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Mission

Mel Trotter Ministries exists to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ, through rescue and restoration for anyone experiencing hunger and homelessness.

Vision

Through the power of Christ, bring an end to homelessness in West Michigan, one life at a time.

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Thank you

Your giving is changing lives and helps guests see that they were made in the image of God. In 2019:

Rescue

4,425

men, women & children
found shelter.

405 youth ages 18-
24 were served.

188,800 nourishing meals
were served with
love & dignity.



Restoration

207

individuals chose to follow
Jesus Christ.

124 families with children
found housing.

515 men, women &
children found stable
housing.

269 people secured
employment.

76% of guests who exit MTM
programs successfully
remained housed after one
year.





Misty was pregnant with Jaycob while she was in the Step-Up Recovery program at MTM. Today, they live on their own in Grand Rapids.

Misty's journey out of homelessness

Misty sat down to chat as her young son Jaycob ran around the room, playing with his toys. Near the window of her living room grew a houseplant she received upon graduating from Mel Trotter's Step-Up Recovery program. Misty looked around her home and reflected on how far she had come.

"A lot of bad happened in my life," she remembered. "I really had nobody. Then when I was 11, my mom passed away."

Thankfully, Misty's dad took her and her siblings in. But it wasn't easy raising seven kids. "My dad worked a lot to provide, but on the weekends,

he would do whatever he could to spend time with the seven of us. I never remember anything bad happening to me. He's everything to me."

After suffering domestic violence from her boyfriend of eight years, Misty left to escape his ongoing abusive behavior. She was hoping for a fresh start with her children. She moved in with a new boyfriend but Misty continued to struggle with her addiction.

Yearning for a fresh start, Misty moved into her dad's home and soon found out that she was going to have another baby. However, her past was

still too close. The mother of two young children knew she needed to get clean. She just didn't know how.

"After I found out I was pregnant, there was no doubt in my mind that life I couldn't do. I had to provide. I was scared. I was pregnant and homeless," Misty recalled. She desperately wanted to learn how to overcome her issues and be a better mom. That's when she connected with Mel Trotter's Step-Up Recovery program.

The program sparked a transformation in Misty's heart and life. She embraced the redeeming power of Jesus

Christ in her heart. **Because of your support, Misty grew closer to God, learned the tools to overcome her addictions, got a job and even has her own place now with her youngest son, Jaycob.**

"I walked out (of Mel Trotter) a new person. God led me here. God led me to Mel Trotter to change who I am and everything. Wow, look what Mel Trotter has done in my life...all the people they have brought into my life."

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Events

The year was full of building relationships, serving one another and growing together. Here's a glimpse into some of the main events from 2019.

Annual Golf Outing



Mel-lennial Meet Up



Season of Hope



Foot Washing & Shoe Giveaway



Thanksgiving Community Meal



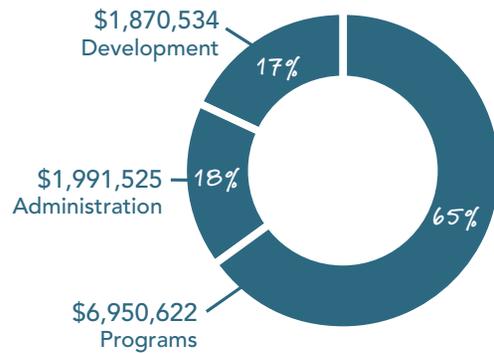
Coat Giveaway



Christmastime Luncheon

Financials

Expenses for FY 2019



Annual Income for FY 2019

\$11,647,788



Sources of Support



For more information, refer to Form 990 online at meltrotter.org/financials.

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