

# 15 YEAR IN REVIEW



**NASHVILLE**  
RESCUE MISSION

*Two Thousand Fifteen*

# Hope

FOR TODAY  
FOR TOMORROW  
FOR ETERNITY

## 2015 SNAPSHOT



MEALS  
SERVED



NIGHTS OF SAFE  
LODGING



VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



DECISIONS +  
PRAYERS



LIFE RECOVERY  
PROGRAM  
GRADUATES



HIGH SCHOOL  
EQUIVALENCY (HSE)  
GRADUATES



UNDUPLICATED  
INDIVIDUALS



## HOPE LIVES HERE

As we reflect on 2015, there is much to celebrate. I believe we are succeeding in providing Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow, and Hope for Eternity.

**Hope for Today** is meeting a person's basic needs. Right here. Right now. It is a hot meal for a hungry child. It is clean clothes for a homeless man. It is safe shelter for a single woman.

**Hope for Tomorrow** is about building new lives. It is case management for the man who wants to win his battle over addiction. It is caring for a woman who has suffered abuse. It is giving a child a safe place to play while mom gets the help she needs.

**Hope for Eternity** is sharing the Gospel. It is our banner. It is sharing the love of Jesus Christ with each person who walks through our doors. It is providing radical hospitality to someone who has spent far too many nights sleeping under a bridge. It is giving glory and honor to our Lord and Savior in everything we do and say.

There are many examples of how Nashville Rescue Mission has met these needs through our programs, services,

events, and activities. As I highlight these from the past year and rejoice over the great things God has done in and through Nashville Rescue Mission, I do know our work is never done. We will continue to ask the question—*How can we best extend God's love to the person who walks through our doors today?*

It is an honor to lead such an incredible group of talented and dedicated people who work for and volunteer at the Mission. It is a joy to serve with a Board of Directors who are genuinely concerned about the homeless and hurting in our community.

While eternity will reveal the true impact the Mission has had on the men, women, and children who come through our doors, I do know that here at Nashville Rescue Mission lives are transformed, families restored, jobs secured, housing found, relationships mended, and souls added to the Kingdom.

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*John 8:12 NIV*



## TESTIMONY

Alecia

*Women's Life Recovery  
Program Graduate*

“Upon arriving at the Mission, I had feelings of darkness and hopelessness. Since then I have learned from John 8:12 that Jesus spoke, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’ Through Christ, He can and has brought my darkness to light. I continue to trust in Him, whereas before, fear of the unknown held me back from trusting Him completely. It says in 1 John 4:18-19 that there is no fear in love; instead perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears, has not reached perfection in love. ‘We love each other because He first loved us.’ Since going through the Mission’s Life Recovery Program and dedicating my life to live for Christ, I feel a sense of peace and self-worth I have never felt before. I know now that it is through Him I am able to feel this way. I am grateful for His grace and mercy. I’m thanking God everyday for placing me here at Nashville Rescue Mission.”



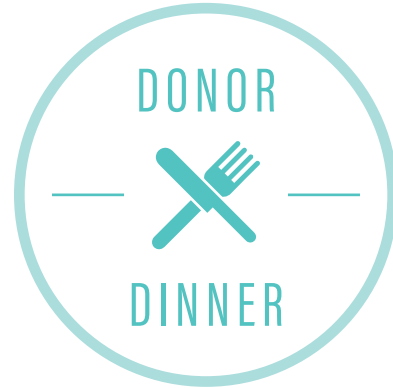
# 2015 EVENTS

## ❄️ WINTER

### Major Donor Dinner at Flemings

February 9<sup>th</sup>

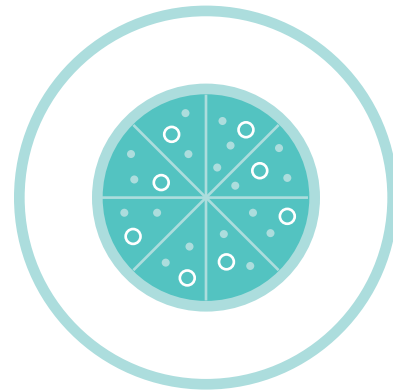
This dinner served as an opportunity for development and leadership staff to meet with a small group of existing donors. During the meal, donors heard from Rev. Glenn Cranfield regarding his vision for the Mission. The objective was to strengthen relationships between key donors and Mission leadership.



