

RESCUE LINE

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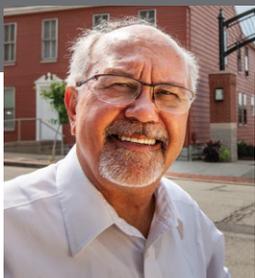
**ED IS SO
GRATEFUL**

you have given
him new life!



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.26!



A Message from DEAN GARTLAND

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? Clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I'm grateful we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women, children and veterans be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting.

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

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

- 1 John 4:11, NIV

Your monthly gift makes a HUGE impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a monthly Circle of Bread and Hope partner, City Mission can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Jacquie, that generosity transformed her life!

“City Mission taught me about God and gave me guidance and structure. I've learned self-discipline and my sense of self-worth has grown. I was lost, but I've become whole. I have joy in my heart.”

If the Lord is leading you to become a **Circle of Bread and Hope** partner, simply visit citymission.org/circle-of-bread-and-hope or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



31,274 meals



15,764 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

**Give now! citymission.org
Support our Summer Campaign now!**



“I was on a path of destruction.”

When Ed began struggling with physical challenges and no longer had a safe place to stay, he knew where to turn. He'd been to the Mission nearly 30 years before and the experience had transformed his life.

On his own at 16, after both parents died, Ed started selling drugs to survive – and eventually abused them himself. He enlisted in the Navy, but when he returned, he headed down the same destructive path. He lost his job, his home and any hope of a meaningful future.

Finally he came to City Mission... where he gave his heart to the Lord.

“ I was from the streets and didn't know God. ”

Ed went on to lead a sober and faith-filled life. But now, at 69, with severe pain and weakness in his back

and legs, he could no longer navigate the stairs to the apartment where he lived with his son. So he returned to the Mission, “my place away from home,” where his walk with the Lord had begun.

With the care he's received at our Veteran's House and from nurses through our clinic, his condition has improved dramatically. As he continues to get stronger, he's helping residents in our shelter and mentoring other veterans while saving money for an accessible place of his own.

“I'm slowly getting back on my feet,” he says, inspired once again by Christian fellowship and the peace of our Christ-filled environment. “As long as I continue to put God first, I know everything will fall into place.”

Ed is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him hope for the future. “I've turned my attitude to gratitude and I have a smile on my face that I haven't had for a very long time.”

How can you shop and strengthen our community?

Your support of the **City Mission Thrift Stores** helps your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives:

- You can donate clothes or household items you no longer need.
- Residents in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills.
- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Stores support the Mission's life-changing programs and services. **Everyone benefits!**

With seven locations, City Mission Thrift Stores can service your shopping needs throughout Washington County and surrounding areas. Our Stores accept donations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days they're open. Visit citymission.org/stores for Store addresses and days of operation. We look forward to seeing you!



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We're grateful for these generous friends and partners who made this year's event a sweet success:

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