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“THIS PLACE TRULY IS A BLESSING!”

How do you get your life back together when you've been exposed to drugs and alcohol at a very young age? When you've been jailed for doing drugs yourself? How do you rebuild your life and reunite with your children? At the Mission, Gary found the answers he was looking for.

Read more of his amazing story inside...



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WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE

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Here's my gift to continue reaching hearts and changing lives this holiday season.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

THE POWER OF ONE

Laura Carr, Executive Director

One meal. One prayer. One night of housing.

One man. One woman. One child.

As the holidays near, we are giving thanks for the Power of One.

Especially for each One like you.

Over the last couple of years, you've truly demonstrated the Power of One through your sacrificial giving and prayers. Without you, we never could have ministered to the needs of this community during such a turbulent time.

This holiday season, many in our community are facing new difficulties. With the rising costs of groceries, rent, utilities and gas, many more people are coming to the Mission for help.

As we prepare to serve these individuals and families, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider demonstrating the Power of One again with a gift of any size to provide food, housing, clothing, hygiene, employment assistance, education, and spiritual care. I also ask you to keep those we serve – as well as our staff and volunteers – in your prayers.

At the same time, we recognize that these same challenges may be affecting you, so please let us know how we at Lexington Rescue Mission can be lifting you up in prayer.

Thanks again for all that you do to demonstrate the Power of One in the lives of the men and women we serve. May God richly bless you and yours!

Laura Carr

LIVES YOU HAVE TOUCHED THIS MONTH ALONE



5,600 meals



Transitional housing for 50 men and women



200 people in chapel services and Bible study



17 people in Jobs for Life program



75 people receiving clothing and other basic necessities



WALK TO MOVE FAMILIES OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

16th Annual
WALK FOR WARMTH
LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION

10 a.m. Saturday, February 18, Coolavin Park

Compete with other walkers and teams to raise money for the Mission's Homeless Intervention Program – and win prizes! T-shirt, breakfast and lunch included with registration.

Event proceeds will help provide homeless individuals and families with a pathway into permanent housing. We hope you can join us!



“CLEAN AND SOBER FOUR YEARS!”

Gary grew up around drugs. “My mom smoked pot and drank. My Dad took pills, drank, smoked pot, and never hid it from me. So when I got older I didn't have to go out and learn about it because I already knew.”

“My first experience with it was on a school night in the first grade, my uncle came over to babysit me, and he got drunk. I pretty much quit drinking when I was 19,” he says. “I knew I was becoming an alcoholic.”

So it wasn't alcohol that got Gary sent to prison. It was drugs. “I never could pull myself out of the lifestyle,” he remembers today. When both of his parents passed away and Gary “sunk all the way down,” that pushed him over the edge, and he ended up in prison.

Gary was released into a half-way house in Richmond, and it was there that he learned

about the Lexington Rescue Mission.

“One of the boys there had been here, and he told me about the Mission. He talked about everything: How they treat you; how it's faith based. He had nothing bad to say. It just weighed on me that this is where I wanted to come.”

Blessing after blessing!

Gary came into the Mission with only the clothes on his back. Just a week after he arrived, he was able to begin working. “When I got here, they treated me like I was at home. Great people. They help out any way they can. Being here has just been blessing after blessing.”

One of those blessings is the rekindling of Gary's faith. His grandmother was a regular church goer. He would see her when he went home on



weekends and says her face would “light up” whenever he went to an old family church. “That's one of the things I love about being here.”

Another blessing is being able to see his children and rebuild a relationship with them. They're 12 and 13 now, and Gary regrets not being with them “when they really needed me.” But he realizes that he needs to continue to “let God do what needs to be done.” “He opens doors,” Gary says. “He keeps me here and blesses me.”

Thank you for making a difference in Gary's life through your partnership!

PRAY, GIVE THANKS AND REJOICE!

Please join us as we:

Pray for the men, women and children who will be coming to us for food, housing and other services this holiday season.

Pray for continued strength and guidance for the men and women at The Potter's House, House of Hope and Grace Place who are receiving the tools and care they need to get back on their feet.

Pray for those still in need, including homeless families and individuals facing winter on the streets.

Rejoice in the coming celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Your prayers and thanks: Please include your prayer request or thanks on the back of your gift slip and return it to the Mission.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Individuals, groups or families are all welcome this holiday season! For more information, please contact Kim Livesay at (859) 381-9600, ext. 227.

Or go to

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and click on “Volunteer.”