



# Heritage of HOPE

Celebrating 120 Years!



2025  
ANNUAL REPORT



## *Psalm 90:1*

*"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations."*

### **CELEBRATING 120 YEARS IN MINISTRY!**

Homelessness and hopelessness were growing problems in Saginaw after the lumber boom of the late 1800s. In response, City Rescue Mission opened its doors to "whoever will come" in 1905. The original mission location was 111 Genesee Avenue, the very first of some 67 gospel missions begun across the country by the well-known evangelist Mel Trotter. After several moves over the years, our current location at 1021 Burt Street was dedicated in 1982. Hundreds of people each year still experience God's love in their time of need at City Rescue Mission.

In response to the need for a similar facility in Bay County, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission opened in 2005. Since then, Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan has continually developed to better reach the hurting and homeless, introducing Impact Designs and Samaritan Youth Services in 2021, and Higher Purpose in 2025.



# HOPE begins Here

## Emergency SHELTER



**Psalm 37:23-24** "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand."

Most often, the need for emergency shelter is what brings someone through our doors. No one plans to be homeless, but homelessness can happen to anyone at any time. At Rescue Ministries, our guest advocates meet with guests to identify services needed. We meet their immediate need for shelter and begin providing tools that will lead them to sustainable permanent housing.

Our emergency shelters are equipped to house men, veterans, women, children, and families. We are diligent at providing a safe and clean environment for each guest, being confident that this will aid them in transitioning into independence.

No matter the reason someone needs help, they'll find it at the mission, thanks to our caring staff and generous supporters. Our prayer is for people to go beyond emergency shelter services and take part in our **Impact Program**.

The **Impact Program** focuses on spiritual and long-term needs. Guests receive additional help in these key areas:

**Christian Discipleship:** Guests are encouraged to develop an active relationship with the Lord. In our chapel, pastors, church leaders and staff share daily messages of hope.

**Case Management:** Guests meet regularly with a case manager to assess needs, coordinate resources, and celebrate successes.

**Life Skills Classes:** Staff collaborates with volunteers to present life skills training covering such topics as parenting, health and wellness, financial literacy, computer literacy, communication & conflict resolution, and time management.

**Housing Services:** Our guest advocates meet with Impact Program guests to assist with post-shelter housing options.

Guests who complete the **Impact Program** are also eligible for Impact Designs services.



# Hope in Saginaw



The original City Rescue Mission location was on East Genesee Street near the Saginaw River. The Mission location moved every few years until 1932, when the corner of Lapeer and 3rd Street became its home for fifty years. It

was at 921 Lapeer Street that the Mission served men riding the rails from town-to-town, and it was also here that families recovering from the Depression were often assisted.

There was no question that the time had come to expand facilities to dimensions that would call for the first Mission relocation in half a century. Once an upscale apartment house built in the 1920s, the former Eventide Home for seniors operated by the Salvation Army became available. Mission friends enthusiastically responded to the challenge. The move was made to the northwest corner of Burt Street and East Genesee, and the facility was dedicated on June 5, 1982.

