

To: Unitarian Universalist/Mike McDonald
From: Peggy Byland, Editor
tc Street Voices – Real People, Real Stories

Dear Mike McDonald,

It has been almost a year since the first issue of tc Street Voices was published and sold to the public. We have learned much this year regarding writing, editing, formatting, printing (special thanks to Copy Central for graciously working with our errors and our budget), and distributing (special thanks to Higher Self for continuing to distribute the magazine to our vendors amidst our impatience, frustration and often, our lack of courteous behavior). Thanks also to Bill, Deb and Matt Shaw from Speak Up who allowed us to forge our own new path in this business of publication. We also thank Central United Methodist Church and the Disability Network for providing meeting space for writing and Mentoring Partnership through Help Link for providing Staton Lorenze to walk with us through business details.

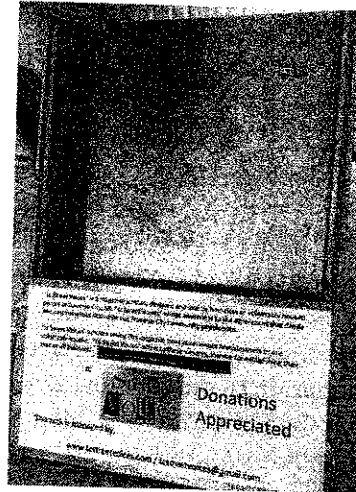
Currently we are working with Tom Pezzitti p.c. Attorney at Law to attain 501©3 non-profit status. This will give us opportunity to receive funds as a tax-free donation from our donors.

In addition to the ten regular issues of tc Street Voices, we have also published a "Selected Writings" issue and a color issue highlighting city photos by Carl Hawkins. Currently we are exploring ways to put into print books of poetry, memoir and children's stories of growing up in Leelanau County. Dustin LaPres, a gifted, once homeless author who still lives on the edge of poverty, writes deep and profound poetry. David Stendel, who at an early age developed seizures, thereby limiting his life opportunities, writes of growing up in a group home in Manistee. Through his empathy with other less fortunate people, David became a volunteer committed to improving the lives of people evicted from the State Hospital in the early 90's. Steve, a master storyteller, writes of his early years as the oldest of eight, growing up in Cedar without TV! Steve lived on the street, in a tent and at Safe Harbor until he received state and federal assistance in securing subsidized housing.

Recently, tc Street Voices found a carpenter who built 13 magazine racks to be placed in businesses and churches, which brings me to the point of this message.

Safe Harbor will be opening for the winter months the fall of this year, 2017. To prepare and encourage Safe Harbor church volunteers, tc Street Voices writers and vendors would like to offer your church two opportunities:

1. tc Street Voices vendors will place a beautiful magazine rack for your church counter or table and for a payment from your church each month stock it with 10-20 copies of the newest issues at \$2.00 per copy. For many of our vendors, the sale of the magazine is the only income they receive. The designated vendor for your church must either walk to your church or share travel with a car owner. Even through life's challenges, these writers are committed to sharing their love of writing and stories of living on society's margins. If it is possible to pay for 10 copies each of the five months of Safe Harbor in a total sum, we will offer the magazine for \$100 plus two free issues each month. We would also request the option to receive tips through personal donations in a slot provided on each rack.



- tc Street Voices writers would like to tell your congregation their personal stories and answer questions about staying at Safe Harbor. They are willing to come to a mid-week or Sunday venue. Please consider a donation to the magazine.

If your church would like to participate in this vision of tc Street Voices, please send the attached contract with a check to our mailing address.

The poor will always be with us, but the mandate by Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the poor and give shelter to the homeless becomes more personal when we call these people by name. Thank you for your support of our marginalized people.

Blessings,

Rev. Peggy Byland

_____ Yes, our church would like to receive _____ copies of the new issues each month for \$2.00/copy for a total of _____.

_____ No, our church is not interested at this time.

_____ We are interested, but have questions. (Please contact Peggy at phone: 231-349-5269, email: tcstreetvoices@gmail.com)

Checks can be made payable to tc Street Voices, and mailed to:

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