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"This is a good place to be."

You brought John off the streets last winter
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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. – John 14:27

Dear Friend,

My first few months as Executive Director have been a real whirlwind! Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission has recently battled extreme cold, an arson fire and a variety of costly repairs. However, God is always good and I'm confident of His presence at the Mission.

During these trying times, many of our guests have found stable housing and employment. We've continued to offer food and clothing to our community through our Gift Center. God has provided many opportunities to share the Gospel through our Message and a Meal, along with many one-to-one conversations with those who are truly thankful to hear the good news. And God is always working through local churches and individual volunteers who demonstrate the love of Christ to our guests.

With help from friends like you, we'll keep providing delicious meals, clean clothing and warm beds to demonstrate our love for those who are hurting and homeless. More importantly, we remain committed to providing the eternal hope found in Christ through a transformed life of faith and service.

In the midst of the whirlwind, we've found peace and purpose that affirms God's unshakeable love. One such affirmation is your faithful giving. Please continue with your prayers and financial support in the name of Jesus. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lloyd Curtis



Lloyd Curtis
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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John finds “a good place to be” in Nashua

Spring is finally in full swing in Nashua, but John will never forget the hopelessness he felt when he was evicted from his apartment in the middle of a New Hampshire winter. “It was right after Christmas,” he remembers. “I just needed to get off the street, to get safe and warm.”

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John had heard on the street that he could get a hot meal at Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission... but when he came to us, he found much more. “It’s a Christian group and they’re very good at helping people,” he says.

“They kept me warm and safe off the streets, and taught me about the Bible, God and Christianity.”

Now enrolled in our R12 LifeChange Discipleship Program, John says, “I’m working on getting my life back together.” That includes contributing to the daily operations at the Mission.

John explains, “We help the pastor do the classes and the Bible studies, help with serving food and the food pantry and help with the donations and deliveries. We also pray for those in need, or those who are sick or dying.”

Although John looks forward to being on his own again, he tells us, “I think I’m going to come back and help out. The Mission helps the homeless, they help the hurting, they do all kinds of things. This is a good place to be.”

ways to give

Please consider partnering with your co-workers, neighbors, or Bible Study to collect these needed items for our guests:

MAY— Spring Clean

- 409 Cleaner
- Pine Sol
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Murphy’s Oil Soap
- Laundry Detergent (HE Compatible)
- Hand Soap
- Bleach
- 55-Gallon Trash Bags

JUNE — Let's be Brief

- Men’s Briefs (All Sizes - S to XL)
- Undershirts (All Sizes - S to XL)
- Men’s Deodorant

JULY — Stock the Kitchen

- Heavy Duty Styrofoam Plates/Bowls
- Plastic Forks
- 8 oz. Styrofoam Hot/Cold Cups
- Napkins
- Commercial Heavy-Duty Aluminum Foil

Sharing God Word's for 15 Years

If you look up the word “faithful” in the dictionary, you might find Tony Nasta’s picture there. Tony has volunteered at Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission since we opened our doors over 15 years ago, but he still says, “I’m just somebody off the street who loves doing this and loves Christ.”

When asked why he has stayed on for so many years, Tony answers, “I love the people. As you get to know them, you just fall in love with them. I get to spread the gospel to them and to speak of Jesus, which is my other love.”

Tony conducts a Bible study for residents on Tuesday nights, as well as “Music, Message and a Meal” at lunch on Mondays. “We’re preaching the good news of salvation, and you pray that some of the guests are receptive,” he says. “It may be the only opportunity that they get to hear about Christ.”

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In his 15 years of service, Tony believes that God’s Word has changed lives at the Mission. “I see people come and go,” he admits. “You just pray that it catches one or two, but that’s not for me to say. That’s between them and God. My job is to deliver it.”



For Tony, the benefits of volunteering far outweigh the efforts. “It keeps me grounded because I have to study it up. It keeps me in the Word. I come away more blessed than the clients come away.” For those he serves, he says, “My prayer for the guys is that they fall in love with Christ and follow Him.”

For information about volunteer opportunities, visit <http://nashuarescuemission.org/volunteers/>.

mark your calendar

**Annual Banquet and Silent Auction
Friday, September 27**

Please mark your calendars early for the next Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission Annual Banquet. The banquet will feature testimonies to God’s goodness and work in helping the hurting and homeless. We will feature another silent auction and look forward to sharing with those who have prayerfully and financially supported us. The banquet will be held at the Alpine Grove Banquet Facility, 19 South Depot Route 111A, Hollis, NH beginning at 6:30 pm.



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If you’d like a Mission team member to visit your office or church to share about our work, or you’re interested in helping with one of the opportunities above, call (603) 889-3421 or email office@nashuarescuemission.org to learn more.