. He also served as a delegate to Wolverine Boys State. During the summer months starting in high school and continuing throughout his college years, he was employed by General Motors Corporation.

After graduation, Thomas attended the University of Michigan, where he earned an undergraduate degree in 1972. During his tenure at University of Michigan, Thomas pledged and was inducted into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he was given the name, "Happy". After graduating from the University of Michigan, Thomas attended Case Western Reserve University Law School where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1975.

Thomas is currently employed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Saginaw. Thomas has served as an assistant prosecutor for 29 years, with a special concentration in child neglect/abuse cases for over 20 years. Michael has been a member of the Michigan Bar Association for 42 years and practiced in private practice with his father for 13-years, prior to joining the Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office. He has served numerous terms as President of the Saginaw Housing Commission, as well as several years on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Chapter of NAHRO (National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials) including one term on the Advisory Board of NAHRO at the national level. He is also involved with RCO (Restoration Community Outreach Center); a non-profit organization that provides homeless men with a place to stay, receive counseling, and job training.

Thomas is currently married to T'sha Marsh, an Industrial and Organizational Psychologist, who currently works for the Department of Defense. Michael he also have two children; Steven (Samantha) Marsh, who is an attorney and a daughter, Anitra Marsh, who is a Marketing Manager for Proctor & Gamble. Thomas is the eldest son of the three children born to the late Mayor Henry Marsh & Mrs. Ruth Eleanor Claytor Marsh. He has a brother, Attorney Walter (Francine) Marsh, and sister, Teresa (Monroe) Marsh.

Willie F. Casey was born the 5th of eight children to Deacon Thomas J. and Deaconess Tissurene Casey, February 23, 1954 in Saginaw, Mi., a lifelong resident of Saginaw, Mi. I received my education through the Saginaw Public School system and graduated from Saginaw High School in 1972. I worked 26 years for General Motors and retired in 2008.

A lifelong member of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church initially under the leadership of Rev. William Burkett until illness caused his retirement. In 1964 Rev. Roosevelt Mosley Sr. became the pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and it was under the leadership of Rev. Mosley that I acknowledged my call into ministry in 1986.

In 1990 I became the pastor of Clearstone First Baptist Church in Carrollton, Mi. until my resignation December 31, 2014, following 24 years of uninterrupted service. In March of 2015 I was elected pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church 1721 Tuscola Street, Saginaw, Mi. where I currently serve. I began my training for ministry in 1986 at United Theological Seminary extension center in Flint, Mi. under the direction of the Late Dr. Grandville Smith - President of United Bible Institute.

I received my Doctorate in Theology in 2010 from The Full Gospel Christian Bible College and Seminary in Flint, Mi. under the leadership of Founder and President, Dr. James L. Wheeler, Sr. PhD. Theo.

I have worked in the community with different groups, sat on numerous boards, and have had input in various ways throughout the city of Saginaw and the state, volunteered my services, taught bible classes to Sr. citizens, to juveniles and the homeless. I've been trained as a mentor and have had extensive training in family and marriage counseling. I also had a Little Brother through Big Brothers Big Sisters - Saginaw Bay.

I am currently a Board member of the Francis Reh Public School Academy. I am also a published author through Xulon Press Publishing.

I married my Jr. High school sweet heart in 1973, Vera K. Brown and was married 29 years until her passing in 2002. From this marriage I have 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. In 2009 I married Ida M. Neely and from this union I added two more daughters and five grandchildren.



MINISTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD

DIVERSITY AWARD

FRANCIS IRVIN

| Jail Ministry |



I began working in 1967 at Saginaw General Hospital, now Covenant Harrison, as a Nursing Assistant in Labor and Delivery Section. I worked in this position until I was offered an opportunity to take the hospital's 15 week Surgical Technician training course in early 1968. Upon completion of my training, I began working in the Operating Room. My job included making sure that any instrument or equipment was surgically sterilized and ready for use. On most cases, I was what they called a 1st scrub. First scrub prepares instruments to be used during surgery and passed them to the doctor when asked. So what I would do is a case study of how the surgical procedure would proceed from beginning to end. This way I would be ready for any possibility of what the surgeon would need.

