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COMMUNITY VILLAGE  
**Strawberry Festival**  
2013

Save the date!

Bring the family and join Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, for our Strawberry Festival at Community Village. Fresh strawberries, strawberry shortcake and ice cream, games, live entertainment, and prizes.

**MOVING FORWARD**

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Based on the current economic climate for the homeless and near homeless the Mission anticipates these numbers will continue to increase in the next few years. To meet this growing need we are focusing on: 1) remodeling the existing men's emergency shelter to increase bed capacity 2) improving case management 3) developing guests' life and employment skills.

The rescue mission worked with volunteers from Accenture to develop several life skills classes. One of our guests, William Piffer has participated in several of these classes. "The classes I have taken have been really helpful. The financial class helped with money management, and the job readiness covered interviews, resumes and cover letters. Most of all is the religious part. I was never a religious person. I came here and was saved. I have met a lot of nice people and have learned how to get along. I've always lived by myself. I've learned that everyone has a different story but all are in the same boat. You don't feel that you are the only one. I believe that God has put me here for a purpose. I am thankful for this experience."

Renovation plans call for increasing Men's Emergency Shelter space to accommodate an additional 14 men; remodeling the men's restroom; creating a new daytime job search center with access to internet; creating a new laundry room and replacing exterior windows.

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