



MISSION MILESTONES 1893 – 2004

- 1893** Christ Mission Settlement founded by W. J. Price at 408 E. Federal St.
- 1894** Sewing School, Mothers club, and free kindergarten was established
- 1902** Christ Mission Kindergarten Chartered in Youngstown
- 1905** Moved to an old house in the rear of 360 ½ E. Federal Street 1908 Moved to East Boardman Street into a three-story building; lot donated by H. B. Wick
- 1916** Children use Mill Creek Park's Fresh Air Camp for playground
- 1917** Rev. Ray Hagstrom joined Christ Mission as superintendent.
- 1922** Christ Mission Helio Hygienic Camp for Pre-Tubercular and socially under- privileged children started 10 miles southwest of Youngstown, near Canfield.
- 1923** Monthly Socials on Saturday nights- 288 men attended, 18 different nationalities, 52 volunteers
- 1925** With \$300 capital, rented a poolroom at the corner of Boardman Street and Dounds Alley.
- 1928** Camp Hospital made possible and dedicated to Youngstown Kiwanis Club for their work with underprivileged children
- 1932** A group of 7 Christ Mission settlement workers start Christian Missionary work in the foreign fields
- 1936** Christ Mission Farm started on a 275-acre estate of William Swanston. Farm maintains dairy cattle, hogs, chickens and a small maple sugar camp. The farm provided food for the pre-tubercular children's camp.
- 1943** Men and women's prayer groups increase to 25 active groups.
- 1952** Over night lodging for the year- 5000 homeless men and women.
- 1958** Rev. Walter Houghton and family come from Florida to be the new director.
- 1959** Board decided the work was too large for one board to handle efficiently, so they split the work. Part of it later became Christ Mission Goodwill Home, and the other part became known today as Rescue Mission Inc.
- 1962** Total meals served for the year – 15,425
- 1963** Mat making program helped provide jobs for 200 men totaling more than 9,000 man-hours. Edith O'Connell provided Good News Bible Class every Thursday under the direction of Child Evangelism Fellowship, and International Children's Ministry.
- 1964** Mary Fulton Ladies Auxiliary was organized.
- 1969** Moved to South Avenue location between and Italian food store and shoe repair shop.
- 1972** Started moving into the old YMCA building, at the present location of 962 West Federal Street, now know as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.



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- 1975** Rev. John Woods accepts position as new Exec. Director
- 1980** Rev. Tim Lowe and family come from a mission work in other areas to be the new Exec. Director.
- 1981** Shelter opened for families, with an average of 10-12 per night.
- 1985** New Life Center in Vienna was remodeled and opened as the New Life Maternity Home. It is a residential, prenatal care home for girls of any age in crisis pregnancy.
- 1988** Due to increases in the numbers of women and children, a Family Services Division was formed, with an average of more than 60 people per night.
- 1989** Teen Straight Talk begins under the direction of Mary Duke. Rev. David Sherrard and family came here with 19 years of experience in the Detroit Rescue Mission, to become the new Executive Director.
- 1990** Winter Wonderland begins. Children's gifts are collected and volunteers wrap the gifts for distribution.
- 1992** End of the year figures show increases in Meals- 113,683, overnight stays 26,886 and clothing 6,151. Due to a lack of space a new facility was purchased. Distribution and Volunteer Center was opened at 2246 Glenwood Ave.
- 1999** The computer Learning Center opens. Private donations provided for the renovation of an old storage area into a computer-learning center, which is a key element in the Resident Programs for men, women, and children.
- 2001** A walk in freezer and refrigerator were purchased with grant monies that allows for the ministry to take advantage of perishable foods that are purchased bulk and donated.
- 2002** Two sisters that regularly volunteer, gifted the Mission's Family Services Division with the complete renovation of an old office area, transforming it into the Wee Room, a play and learning area for our smallest guests. They did this in honor of their parents.
- 2003** The year-end statistics show a huge increase in the Family Services division. Of the more than 23,000 overnight stays, more than 5000 were children.
- 2004** Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Rescue Mission's weekly Sunday Chapel services, open for any one to attend. The Chapel was full with standing room only!
- 2004** The Rescue Mission Ambassador Program is launched, establishing a liaison between individual churches and the Mission.
- 2004** The Mission prepares for growth. Private funding enabled the Mission to install a leading edge computer network linking both buildings to each other and the world.
- 2005** God continues a "new thing" in our midst. Come, tour the Mission home and experience *what* He is doing. The Rescue Mission is a window of Hope to hurting men, women, and children. Are you wondering how you can help? Come and see your gifts multiplied by your willingness to share them.