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“God is shining His love on this place!”

Robert finds real happiness at the Mission (page 2)



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Great Expectations ... Fulfilled!

Dear Friend,

When guests first come to Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission, they have few expectations. Life has taken a toll on their search for happiness.

But after staying here for a month or two, you begin to see a light in their eyes, a bounce in their step and a hunger to learn. They really believe good things are coming their way!

The men in our program have a realistic hope they will not have to go back to hunger and homelessness. They begin to plan and save for a home and family because they see those joys are no longer just for others. They can have them too.

As I look back on this past year, my first as Executive Director, I'm reminded of the many times you came alongside the Mission and provided for our neighbors in need. Unlike many of our guests, **I had great expectations ... and I was not disappointed.**

I see how God has blessed all of us here — residents, staff and volunteers. Most of all, **I see God's faithfulness to this ministry and His hand in everything we do.**

Who knows what this year will bring? So far, we've seen God is good, and He loves His people — that will never change. When our guests and residents let that beautiful truth sink in, joy is close behind.

We have great expectations God will continue to bless us this year. May He also bless you with His grace and peace.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Curtis

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. — Romans 8:25



Lloyd Curtis
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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You Lifted Robert from His Lowest to His Happiest

A successful business owner, married for 27 years, Robert never thought he would end up in a rescue mission. However, 17 surgeries over the past ten years left him addicted to painkillers. “That put a huge strain on my marriage, and everything fell apart,” he says. “I was the lowest I’ve ever been.”

Homeless, alone and deeply depressed, Robert made his way to Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. What he found here, he says, was nothing short of a miracle.

“I was in a bad state when I came. I was devastated,” Robert tells us. After joining the R12 LifeChange program, he says, “I got my confidence back. There are 12 guys in the program right now, and we all help one another. We push each other to be better — to hold ourselves to a higher standard. It has changed my life.”

Robert experienced the love of Christ at the Mission and reconciled himself to God. “I knew about God, but I didn’t *know* Him. He wasn’t in my life the way He is now. He was always there, but I didn’t let Him in. God is number one in my life now.”

Looking ahead, Robert plans to study theology and become a pastor. While he attends school, he wants to continue helping out at the Mission and ministering to hurting people in Nashua. “I love being able to connect



and share the Word of God with them,” he says.

Robert greatly appreciates your support. “Being in the program, I see firsthand what giving does,” he says. “If you can change one person, and give them a little bit of hope each day, you’re doing God’s will.”

“I’m happier now than I’ve ever been. I’ve found peace and love in my life that I’ve never had. God is shining His love on this place!”

mark your calendar

Annual Banquet and Silent Auction Friday, September 25

Last year, we celebrated the stories and testimonies of God’s goodness through your support of the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. We had approximately 170 attendees, but we can accommodate more! It is an opportunity to share with one another as the Body of Christ. We are glad to host the event again at the Alpine Grove Banquet Facility in Hollis. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. for our raffle and silent auction. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Last year, the Lord showered blessings on us with donations just over \$20,000! Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Would you like to learn more about the Lord’s work at the Rescue Mission? Do you know how important your support is to the hurting and homeless at the Rescue Mission? I would love to share our stories or provide a tour of our facility! Call me at 603-889-3421 or email me at director@hope4nashua.org. God is doing amazing things here!

Thanks and Praise ... and Plenty of Food

On Thanksgiving and Christmas, the weather was typical for New England late in the year: cold, gloomy, rainy, just miserable. But Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission was warm, bright and filled with rejoicing — and food!

On both holidays, caring volunteers served more than 200 traditional meals with all the sides, even delicious desserts! Everyone who came to the Mission on those nights enjoyed not only the excellent food, but the warm fellowship.

We thanked our Lord for His abundant blessings and enjoyed the Good News of Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls. The spirit in the Mission was warm and welcoming to all who came to give thanks and to celebrate Christ's birth. Praise God for blessings too numerous to count!



Gift Center Provides Daily Bread and Much More

You may not know that while the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission operates as a men's homeless shelter, we do much more. We serve the entire community of Southern New Hampshire with food, clothing and of course, the love of Jesus Christ through our **Gift Center**.

The Gift Center is open every other Tuesday by appointment. Many in our community rely on us for groceries and clothing to relieve the stress of meeting simple daily needs. We receive supplies from the NH Food Bank and NH Fresh Rescue, as well as abundant donations from others who simply care and want to share what God has given them.

In the 3rd quarter alone, we provided enough groceries for over 8,700 meals. We met the needs of approximately 970 men, women and children. More than 150 individuals or families came to us for the first time.

This Thanksgiving, we provided turkeys and all the fixings to anyone who wished to cook a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Just as "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17), God uses many of us as His gift givers. Please join us in giving through the Gift Center with your donations to help those in our community with great needs. Thank you!