### Love Kitchen – Little Caesar’s Pizza

February 12<sup>th</sup>

Little Caesar’s is a welcomed visitor to Nashville Rescue Mission, bringing fresh pizza to guests every year. This year, they chose to drop by in honor of Valentine’s Day and treat everyone to lunch.



### Inaugural Hearts of Hope Banquet

February 14<sup>th</sup>

Over 500 women and men joined Nashville Rescue Mission in honoring the women who call the Mission their temporary home. Featured speaker was Jill Neely, a 2008 graduate from the Mission’s Life Recovery Program. Reba McEntire and Caroline Kole provided special entertainment. The Mission received 243 gifts totaling over \$66,000.



### The Chronicle of Philanthropy Case Study on Mission’s Newsletter

February 26<sup>th</sup>

Writer Eden Stiffman featured a Case Study on Nashville Rescue Mission’s newsletter—outlining how effective it is in raising money. *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* is an independent news organization that has been serving leaders, fundraisers, grant makers, and others involved in the philanthropic enterprise for more than 25 years. It’s an honor to be recognized by them.



### Mission Board Fellowship

March 10<sup>th</sup>

In line with the Mission’s core value of creating a Culture of Honor, a semi-annual Mission Board Fellowship luncheon was established. Honorary Board Member Wilbur Sensing led the charge in putting together a lunch for board members and honorary members to enjoy together, while hearing from Rev. Glenn Cranfield on what’s new at the Mission. It’s a great way to honor them and help them stay connected.



## Employee Engagement Survey Results

*April*

In April, the Human Resources Department conducted an incredibly successful employee engagement survey with 113 employees participating. The responses showed that 94% of Mission employees are satisfied or very satisfied with their current job, compared to just 70% at most other U.S. companies.



## Good Friday & Easter Celebration

*April 3-5<sup>th</sup>*

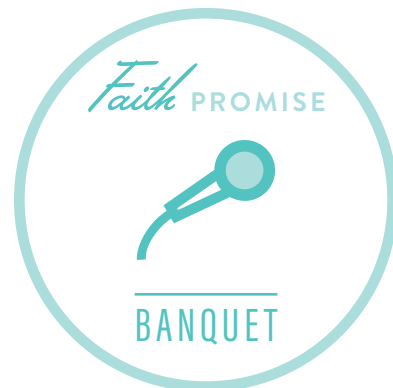
During the course of Good Friday and Easter, over 4,000 meals were served to homeless men and women in the community. A special chapel service was held on Good Friday followed by Mayor Karl Dean and local media serving meals to Mission guests.



## West Virginia Rescue Mission Annual Faith Promise Banquet

*April 10-12<sup>th</sup>*

Rev. Glenn Cranfield was invited to speak at the West Virginia Rescue Ministries Annual Faith Promise Banquet. Located in Fairmont, WV, Glenn had the opportunity to visit the rescue mission and share ideas that could benefit their organization. This is in line with one of our goals, which is to provide leadership and assistance to other missions and similar ministries when we have opportunity.



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

*Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

## Inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Event

*April 17<sup>th</sup>*

In honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, Nashville Rescue Mission recognized numerous volunteers for their incredible acts of service to the Mission. Honorees were treated to a special lunch and award presentation. In 2015, the Mission saw over 30,000 volunteer engagements, resulting in 71,000 hours of donated time and service to the homeless.



## Senior Director of Guest Services Ministries

*May*

Eric Grindeland was named Senior Director of Guest Services Ministry to provide strategic leadership for guest services for both the Men’s and Women’s Campuses.



## Memorial Foundation Board Tour

*May 7<sup>th</sup>*

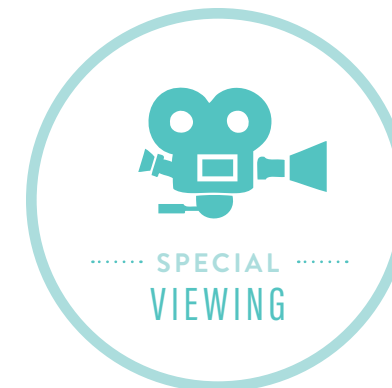
Rev. Glenn Cranfield gave members of The Memorial Foundation’s Board of Directors a tour of Nashville Rescue Mission. This was the first time these influential members had toured the campus.



