

# A Time to Change and A Time to Hold Strong

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Change and Stability

**Lloyd Curtis**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

God has been a constant in this season of change for the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. We could not predict the sudden impact and dramatic effects related to a global pandemic. We only knew homelessness and poverty would not go away. Instead, those most vulnerable depended on us even more.

While we adjusted to implement the CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of guests, staff and volunteers, providing daily meals, safe shelter, clothing and the Good News of Jesus Christ was not negotiable. It is our God-given responsibility to remain firm in faith and

not respond out of fear. Our hope is in the One who rescued us from sin and darkness into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:13-14).

This annual report will show how we remained steadfast in meeting the needs of those hurting and homeless. With your generous support, we made wonderful updates to our facility: a new kitchen, dishwasher, ladies' bathroom and a brand new heating and air conditioning system!

While many predicted devastating impacts to our revenue, you dug deeper to see that the Lord's work

would continue and grow. The stories we share in this report are just a snapshot of the impact of the Gospel in people's lives for His Honor and Glory. Please continue to pray for the growing impact of this Rescue Mission on a world in great need of help and Hope. And, as always, stop by or call me to learn more about how this ministry testifies to our amazing God.

*Lloyd Curtis*

## YOU MET THE NEED



### Message and a Meal:

You provided 37,401 meals to hungry people in Nashua and offered a Gospel message of hope to all our guests.



### Men's Emergency Shelter:

You helped provide 6,630 nights of safe shelter to 166 homeless men. They also received guidance for work, housing and healthcare and an invitation to join our long-term programs.



### R12 LifeChange Program:

You allowed us to minister to 15 men in our 12-month program and lead them toward productive, new lives in Christ.



### Transitional Employment Program:

Thanks to you, 11 men participated in this program last year, learning how to manage the resources God provided and saving money toward permanent housing.



### Gift Center:

You helped provide groceries for approximately 32,067 meals, for 3,563 men, women and children. Last year, 530 new guests came to our Mission for food.

## Internship Program Fosters Responsibility

Last year, Peter had completed our Transitional Employment Program and said, "I'm in a better position than I ever hoped I would be." Peter must have kept hoping, because this year, his position is even better! When he isn't at work, Peter serves as an intern at the Mission, assisting Shawn with food service and Jeffrey with programs and our emergency shelter.

"Being an intern has taught me responsibility," Peter says. "My ex-wife is very impressed with where I am now compared to a year ago, and she's very thankful to the Mission." As a new father, Peter tells us the internship helps him provide for his son. "I want my son to see what I've become and for him to want to be like me."

Peter says his internship gives him something to look forward to every day. "Some of my happiest moments have come from being here at the Mission. To come alongside men who have been in a situation similar to mine and let them know they don't have to go through this alone, is the best feeling I've had in a long time."

To friends like you, Peter says, "Everything we have here is by God's grace and your generosity. Come see the changes you made in men's lives. Come walk with them for a day and hear their stories."



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## LifeChange Program Offers Hope



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"I had nowhere to go," Bob recalls. "I was nervous. I was scared. I was broken." When Bob arrived at our emergency shelter, he was looking for a hot meal and a place to stay. He didn't expect to become a new man in Christ, but that's exactly what happened.

Bob admits that although he was a Christian when he came to the Mission, his heart wasn't with God. Today, that has all changed. "I wasn't ready to have the Lord in my life. Now, I know who my Father is!"

After he got accustomed to being in the Mission, Bob decided to join the R12 LifeChange Discipleship program. "It taught me how to serve the community," he tells us. "Whoever comes through that door, I do my best to show them the way."

Bob is working full-time, saving money and planning to reconcile with his wife. In the meantime, he is dedicated to sharing with others the same compassion he was given when he came to us. "There are a lot of homeless people out there. We do our best to keep them off the street, feed them, change their hearts and the way they're living.

If I can change one person's life, like the Mission did for me, it would be awesome."

## RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

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.

2020 Total Revenue

\$577,935

Where Your Donations Go

Administrative & Fundraising Costs

19%

Direct Client Services

81%

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.

## Board of Directors

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## Mission Statement

The Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission exists to help the hurting and homeless in Jesus' Name by providing food to all and rescue, relief, and renewal services to men in Southern New Hampshire with a goal of being restored in relationship with God, reintegrated with society and reconciled with family.



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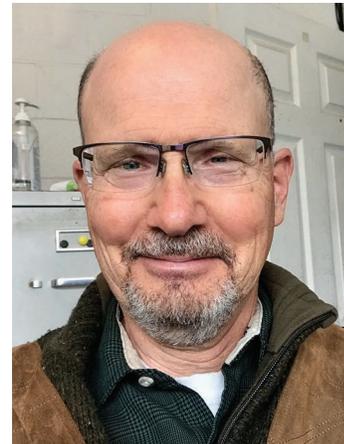


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## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

# Helping People Find Their Way

Have you ever wondered how people find their way to the Mission? Often, it's through our hotline, which is manned by John, one of our valued volunteers. For three years, John has listened to all the voicemails that come through the hotline and connected callers with local organizations, including Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission.



“Often, I’m the first sympathetic person they’ve talked to in a long time,” John says. “I hear some heart-wrenching stories. People come here from all walks of life. They’re poor and hurting; they may have addiction or mental health issues. But when they come here, we make them smile. It’s an upbeat atmosphere.”

In addition to returning calls from the hotline, John answers the phone at the Mission, handles intakes, updates the roster, serves meals and unloads donations for the food bank. However, his favorite “task” is sharing fishing stories with the guys! “Just being here is a good feeling,” he says.

John describes the Mission as a beacon of light to hurting people in the community. “We try to change their hearts, work with them spiritually and change those aspects of their lives that are causing all the turmoil.”

If you would like to join John in volunteering at the Mission, he has some advice: “Come on down! You’ll be happy you did.”

## How You Can Help

This has been an unusual year for our volunteers. The COVID-19 virus kept many away from the Mission and the service they love. We are bringing more people back to help, but if you are at high risk or simply don't feel comfortable serving onsite, there are other ways to make a difference:

- **DONATE** masks, sanitizer, hand soap, thermometers or other hard-to-find items related to protection against the virus.
- **CREATE** a clothing drive for our cold weather needs including coats, blankets, hand/foot warmers, gloves and hats.
- **DELIVER** a prepared meal or supplies for breakfast, lunch or dinner for our guests or Program Disciples. Contact Shawn, [kitchen@hope4nashua.org](mailto:kitchen@hope4nashua.org), if you are interested.