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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards banquet on Friday, March 4, 2022 at The Lair Event Center. The meal was catered by Dhafer's Mediterranean Steakhouse. Both Representative Herman Morse and Senator Jason Bean were on hand to present resolutions to the award recipients.

Misti McBride presented the 2021 Organization of the Year Award to The Stoddard County Gospel Mission.

"The Gospel Mission is a nonprofit organization striving to reach people in their desperate time of need. Providing food, nutrition, education, financial planning, clothing, and household items to low-income families who are in dire need throughout our local county is an example of work they do every single day."

"The Mission has been in operation since 1990 and is well established in our community helping approximately 1,200 families with food boxes each month."

"The Mission also operates a thrift stores in Dexter, with another location in Puxico, with clothing and household items that are donated from our community. The proceeds generated by the stores help support the food pantry by allowing them to purchase food items not supplied by grants or government assistance. In addition, the Mission offers nutrition classes and financial planning classes to participants in the food program. The Stoddard County Gospel Mission operates solely on donations from within our amazing community and the proceeds from the thrift stores."

"Their goal is to be the hands and feet doing God's work here on Earth. Over the last 32 years at the mission, they have gone above and beyond what is expected to help those who truly need it. Without their hard work and dedication, the number of families who would be hurting and in desperate need would be astronomical."

"When my mom, Kim Lemon-Youngman, director of the Mission for the past twelve years, called me two weeks ago to let me know that she had been surprised with the Organization of the Year, I was absolutely thrilled for her and the Mission."

"It's an honor that I get to present to you the 2021 Organization of the Year, the Stoddard County Gospel Mission."

Congratulations to Kim and the Stoddard County Gospel Mission on your Organization of the Year Award!

Pictured from left is Alisha Trammell, Herman Morse, McBride, director of the mission Kim Lemons-Youngman and Jason Bean.

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