In December, 1975, because of requirements changes, I was one of the first Technicians to receive a National Certification of Meritorious Achievement after passing the Certifying exam. My official title was Certified Operating Room Technologist through the Association of Operating Room Technicians Inc. of Littleton, Colorado.

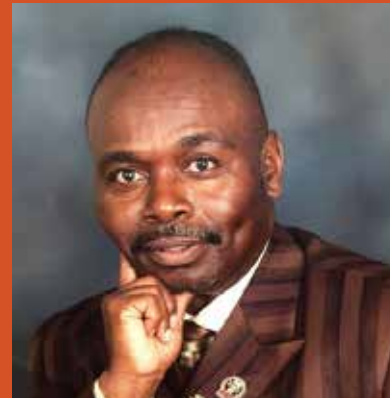
After retiring in 1999, I surmerged myself into serving in my local church as a Sunday School teacher, Mission President, Children's Ministry, or wherever I was needed. After my Church did a service at Freeland Prison, I was stirred up to go again. Eventually I got involved with Jail ministry at the Saginaw County Jail where I volunteered to do Bible Study and Church services. My volunteer services expanded to get clearance to go into the St. Louis and Freeland prison to also volunteer to do Church services which I looked forward to do each and every time.

Little did I know God was preparing me for a role as Chaplain. I am the Lead Chaplain under Forgotten Man Ministries at the Saginaw County Jail where I have assisted and ministered to over a 100,000 individuals and counting. My responsibility is to meet with local Churches to get them involved in volunteering, assisting with helping the needs of inmates, rehabilitation of inmates, minister to inmates and coordinate services for inmates. We use Christian volunteers to lead the Bible Studies, Church Services, and One-on-one counseling. On Sunday and Friday there's Church Services, on Mondays we show Inspirational Movies, during the week there is Book cart ministry as needed, Thursdays we offer Bible Study or Movies, Saturdays there's Bible Study or Movie, and Cell of Celibacy Class every 3rd Saturday. We try to utilize a rotating schedule with sign up sheets in hopes of reaching every inmate. We also have a 10 series Correspondence course for inmates that can follow them either home or to prison.

I cannot express how much I've learned and the fulfillment of volunteering in the Jail and prison has made me wiser and enhanced my relations with God. I can truly say "I am not being blessed I am blessed"! I am so thankful how God strategically orchestrated my life to get me where I am today. Matthew 25:45 (NIV) "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

WILLIE HAYNES

| Ezekial Project |



Willie Haynes has a long history of serving Saginaw County and organizing for veterans, working families, and victims of crime.

After moving from Mississippi at four years old, Willie graduated from Saginaw High and headed off to serve our nation in the Army from 1965 to 1967 with an 11-month deployment to Vietnam. Upon his return as a pipefitter for General Motors in Bay City Powertrain, he became involved in the UAW, Local 362, serving as committeeman, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, liaison to the Bay County Democratic Party, and facilitator for the University of Michigan Minority Labor Studies. He's been a member of the UAW for over 40 years now and continues to advocate for the issues affecting working families.

As a community leader, Willie ran and served as a Saginaw City Council member from 2002 to 2008. Willie continues to be a fighter for victims of crime and for the reform of the criminal justice system. With Saginaw's high

crime rate, Willie was former Vice President of Parishioners on Patrol, served as President of Saginaw County Crime Stoppers for four years, and is a member of the local chapter of ALPAC. He also chairs the Environmental Task Force at The New Ezekiel Project, a Gamaliel Community Organizing affiliate, where he serves as President.

As a supporter of local citizens, Willie has worked proudly and diligently to rename Second Street as Roosevelt Austin Avenue. He is also a member of the Concerned Veterans from Saginaw County and passionately seeks to inform his fellow veterans about services to which they are entitled.

As a Deacon at New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Willie serves as the SodexoMAGIC summer program coordinator, where children 18 and under eat free, healthy foods to fuel their summer. Willie has also served young people as a male mentor for the Gamma Kappa Kudos Club, where young men are taught to be Men of Excellence.

