



PRECIOUS GEMS Home for Women

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Random Acts of Kindness, Pass Them On

By Bonnie Alworden, Board Secretary

On the morning of January 4, 2015, I was on my way to church in a snow storm. I thought, "This is crazy! Why am I on these roads?" Thinking that weather was only going to get worse, I decided to find a place to turn around. Coming from the north, traveling on South 39 Road, I turned onto 13th Street and turned around in the entrance to the industrial park. Then deciding that I was over half way to church, I turned around again. At church, I told someone that we were either dedicated or stupid. Her comment was "This is Michigan."

Pastor's message was on living the Christian life, even when it seems backwards. This came on the heels of a Sunday school series on what it means to be a true disciple of Christ.

On my way home, I saw a woman walking on Leeson Street. Cold, windy and snowing, I stopped and asked her where she was heading. (Living life backwards!) She was going to work at Wendy's. Totally out of my way, (actually the opposite direction) I asked her if she would like a ride. (A major inconvenience in doing so.) I was able to minister to her by listening to some of the woes in her life.

Why was I out that morning? I needed to give this young lady a ride.

I do not share this story to toot my own horn. I share this story to get you thinking. It is easy to minister to those we know, but what about the stranger among us?

I challenge you that at least once in 2015, do something that may bless the life of a stranger. For in doing so, you may be ministering to an angel unaware.

Precious Gems Home for Women takes no state or federal money.

We are funded completely by donation from generous individuals, businesses and churches.

Help us spread the Good News of Christ to young women in need by becoming a donor.

Our monthly budget is approximately \$3500. Our actual pledged donations are far less than that.

Would you prayerfully consider a monthly commitment as a family, business or church?

OUR MISSION

To serve our God by providing a home to young women who are homeless; to help them learn to trust; to help them make good choices; to provide stability as they mature; to help them discover who they are, where they want to go, and what they want to be; to give them a place to call home as they begin their adult journey in life.

Suppose a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to her, "Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed", but does nothing about her physical needs, what good is it? Faith by itself, if not accompanied by works, is dead. James 2: 15-17

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Our house parent, Sheryl, as she accepts, loves and teaches our residents
- ◆ That our residents would have the courage and determination to make necessary changes in their lives

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DIAMONDS AND RUBIES ANNUAL EVENT!

Plan on attending our fundraising event on February 21. This event is for both ladies and men and includes dinner, an auction, music and more!

Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 by hosting a table, donating an auction item or just attending the dinner to support a worthy cause and enjoy the company of friends.

If you, your business, church or group would like to host a table, donate an item for the auction or attend the event, please contact Michelle at 231-826-3512 or drop us a quick e-mail at preciousgemshome@gmail.com

When: Saturday, February 21, 2015

Where: Rehoboth Reformed Church – Lucas

8372 S. Lucas Rd. McBain, MI

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m.

You do not need to host a table but we do need to know if you plan to attend. Call us at the number above or e-mail us and we will reserve your seats.

Precious Gems is interested in a subscription to the Cadillac News.

We could use the newspaper to:

- ♦ Find employment
- ♦ Clip coupons for meal planning & shopping
- ♦ Keep up on current events

Would you be interested in purchasing a subscription for us at only \$7.95/month?

Call Sheryl at (231) 468-2053 for details.

We would love to speak to your church or service group about Precious Gems.

If you are interested in learning more about us or ways you can help, please call Lynn Mulder at (231) 878-8613 or e-mail us at preciousgemshome@gmail.com

To send a contribution to Precious Gems, Please mail it to:

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Thank you for your support!

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