

# ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, RICHLAND

HAS HAD A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**OPEN DOORS KALAMAZOO**





# ***Open Doors***

***Building Relationships, Overcoming Homelessness***

# OPEN DOORS' PROGRAM INCLUDE:

Open Door Shelter for Men



Next Doors Shelter for Women



food, shelter, support services, help finding work, saving money and achieving sobriety

# RESIDENCE COMMUNITY FOR LOW-WAGE WORKING PEOPLE



- Permanent affordable housing and support services
- 77 units of housing affordable to minimum-wage workers and families
- Ranging from single private rooms to 3 bedroom apartments

The Executive Director of Open Doors is the former rector of St. Timothy's from 1988-1999, the Rev. Rick Stravers



- In 2011, Open Doors provided a home for 141 adults and children
- Through Open Doors' "Adopt and Apartment" program. St. Timothy's volunteer have renovated, cleaned, painted, and in some instances furnished and decorated the following properties....

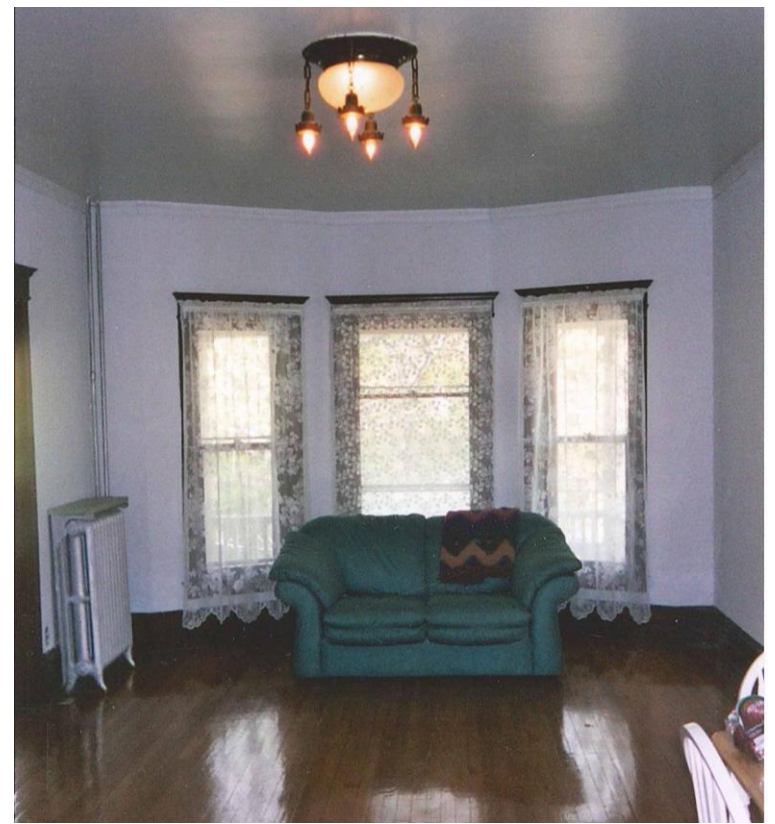
## NEXT DOOR SHELTER- GUEST BEDROOM FOR 2 YOUNG WOMEN