Willie has been married to his lovely wife, Bobby, for over 40 years. He has three sons, Lawrence, Marcus, and Brian, and one daughter, Jennifer. Willie is also the proud owner of Lilly, a beautifully groomed Tennessee Walker.

Heart of the City Award Recipients

OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT AWARD

OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT AWARD

DANIEL SOZA III

| Samaritas |



Daniel R. Soza III was born and raised in Saginaw, MI and has served as the Director of Samaritas Community Center in Saginaw's south side since 2015. He previously served as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years. Following his graduation from Nouvel Catholic Central High School in 1993, Daniel earned an Associates Degree in Pre-Law at Delta College. He graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in Political Science.

While at MSU Daniel was active in several Chicano/Latino organizations at the University as well as in the Lansing area such as: MEXA (Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlan), CRU (Culturas de La Raza Unida), and ASMSU Student Programming Board (Associated Students of Michigan State University).

His proudest personal accomplishment at MSU is being a part of a group of students who advocated and achieved the implementation of the Chicano Studies program. MSU is one of only two universities in the nation where a student can earn a Ph.D. in Chicano Studies.

The Samaritas Community Center (formerly Neighborhood House) has been providing community outreach in South Saginaw for over 75 years. The core services have been after-school and summer programming for the youth in the

area. We also operate a feeding program - last year serving 16,862 hot evening meals five days a week to community members dealing with food insecurities.

The Samaritas Community Center programs currently include: After school and summer programming for youth - homework assistance and recreation, Feeding Program, HIV testing, Rouse School Counselor - summer office, Community Action Committee - housing assistance, TEAFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) giveaways, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Enrollment - food stamps, Diaper Alliance - diaper give away, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan - fresh produce distribution, Home Health - resources for in-home medical services, Alcohols Anonymous /Narcotics Anonymous, Dental Hygiene Health Services mobile clinic - annually, Youth Protection Council - anti bullying classes, Child Abuse and Neglect council - social media safety classes, Girl/Boy Scouts.

Beginning in the fall of 2019, Samaritas Community Center will also be the host facility for a charter school concept, incorporating an ecological, full family approach to education (Integrated model). Embedded within the school will be a range of support programs, geared toward meeting each family's comprehensive needs (ex. Food and housing insecurity, unemployment, unaddressed mental and physical health needs, etc.). Samaritas is expanding our partnership with Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) through their Social Work Master's degree program, Education Department, and Nursing School for case management and support through both prevention and treatment services for chronic health and behavioral care needs of families.

In addition to the Samaritas Community Saginaw, we also provide additional programs and services throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region including:

- Our Foster Care program, Samaritas helped 155 children find loving homes while their parents regained stability in their lives
- 52 families, individuals and seniors found home sweet home through our Affordable Living and Persons with Disabilities services
- Samaritas Senior Living Saginaw (formerly Luther Manor) offers high quality, compassionate care including physical rehabilitation services, and skilled nursing services. As a Provider of Choice for Covenant Health Care, we accept both Medicare and Medicaid insurances.

We look forward to continuing to enhance and expand the services we provide for children and families in Saginaw.

LATRICE GOODWINE

| Saginaw Restoration |



Latrice Goodwine was born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan and a proud graduate of the Saginaw Public School system. After high school, Ms. Goodwine received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Banking/Finance and Management with a Minor in Accountancy from Northwood University. Later she received her Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership from Walsh College.

Ms. Goodwine was first introduced to Restoration Community Outreach (RCO) in 2015 by former Executive Director Mrs. Torrie McAfee. During that time Ms. Goodwine joined the Board Of Directors which led to her becoming the Treasurer. In 2017 Ms. Goodwine took on the position as Executive Director of RCO. In this role she is responsible for overseeing all day-to-day operations of the shelter that houses approximately 50 men daily (including veterans) and over 300 men annually.

Before joining RCO, Latrice is an expert in the financial industry that spans over 14 years. For the past five years she has held her Series 7 & 66 and insurance licenses. In addition, she worked as Project Manager for the City of Saginaw and Saginaw County Land Bank under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Prior to that she had an extensive career in commercial lending.

