

EMPOWERING PEOPLE



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Let's talk about Brianna.

Brianna was raised in a financially and emotionally unstable home, like many of the youth and children Streets Alive Mission has worked with. She began in the Kidz Alive program, and has stayed through Epidemyc and Uwezo. There were points in her life where we actually purchased basic necessities such as deodorant and clothing for her. She's another child that could easily have lived her life in poverty and neglect. However, she's blossomed into an amazing young woman. Brianna was the first in her family to graduate from high school, despite her parents divorcing during that time. After she graduated, all of her immediate family moved out of town. She is currently living on her own, working a steady job and attending university, once again the first in her family. She also continues to work with us as a youth leader, and has brought other members of her family into the youth group. Brianna has worked hard, but without donations from people like you, she may never have been given the opportunity.

Your donation makes a difference.

A struggling economy, a high unemployment rate, an abundance of 'working poor', a shortage of affordable housing, and a dwindling middle class. These are all contributing factors to the overwhelming need we see for the programs run at Streets Alive Mission. Our client list continues to grow with each passing year, as do the number of programs Streets Alive Mission runs and oversees.

We will never be without the poor,
will you help?



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Saturdays are generally a quiet day at Streets Alive Mission, but March 4th was a hive of activity as we hosted the first Pulse breakfast. Breakfast was prepared by our front end staff and served by the Board of Directors with everyone enjoying the opportunity to meet the staff and founders. Tours were given of the facility, including what is often called the 'work horse' of the Mission, the P.I.N. Bank. Seeing it firsthand allowed those present to grasp the magnitude of the work needed to provide even basic necessities. The senior staff did presentations on some of the lesser known programs offered by the Mission, such as trusteeships, Epidemyc Youth Group, Segue Women's Ministry, and Parkside Men's Home. These programs may be less visible, but are important parts of helping clients regain their lives. Pastor Ken shared how our ability to bring hope to those who have none is only hindered by the resources made available to us. Our faithful donors help remove that hindrance. Thank you to all of our dedicated donors who were able to attend. Special thanks to Margaret Oosterhof, Bill & Marion Tamminga, McDonald's Restaurants, and the Coaldale Food Mart for donating the breakfast ingredients.

- Streets Alive gave away, on average, 16 full sets of clothing every day we were open in 2015
- Epidemyc Youth Group attendance rose by 75%
- 200 people had their nails attended to by a medical professional during Foot Fridays
- Foot Fridays used 192 cans of foot spray
- Takin' IT To The Streets is going into it's 13th year of operations

We've seen growth in virtually every aspect of Streets Alive Mission's programming

Trusteeships, a program that allows people to keep their money safe, have grown from 9 people in 2012 to 35 people in 2015. Our youth group has gone from an average of 20 youth to over 35 just in the last year. Our men's housing remains full year after year. Last year alone, we gave away approximately 50,000 sandwiches. We see about two-thirds of the female prison population every Friday at the jail visits.

Thanks to our faithful donors, the Streets Alive Mission team is able and willing to go out and help meet these needs. Our funding is almost entirely private gifts from people like you. Unfortunately, the resources rarely match the need. Please consider becoming a monthly donor to help ensure the needs don't outpace the resources.

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JULY 19, 2016

Saving GREEN

We also realize that for many people, email is a much preferred method of communication. With that in mind, Streets Alive Mission is developing an e-newsletter that will hopefully be available beginning in September 2015.

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can help make sure hungry mouths are fed and lives are changed by becoming a monthly donor.

MONTHLY donations are the foundation of our giving program, and we're making a big drive to increase that base. As a guaranteed source of income, monthly donations allow us to plan our programming and best allocate our resources. Even a small gift on a monthly basis can make a difference.

\$15 will buy 12 pairs of socks

\$20 will buy enough meat for 135 sandwiches

\$30 will buy meals for 10 people

\$50 will buy Epsom salt for four Foot Fridays

THREE dollars every morning will buy you a coffee and a muffin.

That same **THREE** dollars will provide supper to someone who may not have eaten that day.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MONTHLY DONOR.