# 1027 PARK PLACE-SHARED HOUSING FOR WOMEN: BEDROOM FOR A YOUNG MOTHER AND INFANT



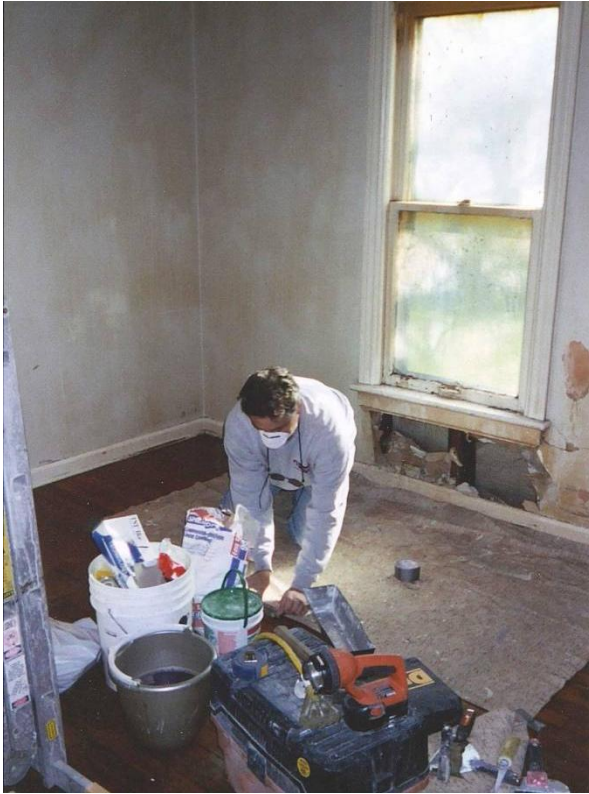
**420 RANNEY- SHARED HOUSING FOR MEN: KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND HALLWAY**



**419 S. PARK- 1-BEDROOM APARTMENT**



## 530 W. NORTH-BEDROOM IN 1-BEDROOM APARTMENT



Before



After

# 611 W. LOVELL- 1-BEDROOM APARTMENT

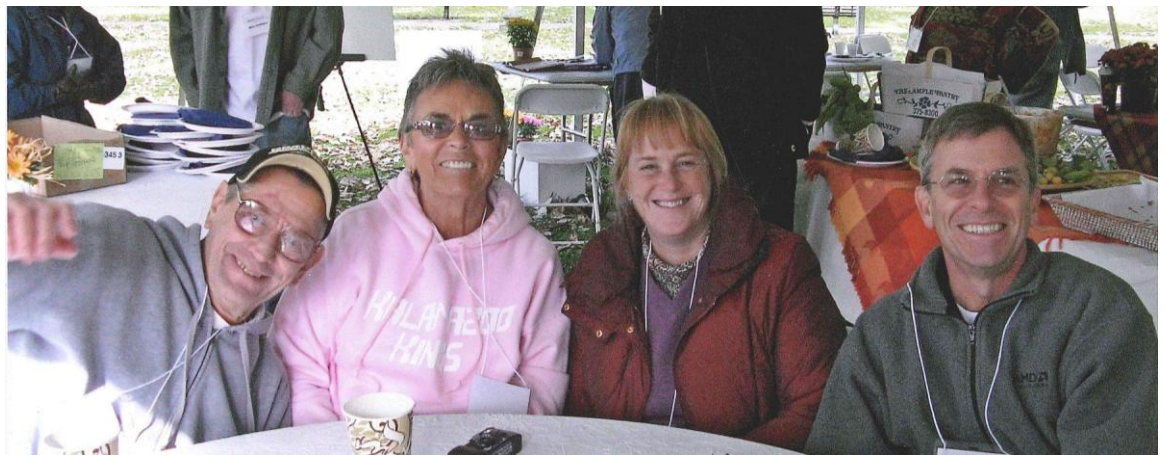


# OTHER INVOLVEMENT OF ST. TIMOTHY'S WITH OPEN DOORS

- Parish members have served on the Board Of Directors; others are regular volunteers
- Youth Groups have prepared and served meals for Open Doors' monthly community dinner for the residents



- Rick Stravers has presented several adult education classes at St. Timothy's on poverty and homelessness
- Financial donations, including "Art Open Doors" art auctions and Christmas Eve collections
- Sunday schools classes have purchased books for children living in Open Doors Residence Community





“After years of being in ‘the system’ and shuttling from one agency to another, I felt beaten down and de-humanized. But Open Doors is in the business of ‘re-humanizing’. The Residence Community gives me the chance to live like a ‘real person’ -taking increasing responsibility for my life with lots of support and receiving the gift of the opportunity for a lovingly-prepares apartment in a safe, secure environment.

-Open Doors Resident



- St. Timothy's, working with Open Doors, has helped provide decent affordable homes for previously homeless people and low-wage working people prices out of the rental housing market.
- St. Timothy's volunteers-adults and youth- have learned that a safe place to call home and people who care can be the starting point for changing lives