## Billy Graham Saturday

*May 9<sup>th</sup>*

A special viewing of Billy Graham’s presentation, *Heaven*, was shown to guests of the Mission followed by a word from local pastor Maury Davis, where 28 people gave their life to Christ. This event was sponsored by Cornerstone Church, who brought over 250 volunteers to help make this event happen.



“I cannot even begin to describe what a blessing this Program has been to me.”

- *Matt*



## TESTIMONY

### Matthew Tidwell

*Guest at Men's Campus  
(now a Nashville Rescue Mission staff member)*

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“My name is Matthew Tidwell. I have just completed the Pathways to Work (PWTW) Program at Nashville Rescue Mission. I cannot even begin to describe what a blessing this Program has been to me. As a convicted felon and recovering drug addict, I have often felt like there was little hope or opportunity to get my life back on track. The case managers at the Mission and PWTW Program have guided me and provided me with hope. They have encouraged and prayed with me. I have been through several programs in my lifetime but never has one allowed me the opportunity to get my life back on track or guided me to the necessary resources like Pathways. Thank you and God bless.”



## Mother's Day

May 10<sup>th</sup>

A wonderful luncheon was held to celebrate mothers and women at the Women's Campus in honor of Mother's Day. The ladies were treated to a special meal and received goody bags filled with items for pampering.



## AGRM Conference

May 26-30<sup>th</sup>

Held in Seattle, WA, Rev. Glenn Cranfield, along with four other Mission staff members, attended the annual conference that shares and celebrates excellence within the Gospel Rescue Mission community as we reach for the best we can be. The Mission's monthly newsletter was also awarded second place in AGRM's Media Innovation Awards Ceremony.



## AGRM – Bluegrass District President

May 30<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Glenn Cranfield was named President of the Bluegrass District of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) and will serve a three-year term. The district is comprised of Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.



## Leadership Nashville Graduate

May 29-30<sup>th</sup>

Each year, Leadership Nashville chooses 44 community leaders to participate in its nine-month-long Leadership Nashville Class. Rev. Glenn Cranfield was invited to participate in the 2015 Class and graduated in May 2015. The course focuses on issues related to government, media, education, business, labor, diversity, quality of life, human services, health, arts, entertainment, and crime and criminal justice.



## AGRM Certification

June

Nashville Rescue Mission received the Certificate of Excellence from Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM). This is AGRM's highest level of certification and is bestowed upon member rescue missions that model effective programming and operations, exemplifying the best of what rescue ministries can be in their service to God and those in need.



## Golf Tournament

June 19<sup>th</sup>

The Nashville Area Plumbing and Mechanical Association (NAPMA) hosted their 13th annual golf tournament at Pebble Brook Golf Course in Greenbrier raising over \$37,000 for the Mission. Members of NAPMA and several Nashville Rescue Mission employees participated in the event.



## Alumni Reunion (Women's Life Recovery Program)

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Women from as far away as Ohio traveled to attend an alumni reunion coordinated by Jan Dixey (former Kitchen Manager) and other graduates of the Mission's Life Recovery Program. This is the second year of this group meeting. It's a great time of celebration and sharing stories of what God has done in their lives since their graduation.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36 NIV

## Meeting Nashville Mayoral Candidates

July

Throughout the month of July, Rev. Glenn Cranfield met with several of the leading candidates for Nashville’s highly contested mayoral race (i.e. Linda Eskin Rebrovick, Megan Barry, Bill Freeman, Jeremy Kane, and Charles Robert Bone). The purpose was to speak into the issue of homelessness for the city of Nashville and establish a relationship with the incoming mayor.



