

RESCUE LINE

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Matt is
celebrating
HOPE!

Your support brings hope
to the hurting this Easter.



CITY  **MISSION**
HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

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3 Celebrate
NEW LIFE

3 "I'm truly
God's son."

4 Celebrating 80
years of service

Growing up without a father, Matt had no stable role model to guide him. He fell in with the wrong crowd and developed harmful addictions and behaviors that took control of his life. He experienced times of sobriety – even developing a relationship with God and preaching the gospel. But over time he relapsed and continued down the same destructive path.

Finally, when he permanently lost custody of his precious young daughter because of his drug use, he was heartbroken. And he asked the Lord to help him change his life. “It was the beginning of my surrender to Jesus Christ,” he says. He came to the Mission to continue his journey in our Christ-centered program.

“I wanted to pursue God in prayer... in meditation... and in His Word,” Matt says, “and I have found all that here.” And as he embraces God’s forgiveness for his past transgressions, “I’m learning to love myself the way God loves me,” he says.



“I’m truly God’s son.”

“ I came here looking to connect with my Father, God, and to renew the relationship with Him that I once had.”

Now, with God guiding his steps, he feels called to return to the mission field. “I’ve figured out that I’m truly God’s son... what my passion is... and what I was put on this earth to do,” he shares. “I’m truly happy, and I can say that with all my heart.”

Thanks to the blessing of your support, this Easter Matt has hope as a new creation in Christ. “The Mission gives an individual the opportunity to get right with the Lord and to truly change their life.”

Celebrate NEW LIFE this Easter



It’s hard to have hope when you’re hungry and homeless. This Easter, we’ll warmly welcome men, women, children and veterans in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.26**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🌟 Give online anytime at citymission.org.

Thank you for your support of our Mission residents. Have a blessed Easter!



A Message from DEAN GARTLAND

THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *Lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God has been working at City Mission – through gifts from friends like you – for the past 80 years. Every chain that's broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

And it's all thanks to your faithful support!

Especially after the many challenges of 2020, all of us at City Mission are so grateful for you. Your compassion made a big difference for hurting people during COVID-19 – providing special assistance to help your vulnerable neighbors through extremely tough times.

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Matt (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

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



"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10, NASB

A life renewed... *a family restored.*

At just 26, Mashae was struggling as a single mother. Her father's sudden death had saddened her deeply. Her depression led to substance abuse and difficulty caring for herself and her three children.

"I wasn't eating or taking showers. My kids weren't going to school. I knew I had a problem, but I didn't want to admit it."

Finally, Mashae's mother stepped in... and encouraged her to seek help at City Mission. At the

Mission, her life is being restored through Christ-centered programs and a newfound trust in the Lord.

"I've learned He will always be there for you... He will never let you down."

Mashae is working to earn her GED and hopes to become a paralegal. She is dedicated to being the mother and godly role model her children need.

Today, Mashae says, *"I am healthier and happier. I know my worth now."*



City Mission Celebrates **80** YEARS of Serving Southwestern Pennsylvania

Since our humble beginning in 1941, City Mission has grown to meet the expanding and changing needs of our community and to fulfill our mission to share Christ, to shelter, to heal and to restore the homeless to independent living.

Your support and prayers make possible our life-transforming outreach, and you're an integral part of our celebration. Please visit our website for details of upcoming festivities and events as we recognize this important chapter in our history.

Important Mission Milestones

1941

First chapel service



1963

First Christian Church at 84 W. Wheeling becomes Mission's permanent home



2015/16

Fire destroys Mission and rebuilding begins



2021

Mission marks 80 years of bringing hope to the homeless



2000

Mission acquires buildings for shelter and transitional housing



1942

Men's Shelter opens at 322 W. Chestnut



1986

Women and Children's Shelter opens

2018

Mission expands bed space; opens Medical Center facility; expands Women with Children Center and launches Drug-free Pain Management Clinic

