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The Messenger

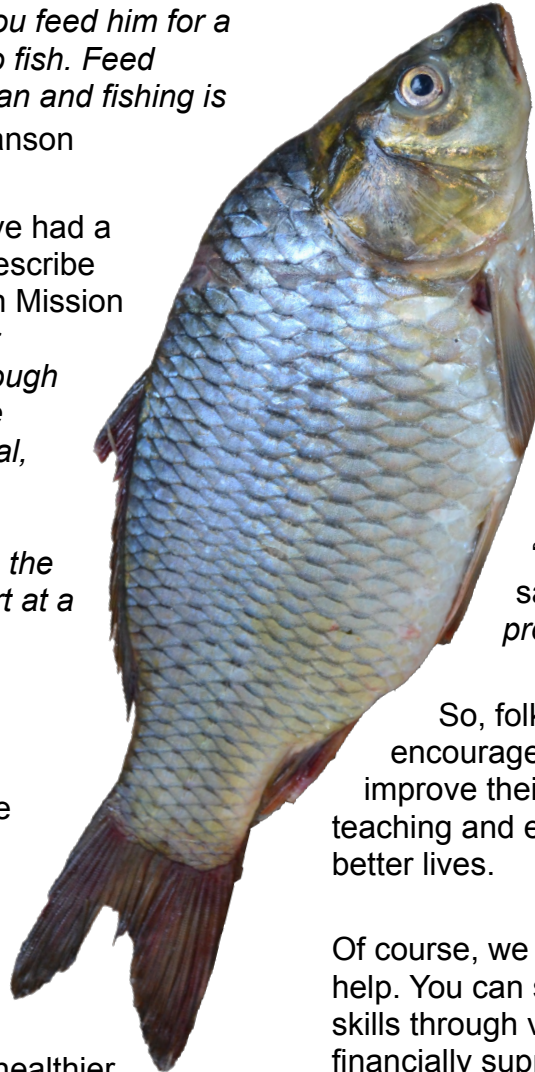
“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Don’t teach a man to fish. Feed yourself. He’s a grown man and fishing is not that hard.” ~ Ron Swanson

For the longest time I have had a hard time trying to fully describe what the Good Samaritan Mission is all about. I mention our Mission Statement—*Through knowledge we inspire the community to find physical, emotional, and spiritual healing*—and our Vision Statement—*To transform the world for Christ, one heart at a time.*

“Okay, so how?”

“Well,” I explain, “we have these classes where we invite local, county, state, and federal agencies, as well as churches, to teach our “students” information that encourages them to live healthier lives. Of course, we also teach them the Bible and the hope of the Gospel.

Excitedly, I describe how lives have been touched and transformed by what God is doing through the staff and volunteers here at GSM.



After a while, I notice that they are just staring at me.

“What?,” I ask.

“What you are saying is that you are not just giving them a fish; you are teaching them to fish.”

(Pause)

“Yeah...I guess...you could say that...Uhm, Yes!, that’s *precisely* what we are doing.”

So, folks, this is what we do. We encourage our students to learn, improve their lives, and pay it forward, teaching and encouraging others to live better lives.

Of course, we can only do this with your help. You can share your knowledge and skills through volunteering. You can also financially support the work of the Mission.

So, don’t feel **Orca-ward** about getting involved. We will **dolphin-itely** find a spot for you. Any **fin** is possible if you don’t **trout** yourself! Just let **minnow**.



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Christmas Blessings Outreach

December 10, 2016

TOY DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED!

**Please deliver new unwrapped toys to the Mission by
December 5, 2016.**

Suggestions: dolls, cars, trains, trucks, basketballs, soccer balls, Lego/Duplo sets, Barbie dolls, pre-school toys, bicycles (and helmets), remote control toys, action figures, craft kits, and teen gifts (toiletry gift sets, watches, electronics, hair styling products, perfume, make-up, purses, jewelry, ear buds, headphones, cell phone cases and accessories).

**If you would like to volunteer at the Event,
please go to www.gsmission.org to sign up.**



FIRST SATURDAYS
DEC. - MARCH
10:00 AM
TO
2:00 PM



GSM BALM FARMERS MKT.

Good Samaritan Mission DECEMBER 2016~MARCH 2017

- 🍎 Locally-Grown Produce
- 🍷 Food Trucks/Vendors
- 🌿 Pick-Your-Own Herbs
- 👩‍🎨 Local Artisans
- 🎁 Hand-Crafted Gifts
- 🌻 Plants
- 🧵 Hand-Sewn Items
- 💎 Jewelry
- 🧴 Locally-Produced Cosmetics
- 🍯 Local Raw Honey
- 😊 And More...

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Making it YOUR Mission



Back to School Outreach

The Good Samaritan Mission would like to say thank you to all of the people and organizations who made our Back to School Outreach Event possible:

The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay

Somebody Cares Tampa Bay

Heritage United Methodist Church

Trinity Baptist Church

Grace Community United Methodist Church

Christ Community Church

D. A. C. C. O.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

The Spring

Suncoast Community Health Center

Hillsborough County Public Library Book Mobile

Janie Nye Face Painting

Nibbles the Clown (Sun City Center Shrine Club)

D. J. Luis Molina

Brandon 7th Day Adventist Church

A & M Barbershop and Hairstyling

Pass-A-Grille Beach United Church of Christ

And special thanks to our amazing volunteers and donors who every year make this event possible. GSM distributed 500 backpacks with school supplies to children in our community. At the event, the children and their families enjoyed lunch, cupcakes, haircut vouchers, community organization information, health screenings, music, games, crafts, and face-painting.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for garden volunteers to work in the garden from 1-8 hours/week. We need people to water, plant seeds, keep order in and around the green house, repot seedlings into bigger pots, prune plants, pick produce, and help at local plant sales and farmers market to help raise funds for GSM. For more information, call Theresa at (813) 634-7136.

In Memoriam or Honor



Melody Lynn Hanusch, from Larry & Ruth Hanusch