## AGRM CEO Summit

August 24-27<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Glenn Cranfield attended the AGRM CEO Summit in New Orleans. It was a time of robust, healthy discussion around some of the Supreme Court’s recent decisions as they pertain to the homeless and rescue missions, as well as cultural issues with which missions across the country are dealing.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

July 4<sup>th</sup>

Guests of the Mission were treated to a traditional July 4th cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream for dessert, along with musical entertainment.



## FALL

## Annual Development Plan

September

The Annual Development Plan provides a sound, comprehensive, and multi-layered approach to raising funds and resources for the organization. It is the Mission’s roadmap to ensuring the proper resources exist to support the width and breadth of services the organization provides.



## Indiegogo Sheets Campaign

July

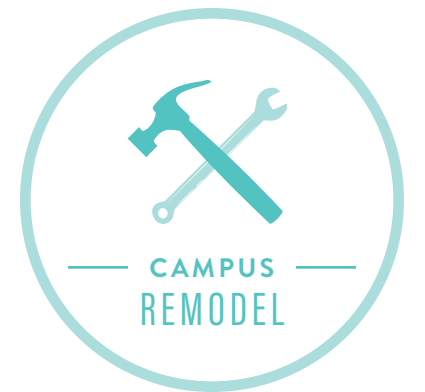
The Mission launched a crowdfunding campaign with the goal of raising \$2,500 in 30 days to purchase new bedding for the Women’s Life Recovery Program. Our marketing team created a video and digital content to promote the campaign. At the end of 30 days, we raised \$6,205—more than double our initial goal! This enabled us to purchase bedding for both the program participants and the guests at the Women’s Campus.



## Unveiling of Lobby Renovation at Men’s Campus

September 10<sup>th</sup>

A special reception was held to celebrate the opening of the Mission’s new lobby. Members of The Frist Foundation, T.W. Frierson, Inc., and Mission staff and Board all enjoyed the grand opening.





“When I arrived, as soon as I walked through the doors, I felt loved. People actually cared about me.”

- Chaffin



## TESTIMONY

### Chaffin

#### *Women's Life Recovery Program Graduate*

“My name is Chaffin, I am 45 years old, and currently live at Nashville Rescue Mission. When I grew up, I had a relatively normal life. My parents were divorced but were very loving and I had a stable place to live. I went through school and got excellent grades, went to college, and got my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. I went on to get married, have a child, home, etc.—‘the American dream.’

However, I always felt like something was missing. Eventually I lost everything. I was at the point where I lived on the street, filling the void with drugs, alcohol, and abusive men. I had no family and only a handful of people I knew were true friends. I did whatever I had to do to survive. Still I could not fill the void. I came to the Mission broken—physically, mentally, and spiritually. I wasn't planning on staying. Luckily, my friends had either been through the program or were still in the program. To this day, I believe they ‘prayed me in.’

The moment I walked through the doors, I felt loved. People actually cared about me. I had no one and literally came with only the clothes on my back. The staff provided everything for me. I didn't know at the time what was so special about everyone. It is their relationship with God. They were on His path, not their own, and each one has a special story about how they got here and openly shared it with me.



Since coming here, the void I have had all my life is being filled. I am receiving so many blessings it is amazing. I have a roof, a bed, and food. I have friends in Christ and people who truly care about me. I have re-established a relationship with my family, and I am going to see my 10-year-old son who I have not seen in 6 years. Most importantly, this program has given me a relationship with God and I now have hope. I am tremendously thankful.”

## Kivi Leroux Miller Shout Out to Nashville Rescue Mission

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Well-known and respected fundraising and marketing guru Kivi Leroux Miller gave a shout-out on her blog to Nashville Rescue Mission for our efforts in writing donor-focused materials. Visit: [www.nonprofitmarketingguide.com](http://www.nonprofitmarketingguide.com)



## AGRM Bluegrass District Conference

September 20-22<sup>nd</sup>

This was the inaugural event for this new district—the Bluegrass District—of which Rev. Glenn Cranfield was elected president earlier in the year. Nineteen members of the Mission’s team attended this event in Hendersonville, NC, to network and learn from other member rescue missions in the Bluegrass District.



