

# Lighthouse

Winter 2023

Changing lives in western Pennsylvania since 1911

## A Light Shining in the Darkness

“I didn’t know you guys did all of this.” That statement is a common expression from many getting to know City Rescue Mission. The Mission has been in the community since 1911 and is primarily known for its work as a homeless shelter for men. But the Mission does so much more, and much of it the public is still learning about.

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## From the Director's Pen

# Let Your Light Shine

Over the past several months, and most recently with the premiere of our promotional film, "A Beacon of Light" you have heard how the City Rescue Mission is a bright beacon of light in a dark and cold world. While this statement is true, we must never forget that the City Rescue Mission could not do anything without complete reliance on God and depending on Him to lead our daily service. Only God can transform lives and provide hope through a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. For those that are saved, Jesus instructs us in Matthew 22:37-40 to love God with all our heart first, and then love others as ourselves.

As Christians, when we fulfill these commandments, we are letting our Christian witness shine bright for

all to see. Why does God want our witness to shine so bright... because light attracts. The brighter the light, the more it attracts us to it. To the lost, or even those of the faith that are struggling with a current battle, they are attracted to those that the love of Christ radiates through. They yearn for those individuals to come along beside them and be that person that guides them through Christ to better times.

This is a key reason why the City Rescue Mission is such a great place to be associated with. Hurting individuals walk through our doors and see this bright light that radiates through our staff and volunteers. At various times throughout the year, they can read words of encouragement from our donors as they enjoy a hot holiday meal. They speak with graduates of our recovery programs, who provide an example that God does transform lives. They witness the impact of all the prayers and support from people just like you, most of them strangers that they will never personally meet.

During the Christmas season, I love

how all the lights and decorations brighten up our neighborhoods. As the bright lights attract us to them, you can feel a sense of excitement and happiness come across our bodies. As we enjoy this time, let us never forget the true light that is the reason for Christmas. Let us serve our fellow man and let everyone see the love of Christ in each of us. Jesus instructed us in Matthew 5:16, stating, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." Let's remember the light we bring through Christ to the lost and unfortunate, and may they always be in our hearts as we pray that God works in their lives, just as He does in ours. I pray that each of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thank you for your support and prayers for the City Rescue Mission and those we serve.

Jack H. Lynn,  
President & CEO

## Christmas Gift Assistance At Sankey Center, December 12-14



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Done in part to address this need for informing the community, the Mission embarked on a project to tell its story in a modern medium to a broader audience, and showcase its ministries in an informative and visually appealing way. The result is a film entitled “A Beacon of Light”, which premiered on the Mission’s YouTube channel on Thursday, October 12 and was followed by an after-church Sunday Brunch at the Mission on October 15.

In case you haven’t seen the film yet, or are looking for a supplemental summary of the film, this article will show a day in the life of City Rescue

Mission and allow you to see the great things God is accomplishing there each day.

The work of City Rescue Mission is first and foremost dependent on God and His strength. In reviewing the Mission’s history, time and time again you will see God at work in people’s lives. The Mission has also been richly blessed over the years by the formation of enduring partnerships with area churches, donors and friends. These partnerships have been mutually beneficial and the Mission continues to encourage all guests to seek out a church home in the community.

follows the commandment from Jesus to feed His sheep.

The Men’s Ministry serves hundreds of men through the course of a year. The ministry provides emergency shelter for homeless men, a recovery program for men wanting to break the bonds of addiction or other stronghold, spiritual counseling, prison ministry, education and assistance to those seeking employment. Lives are transformed as the ministry serves the Lord through loving and caring for His children.

The Women’s Ministry provides emergency shelter to women and women with children, offers its own Jesus First recovery program and gives their women opportunities for spiritual and personal growth through devotions, Bible studies, church attendance and other group activities.

Finally, here’s a spoiler alert. Watch “A Beacon of Light” on the City Rescue Mission’s YouTube channel and hear, in the words of our guests, how lives have been restored by God, through the work of His Mission. Thanks be to God!



As profiled in the feature story of the Fall 2023 Lighthouse, the Food Services and Family Care ministries provide daily hot meals for guests and members of the community, as well as grocery assistance to individuals and families in need. It is a vital link to those less fortunate in our community and

Faith and Family

## Your Investment in Impact

The average person spends about 90,000 hours at work during their lifetime. What went into your 90,000 hours? No matter what jobs you held, your retirement assets can be turned into a blessing for the ministries you care about. Some ideas include:

- **Beneficiary Designation.** The simple effort it takes to add the City Rescue Mission as a beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), 401(k), or 403(b) can have a significant impact on the work we do and the people we serve.
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** A tax-free distribution from your IRA to a charity, a QCD enables you to make a lasting difference now.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).** A CGA allows you to use your assets to give to a charity while also receiving income during your retirement years.



Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Your good work can continue in the good work of the ministries close to your heart.

# Winter 2023 Wish List

## Practical Ways You Can Help

We welcome your donations of the items listed below. Please call **724-652-4321** for drop off instructions and/or directions.

Our immediate needs include:

### FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

- Children's Christmas Gifts (Ages 0-14)\*
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Hamburger Helper
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Fruit

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Christmas Gifts for Women\*
- Journals
- Facial Tissues

### MEN'S MINISTRY

- Christmas Gifts for Men\*
- Blue Jeans (All Sizes)
- Long Sleeve Shirts (Casual and Dress)
- Dress Pants
- New Socks
- New Underwear
- Sweatshirts
- Deodorant

### YOUTH MINISTRY

- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Bottled Water

\*Please call or visit our website for the most up-to-date list of needed items.



The City Rescue Mission is supported by private donations and faithfully demonstrates compliance with ECFA established standards for financial accountability, fundraising and board governance.

The official registration and financial information of the City Rescue Mission of New Castle may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

# The Season of Giving

## Donate the Following Items

- ★ Hams, turkeys, and homemade desserts
- ★ Gifts and stocking stuffers for men and women
- ★ New hats and gloves for men, women, and children
- ★ Pajamas, socks, and underwear for children (ages 0-14)
- ★ Gifts for a Recovery Program Participant



Hundreds of children received Christmas gifts from the City Rescue Mission last year

## Lend a Helping Hand

- ★ Help guests shop for gifts
- ★ Sort Christmas gifts
- ★ Serve Christmas Day meal

To learn more about Christmas at the Mission, Visit [CityRescueMission.org/Christmas-gift-outreach](http://CityRescueMission.org/Christmas-gift-outreach)

# A Gift That Keeps On Giving GIVING TUESDAY

We all have gifts to give. There are limitless ways to use your generosity to support others. GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities. Join the City Rescue Mission on Tuesday, November 28 by pledging your time, skills, voice, or dollars to support our neighbors in need. Visit [CityRescueMission.org/Giving-Tuesday](http://CityRescueMission.org/Giving-Tuesday) to learn more!

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