



Growing Up So Fast

As parents of 4 and now grandparents for 3 boys, my wife, Peggy, and I have had the privilege of watching 7 babies become toddlers. It is amazing to watch the rapid growth and development as a once helpless baby learns to talk and walk. Interactions become a lot of fun as personalities begin to develop. Appearances become unique to each child. It is a joy to see them experience life in all its fullness.



In many ways, Bridge Street Mission might be considered a “toddler” ministry. This ministry was conceived as recently as 2015, when the Tappe family began “Gazebo Grillouts” for those experiencing homelessness in Wausau. We are only in our 5th year as a church and 2nd year as a 501c3 non-profit. To give some context, the last rescue mission I served at is celebrating its 110th anniversary!

Just like a toddler, Bridge Street Mission is growing fast and beginning to experience new things. Food Together at the Outreach Center has flourished this year, both in the number of those coming daily for lunch and the generosity of the Wausau community providing donations of food. The program model for the Sober Living Center is beginning to take shape as we gear up for full implementation. In the meantime, God is already sending us men who are eager for the Word of God and want to establish stable lives. They are benefiting from the Christian discipleship they are receiving. Mission Grounds Espresso is open for business and has added a delivery option through the EatStreet App.

Fortunately, we don’t expect toddlers to already be mature adults. We understand that they need to learn and grow. At Bridge Street Mission, we recognize that if we are going to be an effective ministry that is worthy of your trust, we need to continue to establish excellent operating procedures, creative programming structures, attractive and safe facilities, consistent patterns of communications and outstanding financial practices.

Through your prayers, financial donations and volunteer service, I invite you to share the journey with us as we “grow up” into a mature ministry that offers “Christ-Centered solutions for Central Wisconsin.”

Craig A Vincent

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2020 Key Statistics

- Meals Served: **35,885**
- Current Sober Living Residents: **31**
- Hours of Spiritual Training: **4,352**
- In-Kind Donations: **\$600,120.00**

History Timeline

- ⇒ **Summer 2015**
Tappe Family begins “Gazebo Grillouts” on Saturdays, meeting and learning about homeless population in Wausau
- ⇒ **July 2016**
Property at 115 W. Bridge St. purchased for future Outreach Center
- ⇒ **December 2016**
Bridge Street Mission incorporates as a church (non-stock corporation) and a board is formed
- ⇒ **July 2017**
Bridge Street Mission acquires former Annabelle Apartments to become Sober Living Center
- ⇒ **August 2019**
Bridge Street Mission becomes a 501c3 charity with policy board



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Please make plans to join us on the following dates...



⇒ **Saturday, January 23, 2021: Urban Street Project Open House**

The completed house at 2106 Meadow Brook Way as well as the Outreach Center (115 W Bridge St.) and Sober Living Center (1140 W. Bridge St.) will be open for tours.

⇒ **Thursday, February 23, 2021: Faces of Hope Fundraising Banquet**

Join us from 6:00—8:00 PM at Rothschild Pavilion for great food and coffee to learn more about Bridge Street Mission



Friend of the Mission Individual and Group Projects

- * Meadow Brook Way Cleanup on December 12th
- * Social Media Sales

Church Partner Volunteers

- * Provide Meals

Volunteer Staff

- * Greeters and Minglers at Outreach Center
- * 30 day Program Intake



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“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.”

Isaiah 58:6-8