

RESCUE LINE

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**Cast all your
anxiety on Him
because He
cares for you.**

~ 1 Peter 5:7, NIV

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CHANGING ONE PRECIOUS LIFE AT A TIME

Dear Faithful Friend,

God offers us a wonderful life with new discoveries each day. But some don't experience that. They see little or no beauty in life, and one day follows another without hope of improvement. Pain, loneliness and hunger become normal, without hope of change.

Things will only get worse unless something good happens, like coming to City Mission.

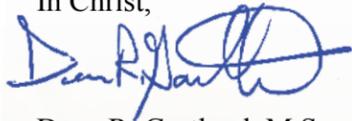
Your generosity keeps our doors open to give hurting people a new life. Many experience His Spirit at the Mission, and they discover a new joy and find hope for the future. Lives are turned around here.

In this newsletter, you will read and get to know more about the people you help. You'll read about Dave, a bright and capable young man whose life took a tragic turn. Today, thanks to you, he is thriving at City Mission.

You brought joy to many of our residents this past holiday season. Thank you! You are changing our community one precious life at a time. Jesus comes to all who cry out to Him and makes all things right.

Thank you. May God bless you!

In Christ,



Dean R. Gartland, M.S.
President/CEO
City Mission

P.S. Easter is a wonderful time to rest in God's deep love for us and look forward to the joys of Heaven. You help others discover that marvelous hope here at City Mission. Thank you.



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FROM BASEBALL STAR TO PRODIGAL SON

When Dave was a teenager, he played with an all-star baseball team competing internationally. "I had the chance to play with some of the best baseball players in the world ... little kids were actually asking for my autograph."

He earned a full ride scholarship to play baseball in college. But when Dave was 17, his mother passed away from cancer. He was heartbroken. "My mom

was my best friend. She pretty much raised me single-handedly."

Not long after, Dave blew out his knee. In that moment, his scholarship and dream of playing professional baseball vanished.

Dave moved in with his mom's sister and lived with her into his early twenties.

He worked at the restaurant his mom had once managed and started out bussing tables but quickly moved up in the ranks, eventually becoming head chef. "I was very young to be running the kitchen," he said. It was a demanding and stressful job with long hours.

One day, Dave began having severe pain, stiffness and loss of motion in his neck and back, caused by a degenerative calcification of the spine. "It was really painful. Every day was a struggle."

To keep up with the demands of his job, Dave was prescribed pain medication which he then became addicted to. And as his addiction grew, so did the tension and strain in his relationship with his aunt. Eventually, he moved out and turned to City Mission.

Dave didn't speak with his aunt for over three years. "I thought I had burned that bridge forever," he said.

Recently during the holiday season, Dave was asked to help serve Thanksgiving meals at Arc Human Services, one of City Mission's Community Outreach efforts, which happened to be where his aunt works.

On his day of service at Arc, his anxiety was through the roof because he didn't know how she would respond. But when he locked eyes with his aunt for the first time, they both started crying and embraced. "It was like the weight of the world had come off my shoulders." She invited Dave to dinner and they started to rebuild their relationship and now start off their day with a morning phone call.

He is also rebuilding himself physically. Dave is now feeling some relief from the chronic pain with an opioid-free treatment plan through City Mission's new Drug-Free Pain Management Clinic.

"I'm lucky if I get an hour of sleep a night," he explained. "But the best nights of sleep are after my weekly session at the Pain Management Clinic. It's just such a blessing."

Because of you, Dave was given a second chance, an opportunity to rebuild his life. He has restored his relationship with his aunt, and is healing physically using alternative pain-management to treat his pain.



PRAYERS & PRAISES



PRAYERS

- † For our residents to come to faith in Christ. And for this to remain our motivation in everything we do and in all the assistance we provide to those who come to our doors.
- † For many new supporters and donors who will help our ministry remain strong through 2019 and the years to come.
- † For those vulnerable to the freezing cold winter elements and living on the street to know they are welcome here and can find peace, health and a new life.

PRAISES

- † For the lovely Christmas we spent with our residents and community members celebrating the birth of Jesus.
- † For the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit Who inhabits our praise and empowers our efforts.
- † For volunteers who come to preach, teach and live out the Gospel at City Mission.