Outside of work, Latrice enjoys spending time with young family. In addition to family time; Latrice is involved in her church and other community activities. She also enjoys reading & "self-help books," taking road trips, shopping, and involving herself in women empowerment groups and events; especially through her group Girl! What's In Your P.U.R.S.E.?

OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT AWARD

OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT AWARD

TORRIE MCAFEE
| Saginaw Restoration |



Torrie L. McAfee is a native of Saginaw, MI and a graduate of Buena Vista High School. She graduated from Wayne State University with a BS in Business Management and she also has a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) in Global Management. Mrs. McAfee lived in Detroit for 14 years and in North Carolina for 5 years before she moved back to Saginaw in 2010.

In February of 2011 Mrs. McAfee started with Restoration Community Outreach (RCO) as the Finance Manager and by March 2011, she was promoted to the Executive Director position where she served in that role for 6-1/2 years.

While at RCO, Mrs. McAfee grew the organization's portfolio which once held four (4) housing programs specifically for men to one which now holds eight (8) housing programs which also includes permanent housing

options for families and veterans. Mrs. McAfee grew the income stream from just over \$300,000 to over \$650,000.

On July 10, 2017 Mrs. McAfee was appointed as the Superintendent of Buena Vista Charter Township by the Board of Trustees. As the Township Superintendent she has the overall supervisory responsibility for the day-to-day Township operations subject to the ordinances, policies, procedures and general rules. Mrs. McAfee is a Board member of the Saginaw County Continuum of Care for Homeless Providers, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Homeless Action Council out of Lansing and Hearts for the Community as well.

Mrs. McAfee is married to Theodore McAfee and has one son Christopher Lee II and one step-daughter Sy'Marianna McAfee. She is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church where she worships under the leadership of Pastor Dennis Laffoon.

JEANNE CONGER
| Positive Results Downtown Saginaw |



Positive Results Downtown Saginaw is an organization of volunteers formed to develop and promote Downtown Saginaw. It was started in 1975 through the joint efforts of the downtown business community, the Junior League and the City of Saginaw, to stop the exodus of business, the erosion of the tax base and deterioration in the Central Business District. The goals of Positive Results Downtown Saginaw are to attract new business to the downtown, encourage and support the existing business and professional community, and to improve and beautify the downtown environment.

Positive Results Downtown Saginaw's board of directors is elected from community leadership throughout Saginaw County. Funding is obtained through annual contributions from business and professional groups, private individuals, and the Annual Fundraiser.

Positive Results Downtown Saginaw is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization and contributions are fully tax deductible.

Positive Results Downtown Saginaw is a group of volunteers concerned with and interested in Downtown Saginaw. It strives to create a positive, constructive image of the Downtown area, unify, coordinate and support the common efforts of various organizations, and to promote and stimulate ongoing activities attractive to people and businesses.

Positive Results Downtown Saginaw is a non-profit corporation which continues to contribute to the cultural, social, recreational and economic life of the Saginaw community.

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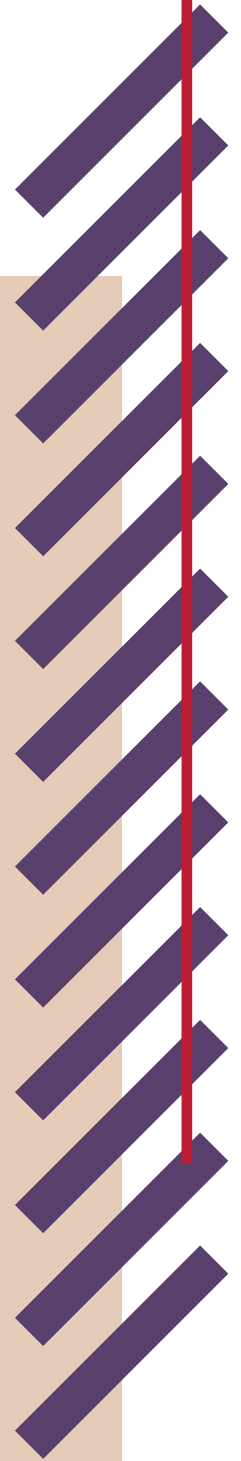


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