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THANK YOU FOR BRINGING **GREAT JOY** TO HURTING PEOPLE

You changed Kazmiere's life

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“OVERWHELMED WITH JOY.”



“There are plenty of facilities but none like this one,” says Kazmiere, a resident of City Mission’s Women with Children Shelter. “The compassion of the people in this place is amazing. They want to see you rise up and be successful.”

Kazmiere and her three daughters came to City Mission in the spring of 2019. Before that, they were homeless, moving from place to place, staying with family

“I’ve accomplished more in this year than I have in the last 10 years of my life.”

members who would take them in. The moment Kazmiere stepped in the door at City Mission, her anger, fear and anxiety dissolved away. “The burdens of the world just fell off my shoulders,” she explains. “It feels so good not to have to live like that anymore.”

During her stay, Kazmiere has solidified her relationship with God, invested more time in her children, and worked on her recovery. She has purchased a vehicle and started

nursing school. Now she is looking to move into a place of her own – in time for the holidays – where her children can open presents under the tree.

“I can’t wait for Christmas,” she says today. “I’m overwhelmed with joy.” She shares that her experience at the Mission last year gave her a new joy for the holidays.

“It was awesome,” she says. “There were so many toys I couldn’t even walk around in my suite. My kids were so happy!”

Her newfound joy for Christmas has inspired her to give back: “This year, I’m going to bless a family with gifts, a Christmas meal and some gift cards for Mom,” she says. “I want somebody else to feel how I felt when Christmas came around last year.”

This holiday season, Kazmiere will be celebrating Christmas with a renewed spirit and the great joy that comes from a new life.



Help Spread the Joy of Christmas

Christmas is an extra-special time at City Mission. An opportunity to share the joy of Christ’s

birth by reaching out to our residents and our community in truly heartfelt ways.

Christmas meals: Our dining hall is decorated for Christmas, and caring volunteers join us to serve meals to our residents and neighbors in the community.

Santa’s Workshop: Families in the community select gifts for their children and the presents are lovingly wrapped by our volunteers.

Angel Tree: Community members choose gifts from our Amazon wish list or from paper Christmas angels labeled with residents’ wish lists.

Women with Children Shelter: Each suite receives their own special Christmas tree and lots of presents for the children.

Contact City Mission for all the details on how you can take part!

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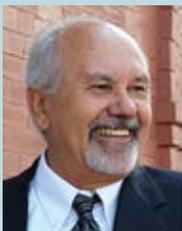
Celebrating the joy of Christmas

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the residents of City Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women, children and veterans the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and the joy of a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this holiday season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share the joy of Christmas with others.



Dean R. Gartland, MS
President/CEO

It Starts With You... You make transformation possible!

This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for our neighbors in Southwestern Pennsylvania who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they can experience the joy of Christmas, thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.26 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

Please Send Your Gift Today!



\$2.26
for 1 hot meal



\$16.67
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed
by God's LOVE**

READ KAZMIERE'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

Give Hope Before the Year Ends!

This has been a trying year for so many of your neighbors who experienced significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. **But your year-end gift will give them help... and hope.**

Your donation before December 31 may be tax deductible for 2020 – and it will certainly change lives in 2021!

Give online at citymission.org.

Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.



Share your Blessings this Christmas



December 1 is GIVING TUESDAY

Please remember your hurting neighbors by joining together as a community to support **Giving Tuesday**. On this special day, your gift to City Mission will provide basic essentials and guidance that can transform lives.

This has been an especially difficult year due to the unexpected hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your help is needed now more than ever for our neighbors trying to rebuild their lives. Thank you for caring!

📅 Mark December 1st on your calendar and don't forget to give at citymission.org.

Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.

FILL THE TABLES



Donate these foods for the thousands of meals we'll serve throughout the holiday season. Call us at **(724) 222-8530** for details of donation drop-off.

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables
coffee, creamer & sugar



GIVE GIFT CARDS



Gift cards to these merchants allow us to purchase holiday gifts and year-round necessities for our residents. Simply mail or deliver them to **84 West Wheeling Street, Washington, PA.**

Walmart * Target * Sam's Club * Giant Eagle

MEET URGENT NEEDS



These items are a vital part of the Mission's everyday operations and the comfort of our residents. Please drop off your donations at **84 West Wheeling Street, Washington, PA,** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

garbage bags * paper towels & toilet paper * laundry detergent
hand sanitizer * diapers

Dean, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- \$20.34 to provide meals for 9 people
- \$51.98 to provide meals for 23 people
- \$74.58 to provide meals for 33 people
- \$90.40 to provide meals for 40 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible
- Plus, \$_____ to provide a special Year-End gift

This really helps!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

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