

Hope for Eternity, Help for Today

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While the world is changing rapidly in response to economic, political and health crises, our unchanging God loves us, saves us and keeps us. Homelessness and poverty are simply heightened because of the crises we battle daily. The response of Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission remains the same: to offer hope for eternity and help for today!

In this time of deep division, our commitment is simple: to meet the needs of those desperate for shelter, food and clothing while we share the greater need for a relationship with Jesus Christ according to the Gospel. Our peace is found in Christ and the true God who calls us to trust in Him with all our hearts (Proverbs 3:5).

This year, God has providentially protected and provided for the Rescue Mission through many, including you, who care about the most vulnerable and needy in our community. He has provided financially when many

predicted a devastating decline in giving. He has protected the health of our staff, volunteers and guests with zero known cases of COVID-19. He has provided hope for vulnerable women with the provision of a property under renovation as the future home of the Hope Center for Women. And, most importantly, He has drawn some unto salvation according to the power of the Gospel and a new life in Christ. God does amazing things through His Body, the Church, to accomplish His Will. We need your continued commitment, prayers and help to meet the great needs of

our community and represent Him as light in a dark world.

In this report, you will discover the great work God is doing in people at the Rescue Mission as He works through us. Of course, I am always available to provide a tour, answer any questions and introduce you to many who have been changed for eternity.

Lloyd Curtis

YOU MET THE NEED



Message and a Meal:

You provided 29,813 meals to hungry people in Nashua and offered a Gospel message of hope to all our guests.



Men's Emergency Shelter:

You helped provide 5,671 nights of safe shelter to 218 homeless men. They also receive guidance for work, housing and healthcare and an invitation to join our long-term programs.



R12 LifeChange Program:

You allowed us to minister to 14 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 30,942 meals for 3,438 men, women and children. Last year, 289 new guests came to the Mission for food.

Transitional Work Program Promotes Independence

Andre's situation wasn't an unusual one here in Nashua: He had a job, but when he split up with his girlfriend, he couldn't afford a place to live or to care for their seven-year-old son. Nobody could help him until he called our emergency shelter. Here, Andre joined our Transitional Work Program and began building a more stable foundation.

"This is a good program," Andre says. "It gave me energy and helped me to think positive. Now I have a full-time job in a diner, and I'm working my way up there. I should be able to have my own place in the next couple months."

Once he is back on his own, Andre hopes to gain custody of his son and instill in him the values he learned at the Mission. "I just want to provide for him and watch him grow," he tells us. "Everything will come together."

Until then, Andre is thankful for the guidance and resources that turned his life around. "The Mission is like a second home to me. The people here help you, and they do it all with a smile on their face. It's a great place for people to get a new start."



LifeChange Program Inspires Gratitude

"This time last year, I had nothing left in me to go on anymore," says Ken. His addiction to alcohol had cost him his family, his job and his home. Ken's sister told him about the Mission. "I thought, 'What else have I got to lose?' So I came."

Ken had been in homeless shelters before and was surprised by what he found at the Mission. "From the minute I walked in," he says, "I wasn't homeless. I was a guest. They showed me that I had a chance."

Today, Ken has been sober for over a year. He has reconnected with his three daughters and his grandchildren. "I've eliminated every excuse I had to drink. I found God again. I'm a changed person and my family is grateful."

Ken is grateful, too. "Once I get settled in my own place, I want to volunteer at the Mission and help people who are struggling like I was. I want to give back and keep this place going," he says.

"Before I came here, if I looked toward my future, I didn't see anything—just emptiness and darkness," Ken says. "Now my eyes are open, and I can see everything ahead of me."

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission operates on an annual budget of approximately \$420,000. 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.

2021 Total Revenue

\$839,202

Where Your Donations Go

Direct Client Services

79%

Administrative & Fundraising Costs

21%

We committed a large portion of this year's revenue to the purchase and renovation of Hope Center for Women, our new women's shelter.

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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Mission Statement

We exist to share the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as provide shelter, food, and clothing to the poor and needy in obedience to Him.



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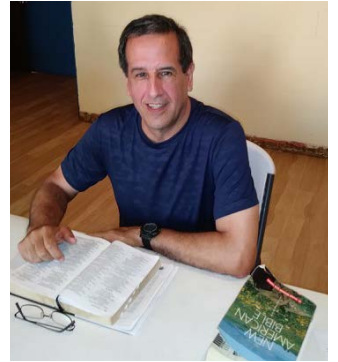
Bible Study Offers Fellowship and Encouragement

When Paul decided to volunteer at Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission, he expected that he would be helping out in the kitchen or with cleaning. To his surprise, he was asked to lead Friday night Bible studies. He agreed, and is still bringing God's Word to men at the Mission 11 years later.

A deacon at his church, Paul never had any formal instruction in leading Bible studies. He simply chooses a book and goes through it with the men, chapter by chapter. The discussion, Paul tells us, leads to fellowship among the men and encourages them in their walk with Christ. "It helps them put their trust in Christ, not in human beings who will let them down."

Over the years, Paul has gotten to know many of the men on a personal basis. "We walk or go on hikes. Sometimes there will be three or four of us. I encourage them to find a good church and get baptized. It's exciting for me to see them get reconciled with God and with their families. I see broken lives and God restores them."

Paul feels blessed to be part of Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. "We're planting seeds here. Who knows how much good will happen when those seeds start to grow?"



September Volunteer Banquet

Time to gather again! This year's Fundraiser Banquet was a success in many ways. It was good to share with old and new friends all that God is doing at the Mission. Of course, I was able to share the progress toward our 2022 opening of the Hope Center for Women. Perhaps the highlights of the night were the testimonies of Pete and Ken, whose lives have been transformed by Christ! This is why we do what we do. We raised approximately \$30,000 for the Mission with our table sponsorships, online auction and Banquet giving. Praise God!

You can book the next Fundraiser Banquet for Friday September 23, 2022. See you there!