## The Stand at TPAC

September 25-26<sup>th</sup>

Nashville Rescue Mission was honored to be one of the beneficiaries of the ticket sales to Jim Reyland’s play *The Stand* performances at TPAC. *Stand* is the true story of Johnny “JJ” Ellis, who spent three drug-addicted decades on the streets of Nashville, and a Good Samaritan who stepped up to help him.



## Labor Day Celebration

September 26<sup>th</sup>

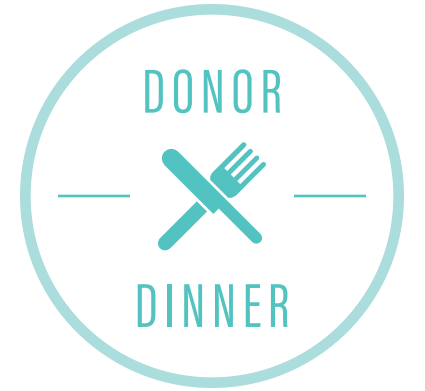
Volunteer Eddie Sanders, with Star Ministries, coordinated this annual picnic for the men and women of the Mission in honor of Labor Day. With over 100 volunteers, this event brings together Fellowship Bible, Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church, Star Ministries, and Nashville Rescue Mission for a day of food, fellowship, and fun.



## Major Donor Dinner at Flemings

September 28<sup>th</sup>

This dinner served as an opportunity for development and leadership staff to meet with a second small group of existing donors. During the meal, donors heard from Rev. Glenn Cranfield regarding his vision for the Mission. The objective is to build relationships between key donors and leadership.



## Staff Luncheon Celebration

October 8<sup>th</sup>

In 2015, we not only met our fiscal year goal for \$10 million in overall donations, but also exceeded it! To celebrate, Rev. Glenn Cranfield hosted a luncheon for the Senior Leadership team, development, finance, and administrative staff. It was a great way to show appreciation and celebrate our record-breaking success together!



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Music With A Mission

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Performers included Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers, The Issacs, Mo Pitney, Clark Beckham, Teea Goins, and more, along with the award-winning Nashville Symphony. The event raised over \$163,000 for the Mission.



## Purchase of Gas Station Property on Rosa Parks

*October 20<sup>th</sup>*

After years of time and effort, Nashville Rescue Mission purchased the gas station property sitting in the midst of the Mission's Women's Campus property. After negotiations and research, a contract was approved and the Mission took ownership of the property in October. This has been a long time coming. Persistence, prayer, and patience have paid off.



## Trunk or Treat

*October 30<sup>th</sup>*

Coordinated by Mission volunteer Paula Kolish, this year's Trunk or Treat was a blast for the kids who call the Mission their temporary home. Paula coordinated costumes for the kids to choose from. She recruited over 20 volunteers to assist her in setting up game stations where the children could participate in a unique activity in order to receive their candy.



## Board Day of Service

*October 31<sup>st</sup>*

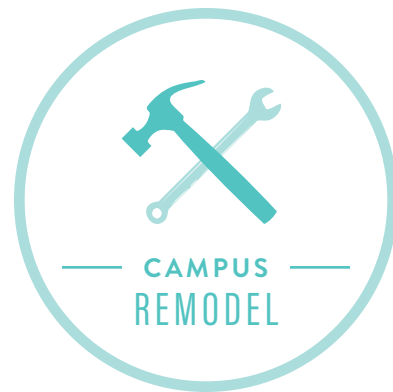
Following the meeting of the board of directors, a large number of the board members participated in a day of service at the Mission. Their time involved preparing and serving meals to our guests. It was a great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and to learn more about what happens at the Mission on a day-to-day basis.



## Women's Campus Remodel Complete

*November*

The chapel and dayroom remodel project at the Women's Campus provided more options for the use of the space. All the seating in the chapel was removed and replaced with movable seating. Lighting, sound system, and other fixtures were updated. The dayroom renovation also included adding bookshelves and computers.



## "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Campaign featuring Martin

*November*

What started out as a Season of Giving campaign led to an incredible story and ministry opportunity. As the Mission sought out the right person to feature in our "I'll Be Home for Christmas" commercial, we were led to a guest by the name of Martin. He did a fantastic job in the commercial, but beyond that, his story was extremely powerful and moved people from all over.