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50% OFF

Entire store at
all locations!

Mon., Feb. 18th ONLY

CITY MISSION WAREHOUSE SALE

Friday May 3rd
& Saturday, May 4th

Don't miss the
Spring Warehouse Sale!



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We sincerely thank you

for honoring and remembering your loved ones
with a gift to help those in need at City Mission.

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YOU are helping Nikki make a new start

For six years, Nikki worked in a local bakeshop. She loved decorating cakes, cookies and other baked treats.

“It was a very high production environment,” she said. “We were very busy. We had contracts with local hospitals and grocery stores. We did wedding cake consultations, cake tastings and wedding cakes. I was good at my job. I worked at every station in that department: icing, set-up, decorating and specialty orders.”

Even though Nikki was thriving at her job, she was struggling with a drug addiction. “I was on my knees, and I put my trust in God’s hands, praying for help to get clean.”

She sought help and found City Mission. “When I first got here, they showed me the living and dining room. It’s just like a house. And they gave me soap and shampoo. I was in tears, I was so happy.”

When City Mission opened the new Women with Children Shelter, Nikki moved in with her sixteen-year-old daughter, Mya. “My daughter likes living here. She still gets to go to the same school.”

Nikki joined our three-week Customer Service and Sales Fundamentals training course and graduated with a certificate from the National Retail Federation. As part of the course, she toured local retail businesses. On the tour at Shop & Save she noticed their bakery, put in an application and was offered a job. She is using her years of experience to decorate specialty cakes and icing donuts and cookies.

Nikki plans to move into her own place with her daughters. “My goal is to work, save money and get a place of our own.

“I like myself now,” she said. “I like who I am. I didn’t like myself before. I always thought my kids didn’t need me. Now that I’m clean, and getting healthier in recovery, I know that they do need me. They need me a lot.”

“God is so good. It’s been a miracle for me,” she added. “The Mission offers so much. There’s everything here you could need to get on your feet and start over. You just have to be willing and want to change. I try to take advantage of what City Mission offers.”

Because of you, Nikki is making good use of City Mission resources to make a joyful, new start for her and her daughters. Thank you!



City Mission Opens Expanded Women with Children Shelter



This fall, City Mission celebrated the grand opening of the newly-renovated Shelter for Women with Children, nearly doubling our capacity to house women with children, which sadly is the fastest-growing homeless population in the United States.

Our newly-expanded Shelter for Women with Children consists of 11 cozy apartments, each uniquely designed to feel like home for a family in crisis. It is a safe-haven, a place of healing for hurting and broken families. One of the most important components of this new program for moms with little ones is the childcare services City Mission is able to provide.

“We are blessed to be able to provide full-time childcare,” said Leah Dietrich, City Mission’s director of residential programs.

“Our ‘mom’ residents can focus on their recovery and on removing whatever barriers and challenges brought them to us in the first place. They can do this with peace of mind, and know their children are safe and being cared for. In the past, we were never able to give our women with children everything they needed ... but now we can.”

And this is all possible because of compassionate, caring individuals like you.



A Joyful Holiday Season – Thanks to YOU!

We have to admit that we take care of as many details as possible to make sure City Mission is a warm, loving and festive home for the holidays, maintaining gratitude and the birth of Jesus Christ at the center of the celebration.

It is truly a joyful time of year and we have YOU to thank for that!

We gathered as one very big, happy family to sing, worship and enjoy the celebration with plenty of delicious food and good cheer. You provided a warm and inviting home for those who have lost so much.

Because of you, hundreds of Boxes of Love were distributed, providing full holiday meals for families in need.

Santa's Workshop provided Mission residents who are parents, as well as community members, to pick just the right Christmas present for the little ones in their lives.

The holidays were made brighter because of your compassion and generosity. What's more, you shared the love of Christ with many!

Thank you for making this season one to remember!



Gather & Give

Our dear friends Chris & Kimberly Price created and organized the Gather & Give 2018 Event. They developed the event to encourage volunteerism and community engagement to help our less fortunate neighbors who need it most.

On November 10, they hosted an early Thanksgiving Dinner and brought winter coats which were made available to anyone who needed one.

We're grateful to Chris & Kimberly, their families and their friends, for putting together this compassionate and generous Gather & Give 2018 Event.

