



*Christ-Centered Help
for Those in Need*

BRIDGE STREET MISSION'S TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

*Sometimes the best way to help someone
is to just give them a ride.*



Bert Mayhak – Shuttle Driver

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

BERT'S SERVICE HELPS MEN RESTART THEIR LIVES

Bert is a retired teacher of industrial mechanics. He already knew a little about rescue missions from his time living in the Chicago area.

He had been speaking with his brothers about his desire to serve those less fortunate than himself and eventually his older brother challenged him to stop talking about it and do something. Around that time he heard a presentation about Bridge Street Mission at his church and approached Craig about getting involved.

After qualifying with volunteer staff status, he was scheduled to serve as a shuttle driver on Fridays. In this role, he uses one of the Mission's vehicles to take men to their vocational track, court and medical appointments; and eventually, for men in the re-entry phase,

to work. It is especially these men returning to work that motivate Bert, as he realizes that because of the rides provided, the men are able to get better jobs they otherwise could not access on their journey to restart their lives.

This has been true for **Sam**. Sam was unable to drive himself to work, because previous charges prevented him from having a driver's license or owning a car. Shuttle rides, like the one's provided by Bert, made it possible for Sam to work consistently in good jobs.

Sam has his driver's license back, has purchased a vehicle and now drives himself to work. He is grateful for Bert and all of the



Mission shuttle drivers for helping him get to work until he was able to re-establish himself as a productive employee with reliable transportation.

Bert sees his role as "supporting the other life changing program elements and celebrates that he is sharing in those results." Bert takes full advantage of his time at the Mission, sitting in on prayer meetings, hanging out in the dining room, showing interest in their programming and even doing some vehicle repair. When the men see him doing these things, "they get to know me and know that I care."

Traveling in a vehicle naturally opens up conversations, so Bert has plenty of opportunities to talk, share his testimony, offer encouragement and enjoy fellowship with the men. Bert is fully invested in the ministry of Bridge Street Mission and says with emotion, "I thought I was coming to help guys, but I feel like I am benefiting more."



We have replaced three members of our fleet with lower mileage, reliable vehicles thanks to generous donations. Thank you.

*We only need to replace one more —
a 2002 Dodge Caravan with over 275,000 miles.
Please let us know if you have a seven- or eight-passenger
vehicle you would like to donate.*

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

In addition to our daily meals, we will host two special holiday events at our Outreach Center with decorations and Gospel-centered programs. Please contact us at **715-409-3506** or **volunteer@bridgestreetmission.org** to help with these events.



THANKSGIVING MEAL

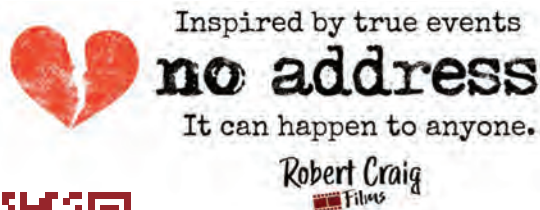
Wednesday, November 22 at Noon

HOLIDAY MEAL

Friday, December 22 at Noon

NO ADDRESS: THE MOVIE

Coming to theaters Spring 2024



To watch the trailer or get more information about the movie, scan this QR code or visit **www.noaddressmovie.com**

ABOUT ROBERT G. MARBUT, JR. PH.D.



Dr. Robert Marbut has worked on issues of homelessness for more than three decades helping hundreds of communities and agencies to dramatically reduce homelessness. He has worked in three different US Presidential Administrations, including serving as the Executive Director of the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, often called the "Federal Homelessness Czar." He has developed The Seven Guiding Principles of Homeless Transformation which focuses on root causes and recovery, not symptoms or short-term gimmicks. These Seven Guiding Principles are used in all aspects of his work to create holistically transformative environments in order to reduce homelessness. In addition to speaking at our Gala (details on the back page), Dr. Marbut has committed to touring our community and advising our leaders on the issue of homelessness. He is also the Executive Producer of *No Address: The Movie* which is coming to theaters in the Spring of 2024. Bridge Street Mission has signed up to host a red carpet event.



GOLF OUTING RESULTS

Money Raised: \$18,777

Champion and	
Top Trades Team:	<i>ABC Supply (25)</i>
Top Friends Team:	<i>Monkey Business (28)</i>
Top Real Estate Team:	<i>Brenda Schumacher</i> <i>RE/MAX Excel (30)</i>
Top Church Team:	<i>The Village Church (31)</i>
Top Banking Team:	<i>Abby Bank (32)</i>
Longest Drive:	<i>Brett Kaehler</i>
Longest Putt:	<i>Ed Zinser</i>
Closest to Pin:	<i>Dan Yonke</i>
Closest to Pond:	<i>Kaye Frederick</i>

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With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in their time of crisis.

HELP TODAY WITH A GIFT ONLINE: [BridgeStreetMission.org](https://www.BridgeStreetMission.org)



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Bridge Street Mission may use generic names and photos to protect the privacy and safety of our residents. Please also understand that our clients' journeys to recovery are often filled with both victories and challenges. Excess funds of any specific appeal will be used where most needed in the ministry of Bridge Street Mission.

DRIVING AHEAD

What do you do when you do not have a vehicle or even a driver's license and the best job for you a) is not within walking distance, b) is inaccessible by public transportation, or c) requires you to drive?

This is the reality for some of our men who are beginning the re-entry phase of our programming. This dilemma could cause absenteeism and tardiness. He may have to settle for a job that is less than ideal or does not fulfill God's purpose in his life. Fortunately, at Bridge Street Mission's Sober Living Center, our residents have access for rides for up to six months as they re-enter the workforce.

In this newsletter, you will be introduced to one of our shuttle drivers, Bert, who ministers to our men by driving them to work and other appointments and learn how he has made a difference in the lives of men in recovery. You will also see our fleet of vehicles and hear about our need for one more. Maybe you too could serve like Bert in this capacity, or another one of our volunteer opportunities found at bridgestreetmission.org/volunteer.

We are excited to announce that our 2024 Winter Gala speaker is Robert Marbut who served as the Executive Director of the Interagency Council on Homelessness under 3 presidential administrations and Executive Producer of *No Address: The Movie*, coming to theaters in the Spring of 2024 (see page 3 for more information) I invite you to join us at one of these events as together we offer Christ-centered help to those in need.



Craig A Vincent

Craig Vincent
Executive Director

WINTER GALA

Our Winter Gala is **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, at the **Central Wisconsin Conference & Expo Center**.

- **Featured Speaker:**
Dr. Robert Marbut,
Executive Producer of
No Address: The Movie
- **Individual Tickets:** \$35
- **Table of 8:** \$250

SPONSORSHIPS:

- **Gold Table:** \$1,000
(Table of eight, table sign, prominent placement in website and program, stage banner)
- **Silver Table:** \$500
(Table of eight, table sign, recognition in website and program)

Learn more by visiting
bridgestreetmission.org/wintergala

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Bridge Street Mission is equipping individuals who struggle with homelessness, addictions, hunger and sustaining a stable life to become healthy contributors to society.

The ministry of Bridge Street Mission is evangelistic, compassionate and transformational. Through the generosity of our community, men and women are fed, treated with dignity, and given hope. Men experiencing homelessness, being released from jail or coming out of rehab are housed, learn to live addiction free and are equipped to re-enter society as healthy contributors.



Meals



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Transformation

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