

# RESCUED From Darkness

2018 annual report



Lives Transformed  
for God's Glory



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**Lloyd Curtis**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## from darkness to light

This past year, God cared for hurting and homeless people in our community through your generosity to Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission.

People come here in trouble they cannot escape alone, and God shows up to rescue them. I cling to the verses in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians (1:13-14): "For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins."

Every day, we receive heart-breaking calls from men and women with nowhere to turn. We meet their desperation with truth, love and genuine concern. As God directs, you and I become light in their darkness.

This annual report is just a snapshot of God's work through you. Thank you for helping proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to people who desperately need to be rescued from darkness.

*Lloyd Curtis*

## core services

meeting the basic needs of those who come for help.

### Come for a Meal and a Message

People come to the Mission because they are hungry. They also receive a message of hope and encouragement from God's Word.

With your help, we serve breakfast every day during the week, lunch four days a week and dinner on weekends. Also, everyone in our R12 LifeChange Discipleship and Transitional Employment Programs receives meals each day.



**In total in 2018, you provided:**

- 30,710 delicious meals to hungry and homeless people in Nashua.
- Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day community cookouts for more than 600 needy people.
- A Gospel message of hope to all who joined us for a meal.

### Men's Emergency Shelter

Every night, up to 40 men find a safe respite from the streets and weather in our Chestnut Street facility.

Men stay in the warmth and safety of this place for up to 60 consecutive nights. They receive guidance for work, housing and health care, along with the opportunity to address real life change through our R12 LifeChange Program or Transitional Employment Program.

**In 2018, you helped provide 12,775 nights of safe shelter to 191 homeless men.**

### R12 LifeChange Discipleship Program

Men who are serious about life change join our 12-month program and commit themselves to:

- A new life in Christ and growth in faith.
- Participation in a local church with godly relationships, mentors and a sense of community.
- Training in life skills for resume building, job interviewing and individual change in specific areas of character building.
- Establishment of stable and sustainable income and affordable housing.



**In 2018, we were privileged to minister to 25 men in our R12 LifeChange Discipleship Program.**

### Transitional Employment Program

We encourage homeless men to stay with us and develop biblical financial principles as they save money toward permanent housing. They develop a sense that God should be honored in how we manage the resources He has provided.

**19 men participated in our Transitional Employment Program in 2018.**

### Gift Center

Every other Tuesday, needy individuals and families in our community received:

- Donated clothing, footwear, personal hygiene products, blankets, coats, flashlights, books and other items.
  - Fruits, vegetables, dry foods, meat, nutritious drinks and other food items, donated by generous friends, Hannaford, Sam's Club and the NH Food Bank.
- More than 168,000 lbs. of food were distributed in 2018.**

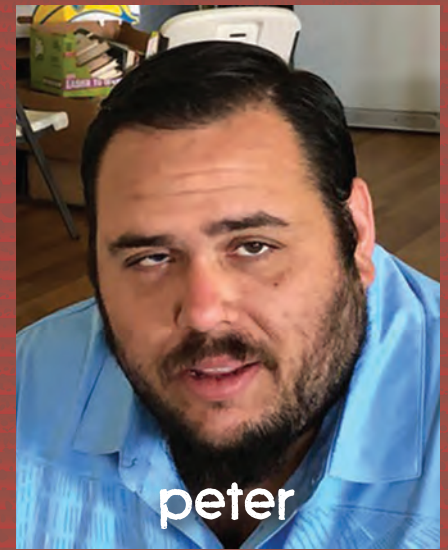
## our stories

### Transitional Employment Program

“I felt like a wet dog out in the rain,” Peter remembers. After years of making bad financial decisions, he was separated from his wife, unemployed and homeless.

Then Peter came to the Mission. “The moment I walked in the door, I heard someone talking about taking responsibility, and it hit me like a lightning bolt.”

Peter joined our Transitional Employment Program and opportunities began to open up for him. He joined a local church and was baptized. He found a job and began saving money. Three months later, he says, “I’m in a better position than I ever hoped I would be. This place is set up to help you achieve success.”

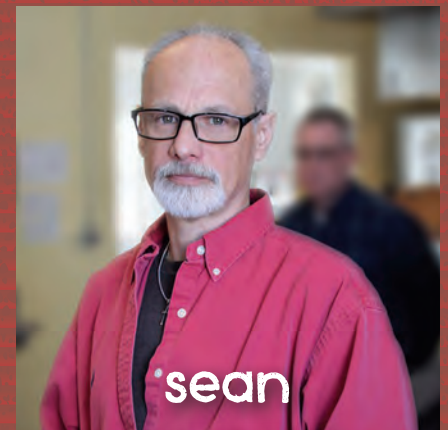


### R12 LifeChange Discipleship Program

After counseling homeless people for 17 years, Sean knew where to go for help when his own drinking got out of control. “I could have gone to a 28-day program, but I needed to get right with God.” Sean chose the Mission’s R12 LifeChange Discipleship Program.