It wasn't until after the commercial was completed that we learned of Martin's connection to Reba McEntire and his years of performing as a singer in Nashville. As more and more people learned of his story, hearts were moved. This led to Tracy Lawrence and his management team presenting Martin with a custom-made, left-handed, baby Taylor guitar.



“I can’t wait to hold  
my kids and tell them  
I love them.”

- *William*



## TESTIMONY

### William

#### *Men’s Life Recovery Program Graduate*

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When William came to the Mission, he had never held either of his children while being sober. As he neared graduation, he said, “I can’t wait to hold my kids and tell them I love them.” William’s story is about experiencing triumph after tragedy. When he lost his job due to his addictions, he started walking. He walked over 100 miles to a bus stop in Des Moines, IA. He had just enough money to get to Atlanta or Nashville. He chose Nashville. While riding on the bus, someone told him about the Traveler’s Aid program at the Mission. When he tried to get a bus ticket here, he met with a case manager who convinced him to enter the Mission’s Life Recovery Program. While here, he earned his high school diploma, giving him more opportunities for jobs after graduation. He joined First Baptist Church and was baptized. Today, he’s living a life so different than he’s ever known before. He’s living forgiven, healed, and restored with his family.



## Nashville Praise Symphony

*November 14<sup>th</sup>*

Conductor Camp Kirkland and the award-winning Nashville Praise Symphony performed their annual concert to benefit the Mission, held in the Mission's chapel. This annual event included original compositions and traditional hymns celebrating the holiday season.



## Inaugural "Mission Possible" Turkey Fry Concert

*November 24<sup>th</sup>*

Tracy Lawrence and friends celebrated his 10th year of frying turkeys with a benefit concert at City Winery. Guests included Charlie Daniels, Brad Arnold, Darryl Worley, and Lorrie Morgan. Over \$34,900 was raised to benefit the Mission.



## 94 FM The Fish Radiothon

*November 18-19<sup>th</sup>*

This sixteen hour, on-air event raised over \$39,000 for the Mission. (This includes pledges for monthly giving.)



## Great Thanksgiving Banquet

*November 25-26<sup>th</sup>*

Newly elected Mayor Megan Barry and local media joined the Mission in serving over 6,000 meals to the homeless and hungry during the Thanksgiving holiday.



## Cumulus Radiothon

*November 23<sup>rd</sup>*

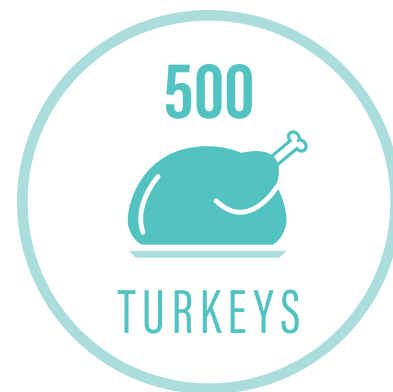
This thirteen hour, on-air event raised over \$89,000 for the Mission. (This includes pledges for monthly giving.) It featured vignettes from prominent leaders in Nashville, public servants, donors, volunteers, staff, and men and women who've benefited from the Mission's Life Recovery Program.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tracy Lawrence "Mission Possible" Turkey Fry

*November 24<sup>th</sup>*

Tracy Lawrence and friends fried up 500 turkeys to feed the homeless. Celebrity guests included Tennessee Titans players, cheerleaders, and various country music songwriters, artists, etc.



## Senior Director of Recovery Ministries

*December 1<sup>st</sup>*

After an extensive search, Anthony Hendricks was hired to fill the newly created position of Senior Director of Recovery Ministries. He came to the Mission with 11 years of experience as an Executive Pastor and 4 years as the director of a Christian recovery program in Arkansas. He will provide leadership and oversight for the recovery ministry programs and services.



## Chick-fil-A Lunch

*December 1<sup>st</sup>*

Staff from the Chick-fil-A on Charlotte Avenue stopped by the Men's Campus to serve lunch. This Chick-fil-A franchise has been supportive of the Mission, providing and serving meals at various times throughout the year. They also provided lunch for the kids of the moms who attended our Hearts of Hope luncheon in February. We are grateful for their partnership.