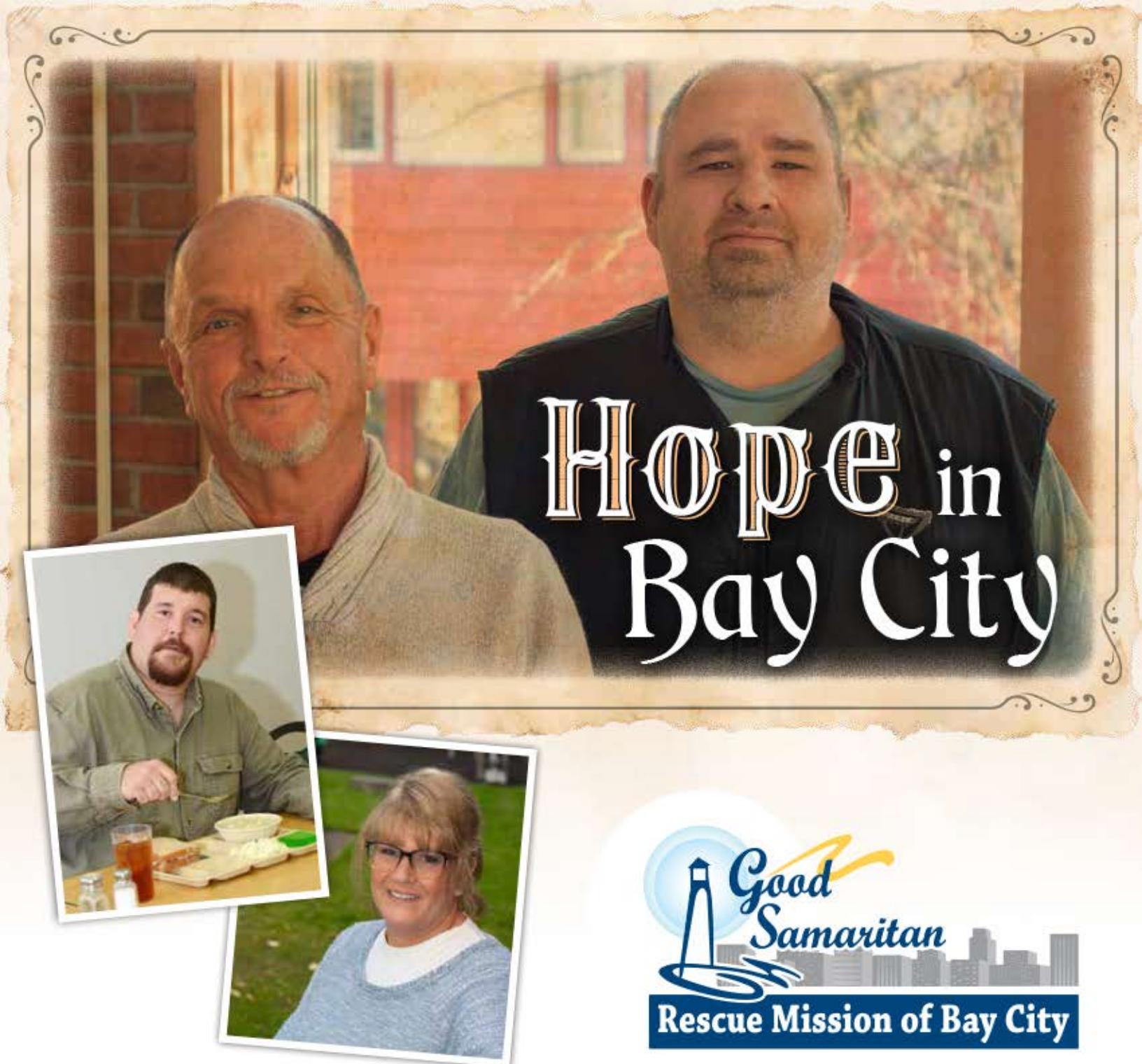
***Last year, your compassion meant...***

**1,253** homeless men, women & children received emergency shelter services

Over **49,000** nights of emergency shelter provided

**136** Average daily occupancy

Over **72,000** meals served



# HOPE in Bay City



In the summer of 2001, representatives of several Bay area agencies asked the leadership of City Rescue Mission to provide compassionate care to the homeless in Bay City. It soon became clear that it was God at work in preparing to open the door for a new mission. A search of available buildings led Mission leadership to the old Samaritan Hospital owned by Bay Medical Center.

Good Samaritan Rescue Mission opened on March 23, 2005. Today the Mission has grown to become the largest homeless service provider in Bay County.

