

YOU GIVE HOPE

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You give hope.

For many individuals navigating the profound trials of homelessness and food insecurity, the Rescue Mission is often the only remaining hope in meeting their basic needs. Many face challenges that impact their stability in employment, housing, health, food, and finances. **One thing is certain: we keep serving!** Our Mercy House for men and Hope Center for women have seen increasing numbers of guests who count on us. And we count on YOU!

Our theme this year is **“You Give Hope.”** The combined willingness of everyone with a heart to provide help and hope to our communities’ most vulnerable people serves as a great

witness for Christ. **Because you care, we can offer lifesaving services to those in need.**

The trends suggest that we must stay diligent, unassuming, and even more committed. The stories of desperation simply do not end. I have provided the statistics for you to review in this newsletter. Behind the numbers are individual names of people, with stories, and cries for help.

We have lasting relationships with many who experience the devastating challenges related to mental health, physical disabilities, addictions, broken relationships, and financial hardship. We serve on the front line each day to pray, console, counsel and offer tangible assistance in the Name of Jesus.

Your generosity—whether financial or through your volunteer time and prayers— significantly impacts our ability to continue offering help and hope to “the least of these.”

Come see me, take a tour, and visit with our Program Guests to get a first-hand look at how we are winning battles, planting seeds, and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Let’s keep serving together!**

Sincerely,

You Met the Need — Thank You!



Hope Center for Women:

You helped provide over 2,966 nights of shelter to over 129 women. You helped support women in our New Day program, a long-term discipleship and work program. You provided funds to support our first intern.



Mercy House for Men:

You helped provide over 7,517 nights of shelter to over 214 men experiencing homelessness. You helped support 6 men in our long-term programs, R12 LifeChange and the Transitional Work Program, to grow spiritually, and work on life improvements.



Message and a Meal:

You provided approximately 24,990 delicious meals to hungry people in Nashua that included the Gospel message and prayer; breakfast every day, lunch four days per week, and dinner on the weekends.



Gift Center:

We met a desperate need for food through our Gift Center. We distributed over 113,358 pounds of food and household items to relieve the stress over increasing costs for many items. All items are provided free of charge.

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Brian spent 20 years quietly battling an anxiety and panic disorder. But when his work in the construction industry abruptly ended during COVID, his health declined quickly.

Sadly, things went from bad to worse. Without an income, Brian had to sell his home.

“I was living in hotels, and I lost all my savings,” he remembers. “I just ended up living out of my car.”

As the weather began to get cold, Brian realized he needed to find more stable shelter out of the elements. **That’s when he came to Mercy House—and everything began to change.**

“I was always in survival mode so I could never focus on changing lanes and moving forward,” Brian remembers. “Once I felt safe and I started focusing on my physical wellbeing and my spiritual wellbeing, I feel better than I ever really have.”

Brian devoted himself to volunteering around the Rescue Mission, taking classes, and learning everything he could about the Bible. Brian realized he has a passion for helping others and is working toward a career as a community health worker.

Brian has come to know the Lord and is moving forward in life—all because you provided a warm, safe place to sleep.



God Changed My Life



Lisa never thought she’d be homeless. A working mother with three grown kids, she had always been employed.

Sadly, she spent years trapped in a cycle of domestic abuse. Then in the aftermath of COVID, the restaurant she had worked at for 18 years closed, and her landlord increased her rent by \$800 a month. Rather than stay with her abuser so she could afford her rent, Lisa left. Suddenly without a job or a place to live, she was in a desperate situation.

Thankfully, there was a bed for her at Hope Center for Women.

“Walking in here, I was scared to death,” Lisa remembers. “I couldn’t even begin to think about how to start or what to do.”

Lisa’s fears were quickly put to rest by the women who run Hope Center. With hard work and lots of support along the way, Lisa transitioned from our 60-day emergency shelter and graduated from our New Day Program.

Today, Lisa is interning at the Rescue Mission and has started college. Weekly Bible studies and church attendance are a central part of her life.

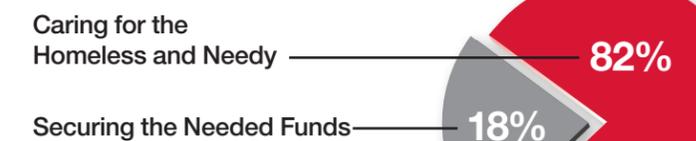
“When I look back at where I was a year ago, it’s just amazing,” she says. “This place changes lives.”

Your Giving at Work

Thank you for your generosity in 2025! Because of you, we were able to provide help and hope to men, women and children in Nashua. As you know, the needs of our community are growing. We are grateful in advance for your partnership in the year ahead!

2025 Total Revenue \$955,375.79

Where Your Donations Go



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, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

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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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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

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Elaine and her husband began volunteering at the Rescue Mission with their high-school aged daughter 10 years ago. Their daughter is grown now, but the couple is still here every week.

Elaine and her husband make and serve breakfast to the community every Thursday. She also volunteers to clean at Hope House on Fridays and helps with check-in once a week.

“I think it’s always been a part of me to help out,” Elaine says. “I love it. I love the people we work with and I love serving the men and women who need help.”

Faith is the driving force behind all Elaine does at the Rescue Mission—and it’s why her heart is in her work. “God has blessed us. You can’t keep that in a closed hand,” she says. “Scripture says, ‘To whom much has been given, much is expected.’ We fully believe that.”

Her advice for anyone considering volunteering at the Rescue Mission?

“If you’re thinking about it, God’s calling you to step out,” she says. “And I would say ‘Do it!’”

If you would like to get involved with the mission as a volunteer, please call Kim at 603-521-7127 or email her at volunteers@hope4nashua.org.



STAFF PROFILE

“We provide help and hope.”

In his role as program director at the Mercy House, Mark Perkins oversees the emergency shelter program and long-term discipleship program. He is instrumental in teaching in both the transitional work program and the R12 LifeChange program.

The best part of this very big job? “Being able to see men transform their lives and being part of that transformation,” he says.

Mark has seen how trauma plays a part in the lives of the men he and the Rescue Mission serve. “Trauma leads them down the wrong path,” he explains. “Until they address the trauma and chaos in their life, things aren’t going to change.”

Mark describes it as a three-legged stool: body, soul and spirit. Once each of those areas of a man’s life are shored up, he is often on the way to living a full and joyful life in Christ.

“When we see a success story, it makes us feel good that we are part of helping a man to get back on the path,” Mark says.

Thank you for making success stories possible!