## Christmas to Remember

*December 12<sup>th</sup>*

Coordinated by volunteer Debbie Murphy, the Christmas to Remember event included a special worship service for the women and children, craft time for the kids, and wrapping gifts from the kids to their moms. Everyone enjoyed Christmas cookies and other treats.



## The Forgotten Carols

*December 14<sup>th</sup>*

Nashville Rescue Mission was proud to be the beneficiary of proceeds from ticket sales to the Christmas play, *The Forgotten Carols*, held on December 14 at Lipscomb University.



## Help Portrait

*December 16<sup>th</sup>*

Celebrity photographer Jeremy Cowart launched his annual Help Portrait event at Nashville Rescue Mission seven years ago. Now its become an international event, where photographers from across the world join together on one day to take photographs of homeless men, women, and children, and give them a photograph they can cherish. Several men and women from the Mission participated in this year's event hosted at Cross Point Church.



## Soles4Souls Coat Giveaway with Macy's

*December 17<sup>th</sup>*

Soles4Souls nonprofit collaborated with Macy's department store to hand out over 400 brand new coats to Mission guests.



## Dominique Jordan & Coty Sensabaugh (Tennessee Titans) Holiday Dinner

*December 18<sup>th</sup>*

Special holiday meal coordinated and served by Dominique, Coty, and friends to men in the Mission's Life Recovery Program.



## Christmas Banquet

*December 25<sup>th</sup>*

Over 5,000 meals were served to the homeless and hungry during the Christmas holiday.



“God has restored my  
mind and my life!”

- *Melissa*



## TESTIMONY

### Melissa

#### *Women's Life Recovery Program Graduate*

“If I had to choose a theme for my testimony, I would have to choose restoration! It sounds cliché to say, ‘I was lost, but now I’m found,’ but that sums it up pretty well! When I finally put up my hands and said I can’t do this anymore, it was May 10, 2015. I called Nashville Rescue Mission and they accepted me right away. I showed up May 13, with two bags and the clothes on my back, broken, lost, scared, and hopeless. In three years’ time I had lost my marriage, my kids, my job, my home, my car, my relationship with my family, and my will to even live! All due to my addiction to prescription drugs, that turned into IV drug use of both heroin and methamphetamine. I agreed to start the Life Recovery Program and now I’m clean and cigarette free. God has restored my mind and my life! I see my kids every weekend, I talk to and write letters to my mother, and I am walking with the Lord for the first time in my entire 31 years of living. Thanks to God and the amazing counselors and staff here at the Mission, my joy, my relationships with family, and my LIFE has been restored.”



# EXTRAVAGANT *faith*

EMBRACING 2016



We live in full anticipation that God will do in the ministry of Nashville Rescue Mission those things we are willing to believe Him for and trust Him to do.

## *Believe for Greater Things*

*“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”*

JOHN 14:12 NIV

We believe and pray that God will stir faith in our hearts to accomplish greater things than we could imagine in and through the ministry of Nashville Rescue Mission this year.

## *Believe for the Impossible*

*“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”*

GENESIS 18:14 NIV

We believe in the midst of impossible circumstances, doubt will be replaced by absolute trust in God’s promise to intervene in any need or circumstance.

## *Believe with Perseverance*

*“We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

ROMANS 5:3-5 NIV

We believe God for strength to keep moving forward even in the midst of discouragement or suffering, knowing that faith to persevere strengthens character and kindles hope.

## *Believe through the Tears*

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

PSALM 34:18 NIV

We believe even in the midst of brokenness, God can shape His purposes in our lives to bring fulfillment and joy.

## *Believe with Obedience*

*“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered “May your word to me be fulfilled.”*

LUKE 1:38 NIV

We believe with an absolute trust in God, and will say yes in obedience to His direction for our lives and the ministry entrusted to us.

## *Believe in God’s Care*

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

1 PETER 5:7 NIV

We believe because of God’s care, we can be at peace regardless of the circumstances we face.

## *Believe for Tomorrow*

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”*

PSALM 32:8 NIV

We believe God for this powerful assurance that He is working out His plans and purposes in our lives and ministry, both in the present and in the future.





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