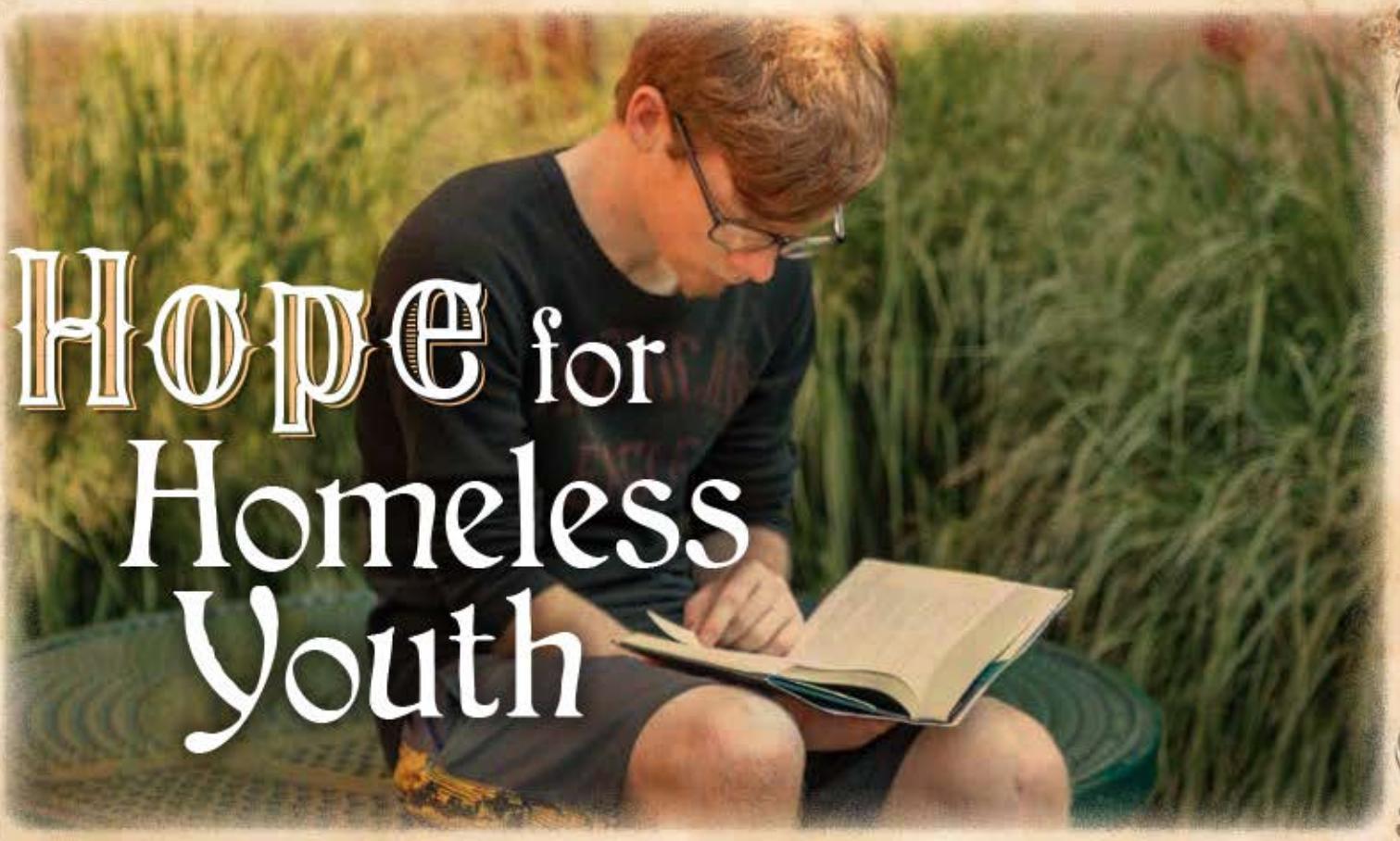
**Last year, your compassion meant...**

**789** men, women & children received emergency shelter services

**29,974** nights of emergency shelter provided

**82** Average daily occupancy

Over **40,000** meals served



# HOPE for Homeless Youth



***Psalm 33:11** "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."*

In 2019 discussions with MDHHS indicated there was a shortage of emergency services for youth 12-17 years old. We responded to this need in 2021 with **Samaritan Youth Services**, which includes the **Samaritan Youth Shelter**, the **Doud House** and **Labadie Lofts**.

The **Samaritan Youth Shelter** (SYS) is licensed by the State of Michigan DHHS and opened February 2, 2021. *Samaritan Youth Shelter* is a voluntary program for youth and their families. SYS provides short term emergency shelter for up to 21 days and counseling services to homeless youth, ages 12 to 17 who are at risk of encountering law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice system.

Our staff strive to provide the best support for our youth in need. Samaritan Youth Shelter has three main goals for youth: reunification with family, connection with education, and enhancement of life skills.

