

- 1986** **Lori Wiersma** hired as Program Director by Classes Thornapple Valley and Grandville deacons with seed money from CRWRC. Began in basement of **Oakdale Park CRC**.
- 1987** **Supportive Friendship** program began
- 1990** **Service Projects** program began. VIS became computerized.
- 1992** 1st VIS newsletter: "**Deacons Directions**"
- 1994** **Pat Buist** began as first **Referral Coordinator**. Offices now located in donated space at 425 Michigan, NE.
- 1994 Regular **follow-up** of cases begun by 2 volunteers coming in to the VIS office each week.
- 1995** 1st annual **Deacon Training**
- 1997** Moved offices to **1725 South Division**.
- 1998** **VIS Car Ministry** began
- 1998** 1st fall **Leadership Training Event** held at LaGrave CRC.
- 2000** 1st **Fundraising House**
- 2002** Offices moved to **2303 Kalamazoo, SE**. 1st **Friends of VIS Banquet** held.
- 2003** **Mission House Fundraiser**
- 2004** **Equipping Church Network (ECN)** program began.
- 2005** **Mission House Fundraiser**
- 2007** **Koetje Fundraising Mission House**
- 2007** **Bernita Tuinenga** hired as **Connections Coordinator**.
- 2007** Offices renovated at **2303 Kalamazoo** after fire.
- 2008** **Debbie Jones** hired as **Connections Coordinator**. **Sea to Sea Cycle to Serve** bike ride held.
- 2008** **Lori Wiersma** retired as **Executive Director**. **Doug Redford** hired as new **Executive Director**.
- 2008** Offices moved to newly purchased and renovated building at **1940 Eastern Ave. SE**.
- 2009** **VIS Car Ministry** changed from a vehicle rehabilitation service to a donation service to benefit VIS.
- 2010** **Doug Redford** resigned as **Executive Director**. **Bernita Tuinenga** and **Dave Ellens** hired as **Co-Executive Directors**.
- 2011** **ECN** program no longer a VIS program.
- 2011** Last **Cycle to Serve** bike ride held at Millennium Park.
- 2011** **1940 Eastern Ave.** building sold. Moved into **Providence CRC**.
- 2014** **Jeff Looman Memorial Bike Out Loud** bike ride held at Millennium Park.
- 2015** **VIS Fall Luncheon** held at The Prince Center, Calvin College.
- 2015** Annual **Leadership Training Event** moved to Calvin College.
- 2016** First **Financial Mentor Training** held.
- 2017** Went back to having a single **Executive Director**, with **Bernita Tuinenga** filling that role.
- 2018** Held the first **Bid to Bridge Fundraising Event**.
- 2019** **Suzanne Reinink** joins team as the **Director of Operations and Training**.