“It’s not a soft program. You got to be real if you want to heal,” Sean says. “I used to lean on my own understanding. Now I go straight to God.”

Sean graduated from the program in September. He looks forward to being a case manager again and is reconciling with his family. Without your help, Sean says, “I wouldn’t be the kind of man who can provide for my son.”



### Men’s Emergency Shelter

Albert, a retiree, expected to live the rest of his life in the family house he grew up in. But the house was in his sister’s name, and when she passed, her husband took ownership of it and set Albert out on the street.

With little money and in poor health, Albert came to the Mission. Here, he has meals, a comfortable place to live and a second chance—at 68! “It’s an opportunity to better myself,” he says. “It’s a first step.”

With help from his case manager, Albert is looking for a new place to call home. In the meantime, he says, “Everybody here wants the best for me. I’m happy to be here.”



### September Banquet

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Banquet was held at the Alpine Grove Banquet Facility in Hollis, New Hampshire. We celebrated the Lord’s goodness to us and our mission to help the hurting and homeless in Southern New Hampshire. Pastor Terry Wilcox, current Board of Directors member, encouraged us in the Word and reminded us that Jesus calls us all to stop along our journey to help others. Our Lillian Berry Volunteer Award was presented to our faithful volunteers, Rita and Toni Belloli and Jenna McIn.



## board of directors

**Perry Jones** – Ravenna, NY  
Executive Director of Capital City  
Rescue Mission (Board Chair)

**Jim Varnhagen** – Carmel, IN  
Retired, formerly Executive Director  
of New York City Rescue Mission  
(Vice-Chair)

**Phyllis Naegeli** – Frankestown, NH  
President, Primary Air Balance  
(Treasurer, Secretary, Finance Committee)

**Lloyd Curtis** – Milford, NH  
Executive Director,  
Southern NH Rescue Mission

**Richard Rutter** – Lancaster, PA  
Pastor, Crossroads Mennonite Church

**Terry Wilcox** – Bridgeport, CT  
Executive Director,  
Bridgeport Rescue Mission

**Dr. Cynthia Whitaker** – Weare, NH  
Chief of Services,  
Greater Nashua Mental Health

**Sam Lorento** – Merrimack, NH  
Manager, American Vending  
(Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair)

**Theresa Spearing** – Nashua, NH  
Attorney (Secretary)

## mission statement

*At Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission, we strive to minister to the homeless and near-homeless in our community with Love and Gospel of Christ. That means we desire to minister to the whole person while providing an opportunity to come alongside and lend a helping hand up from a person's current circumstances.*



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## volunteer profile

### “Be humble and serve your heart out!”

Graham and Elaine Birch began serving breakfast at the Mission with their daughter when she needed volunteer hours for high school. “It was something we could do as a family,” Elaine says. “We enjoyed it so much that after she graduated, we kept going.”

Volunteering at the Mission has taught the couple the joy of serving. “You can reach out to anyone who needs help,” says Graham. “Just be humble and serve your heart out!”

Elaine says, “God honors a giving heart and enlarges it to keep giving. It becomes a lifestyle.”

If you would like to volunteer, Elaine says, “Just do it! You’ll feel ten feet tall!” Please consider joining the Birches and the other approximately 1,000 people who celebrate the joy of Christ in serving those hurting and homeless in your neighborhood. We need:

- Food service workers
- Office assistants
- Outreach workers
- Bible instructors
- Mentors

For more information, please visit [www.hope4nashua.org](http://www.hope4nashua.org).

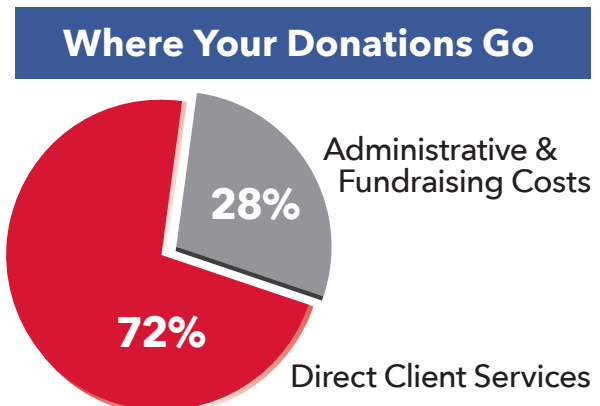


## Financial Summary

Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission operates on a budget of approximately \$400,000. We are diligent in the use of God’s money to direct as much as possible back into services needed by our guests and residents.

**2018  
Total Revenue**  
**\$468,981**

100% of our revenue is received from individual, church, business and foundation contributions and grants. No monies are received from Federal, State or County sources.



Note: All statistical data in this report is from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.