The **Doud House** is a transitional housing program licensed by the State of Michigan DHHS and opened July 12, 2024. The Doud House helps youth ages 16-17 prepare for adulthood, offering up to 18 months of shelter, meals, mentoring, case management and vocational goal support. The facility is dedicated in the memory of Rick Doud who was the first Samaritan Youth Services Administrator.

**Labadie Lofts** is a 10-studio apartment complex designed to specifically assist teens that are aging out of the foster care system. The Lofts provides a safety net and a launching pad for youth in transition. The independent, but supportive, housing assists young adults as they begin a path to adulthood.



# Hope for Tomorrow

*Isaiah 26:4 "Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:"*

**Impact Designs** focuses on housing stability and reducing the number of guests returning to homelessness. Statistics show that 91% of individuals who move into a fully furnished home, complete with all the essentials, stay housed.

Shelter guests who choose to be part of our Impact Program participate in individualized case management, housing placement, life-skills classes, and chapel services. They also become eligible for an **Impact Designs** move and follow-up monthly case management services for twelve months.

Once guests acquire their own housing, **Impact Designs** staff and volunteers utilize donated material goods to furnish their new home attractively and efficiently. Each guest receives a unique design, based on their specific needs and desires. An empty apartment is transformed into a Home with the help of volunteer designers. Volunteers also assist on move-in day and then we do a big reveal when the guest arrives home for the first time!

We call this process "Helping Home Happen." Impact Designs has helped home happen for 175 families and individuals since its launch in 2021.





# HOPE for Our Neighbors

*Mark 12:31 "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

**Higher Purpose** is our newest ministry, dedicated in 2025 to building vibrant neighborhoods in Saginaw through faith, love and collaboration. The focus of **Higher Purpose** is neighborhood revitalization, career opportunities and personal development.

Located at 2800 Holland Avenue, not far from City Rescue Mission, **Higher Purpose** harnesses the experience and knowledge of church volunteers, resources from grant funding and partnerships with like-minded nonprofits to make vital changes in the surrounding community. **Higher Purpose** also seeks to partner with neighbors near the mission, focusing on a few blocks at a time, with the goal of equitably improving lives through community involvement and personalized mentoring.

Work at **Higher Purpose** is well underway, with regular life skills classes and career fairs being offered, home improvement and blight removal projects ongoing, and street level case management happening on a daily basis in the adjacent neighborhoods.



# Samaritan Award

Jesus was one day confronted by a lawyer and questioned about what a person must do to receive life in Heaven. It was determined that one should love the Lord with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love their neighbor as much as they loved themselves. However, as lawyers are prone to look for loopholes, this man questioned Jesus as to just who his neighbor might be. Jesus, being the master of parables, took the time to tell about a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell among thieves. He was beaten, robbed, and left to die on the side of the road. Soon a Jewish priest came along, noted the man's plight, but decided to continue on his way without offering assistance. Next a Levite, also known as a Godly man, passed by the robbery victim and he also decided the man's plight was none of his business. However, a man from Samaria (a very undesirable place to Jews) came upon the poor soul and took the time to treat his wounds and minister care to one who would not normally care for him. After sharing this story



Jesus allowed the lawyer to decide which man demonstrated the quality of loving his neighbor.

***Annually the Rescue Mission leadership considers all the volunteer efforts that have been observed.*** The Mission, being a volunteer driven organization, literally has hundreds of potential "Samaritans" demonstrating love to their neighbors every year. Some share clothing, some dress wounds, some offer transportation, some give money to pay for lodging others, but all are interested in assisting the beaten and downtrodden. The Samaritan Award is presented to one whose charitable acts have somehow stood out among the hundreds of kindnesses. Just as in Jesus' day, the outstanding Samaritan is not easily noted because many times they are discovered among the most unsuspecting candidates. The universal characteristic among all Samaritan Award recipients is that they would all be someone that you would appreciate as a neighbor.

