

RESCUE LINE

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The best Christmas
gift there is...

Suzanne
has joy and new life,
thanks to you!





Help meet our \$10,000 GIVING TUESDAY Goal!

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from DEAN GARTLAND

The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting – today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives... as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the residents in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men, women, children and veterans in God's loving embrace.

Just like Suzanne, whose story I've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy and love as your blessings abound.



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

SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are hungry and homeless. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and an experience of God's love.



\$2.49
for 1 hot meal



\$16.67
for 1 night of safe shelter



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

\$50,000 Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR HELP!



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous group of partners, **any gift you make until December 31 will be matched through our \$50,000 Matching Challenge!**

That's right... your gift today doubles to provide twice the food, shelter and care. And that means twice the hope for many of our neighbors who are struggling with inflation, soaring gas prices and other hardships.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

But why wait? November 29 is Giving Tuesday – a great time to double your gift!

- ✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online anytime at citymission.org.

THANK YOU
for doubling your impact during our Matching Challenge!



**“I was
COMPLETELY
BROKEN.”**

As a little girl, Suzanne witnessed her father abuse her mother and it terrified her. “He would throw her down the stairs, then yell at me for crying,” she recalls.

Her parents eventually separated, but the damage was already done. By the time Suzanne was in high school, both she and her mother were using alcohol and drugs to numb their emotional pain.

Suzanne moved away at 21, longing to leave her past behind. But she, too, fell into an abusive relationship. “You say you’re not going to follow the pattern, but somehow you do.”

The couple had a little girl who struggled with health challenges, so Suzanne quit her job to stay home with her, leaving Suzanne even more at the mercy of her controlling partner. When the toxic environment threatened her daughter’s safety, too, Suzanne knew they had to leave – but she had no resources and nowhere to go. So we welcomed mother and daughter into our care.

After all she’d been through, Suzanne had buried her faith. But with the guidance of our Christ-devoted staff, it began to resurface. “I used to question God, but now I know He has a plan.” Through classes and

counseling, she’s learning to live a healthy lifestyle and maintain her sobriety. And we’re providing resources for the next steps toward independent living, including housing and assistance with her daughter’s special needs.

“I’m definitely healing and making a lot of progress.”



“The Mission does so much for everyone who walks in the door,” Suzanne says today. Most importantly, it is giving her the tools and opportunity to become a godly mother and role model for her little girl, breaking the cycle of abuse and addiction.

Suzanne is excited to celebrate the restored hope she has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful she is. “I’m thankful to the Mission because they have truly given me back my life.”

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”
-Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

May the Lord bless you abundantly this Christmas!



As we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas, we just want to thank you for being a tremendous blessing in the lives of our hurting neighbors. **This year alone, your generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through God’s unending love by providing:**

- 79,204 nourishing meals
- 28,364 nights of safe shelter
- 417 lives changed in our life recovery programs
- 5,935 hours of classes/counseling/job training

Just as you have given generously to help the Mission meet our needs, may God meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory. *Thank you for your caring and compassion, and have a wonderful Christmas!*

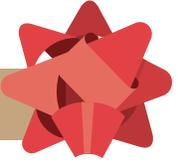


YOU Can Help Bring Joy at Christmas!

GIVE GIFTS FROM OUR ANGEL TREE



Be an angel to hurting neighbors by providing Christmas presents for the children, women, men and veterans in our care. Simply scan the QR code to select a gift to purchase.



VOLUNTEER AT OUR THRIFT STORES

Helping hands are needed at all of our locations to receive, sort and organize donated items, as well as help with clean-up and other tasks in support of our hardworking staff. If you or your group would like to volunteer, contact Jason Johnson at **(724) 222-8530, ext 248** or jajohnson@citymission.org.



Give Monthly to Help Hurting Neighbors

Gifts from our **Circle of Bread and Hope** partners provide a predictable stream of revenue to fund our life-changing programs and services. A monthly commitment of \$30 helps ensure an ongoing foundation of meals, shelter, transformation and hope for individuals, families and veterans working hard to turn their lives around.

If you’re not already a part of this vital group, we pray you will join them. Simply complete the back of the enclosed reply form or visit citymission.org/circle-of-bread-and-hope, or call **(724) 222-8530**.