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## Samaritan Award Recipients

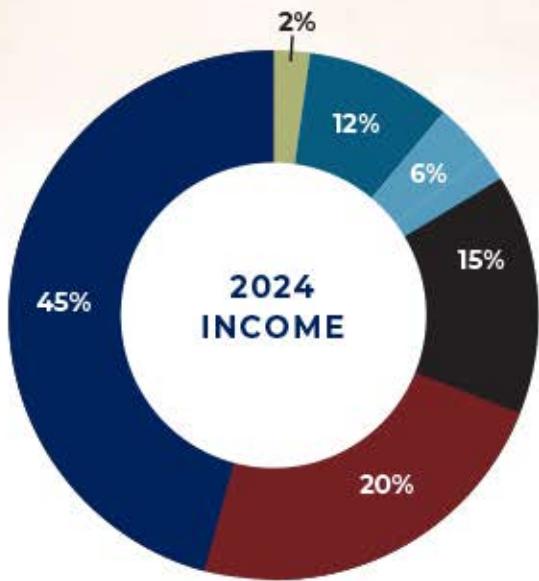
2001	Ken & Karen Streeter
2002	James Kapuscinski
2003	Robert Forbes
2004	Harold Reamer
2005	Rev. William Severance
2006	James & Verena Densmore Loundy & Florence Parth
2007	Dwane & Valerie Bassett Al Christiansen
2008	Robin Tyndall
2009	Dr. Thomas & Dorothy Buechle Next Media
2010	Gerald Blohm Dale Wieck
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2021	Richard & Lacy Frontjes Tom Marx Immanuel Bible Church
2022	Marcia Letson Rita Truss
2023	Kelly Appold Pat & Betty Daily Frank Marcello
2024	Tricia Arner Leona Butko

# Thank You for Your Partnership

Year after year, you entrust us with some of your most important possessions...your time, your talent, and your treasure.

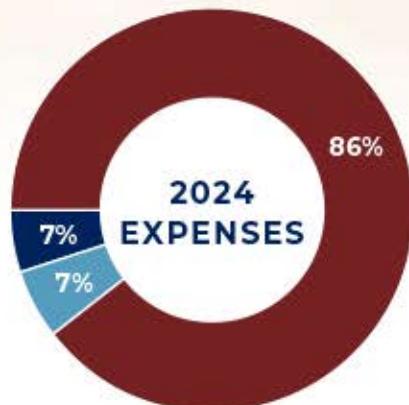
Year after year, we work to ensure that you will never be disappointed. 2024 can be described as a year of walking by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7). The Rescue Ministries team understands that without Him we are unable to accomplish anything of Kingdom significance. Rescue Ministries has a long history of changing to meet the needs of the homeless in our community. During 2024 we launched Higher Purpose. Higher Purpose's mission is to build vibrant neighborhoods in Saginaw through faith, love and collaboration.

We thank God for your prayerful and financial support during 2024 and look forward to your partnership in 2025.



## INCOME:

Individuals \$3,090,904  
Grants \$1,389,215  
Gift in Kind \$982,188  
Businesses \$423,743  
Foundations \$804,331  
Churches \$114,828



## EXPENSES:

Guest Services \$5,591,582  
Administrative \$457,594  
Fundraising \$460,743

*In 2024, your compassion enabled us to...*

- Provide food and emergency shelter services to **2,042 homeless** men, women, and children in the Great Lakes Bay Region.
- Serve **113,005 meals** to homeless men, women, and children in the Great Lakes Bay Region.
- Provide **79,519 nights** of warm, safe lodging averaging **218 per night**.

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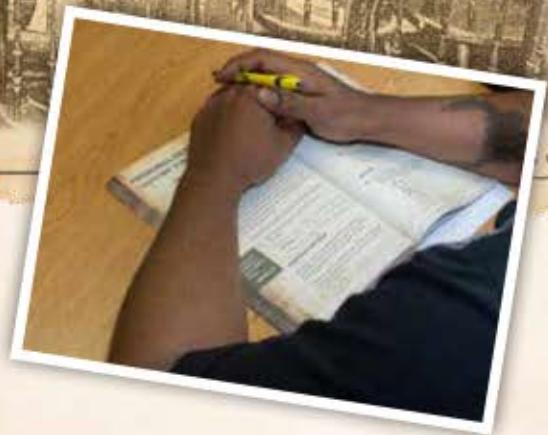
Jim White

Women of Purpose & Power

# 120 Years of HOPE



and still counting...





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