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Spring 2024

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A Place of Hope and Love

"I felt loved as soon as I walked through the door. From the director to the entire staff here at Hope Place. It's a place filled with God's love and in the end, I think that really makes all the difference." Kim Wyman, former guest and current Women's Ministry Staff

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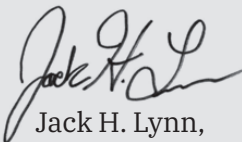
From the moment we are created, each of us craves to be loved by those around us. This craving for love is of God because as it states in 1 John 4:16, God is love. In the Bible, God teaches us about the four types of love which are: eros (sensual or romantic love reserved for marriage), storge (love of family), philia (love of friends) and agape (God's immeasurable, incomparable love for humankind). Agape love can be defined as the decision to compassionately, righteously, responsively and sacrificially meet the needs of someone else. This is God's love, it starts with a decision and not an emotion, and it is an action and not a feeling. It is executing compassion towards each other because there is a need.

As a gospel rescue mission that was founded on Biblical principles

to model Jesus Christ by being His servants in our community, our core values at the City Rescue Mission are to love all, provide grace, extend mercy, serve with compassion and show others the hope they have only in Christ. You will read in this newsletter how our Women's Ministry lives out these values daily serving those that walk through their doors. It does not come as a surprise that these values start with love because that is where God started. There is no greater example of agape love than the precious gift of salvation which is offered to all through the sacrifice Jesus made by His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. 1 John 3:16 tells us that by this sacrifice we know love, and we ought to use whatever resources God has gifted us with to show that same love to others. We must be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our communities.

I am thankful for each and every one of you that have shown the City Rescue Mission love by generously supporting us over the years through volunteering, praying or financially supporting us in your annual giving.

It is the love of God shining through your actions that assists the Mission in meeting the needs of our guests. I would also like to encourage you once again this year to give generously during our Matching Gift Challenge. Annually, this challenge has provided the resources needed to fund our ministries throughout the summer months. Our goal is to reach a match of \$150,000 to help offset the significant increase in demand we have seen this past year for all of the services we provide free of charge, such as an increase of 12% in total nights sheltered, 18.7% increase in daily meals served and 55.7% increase in monthly grocery assistance to individuals and families. Thank you for the agape love you have shown to our guests and for your faithful partnership. May God's kingdom continue to be glorified and to Him all the glory be given from our faithful service to Him.



Jack H. Lynn,
President & CEO

Do you love being part of a stewardship circle of friends? Commit to serving the lost and least in our community by joining one of the Mission's giving groups.

Light Keepers

Light Keepers are faithful partners who help keep the Mission running through their monthly donations. Their commitment provides a dependable cash flow to ultimately keep the Mission's lights on to be a beacon of hope to our neighbors in need as they receive food, shelter, and care.

Director's Circle

Director's Circle partners are a group of friends committed to giving over \$1,000 a year to invest in transforming the future of the Mission. Through their generosity, lives are transformed as hurting people receive food, shelter, care, and hope through faith.

Legacy Circle

Legacy Circle partners are individuals and families that have made a commitment to remember the Mission in their will or estate plans. If you have done this, please call 724-652-4321 or email legacy@cityrescuemission.org so we can correspond with you as a member of this group.

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Hope Place is home to the Women's Ministry of the City Rescue Mission, and offers emergency shelter for women and women with children. The shelter has all the comforts of home, where guests have bedrooms and share a common living area with a full kitchen to prepare meals, as well as a playground for children.

The Ministry provides a safe place for the women and their children while connecting them with local agencies that can provide them with other services. Joy Zingaro, Director of the Women's Ministry adds, "Most

importantly, though, we try to help them learn about the Lord."

Guests, staff and volunteers meet for devotions Monday through Saturday each week. These times together are often catalysts for the guests to be able to talk about their struggles and find comfort and acceptance. Zingaro believes this personal connection plays an important role. "Each woman that comes here has walked a different path through life and as such, we seek to understand their individual challenges and the strongholds that they desire to overcome. We truly care about these women and want to be able to relate to them and understand them.

To that end, there are two things that we're really good at here at Hope Place. One is that we're great listeners. The other is that we love our guests until they learn to love themselves." This starts

with developing an understanding of how God's love works. "I wasn't raised in the church. I never knew that God was always with me and loved me no matter what," says Wyman. "I realize now that it was God, I just didn't know it at the time. It was here that I came to understand that."

For women who wish to make a long-term commitment to breaking the bonds of strongholds they are experiencing, there is the **Jesus First** program, a year-long Biblical discipleship program for women that focuses on healing and recovery through devotions, Bible studies, classes and spiritual guidance. Upon graduation, the women have built a stronger relationship with Christ, which enables them to put their pasts behind them and start anew.

"Love" is a word that many organizations tend to shy away from. At the Women's Ministry – as it is throughout the other ministries of the City Rescue Mission – God's love is always at the core of everything we do.



Faith and Family A Breath of Fresh Heir

Have you heard about these outside-the-box bequests?

- A wealthy Portuguese bachelor randomly selected 70 names from the Lisbon telephone directory and bequeathed his fortune to those individuals.
- Billionaire Leona Helmsley left \$12 million to her dog (and excluded two of her grandsons).
- Robert Louis Stevenson gave his birthday, November 13, to a friend who didn't like hers.

These stories illustrate a larger point: your estate plan is one of the best ways to communicate with your loved ones about what's most important to you. It's Psalm 78:4 in action: "We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders."

You can get started by:

1. **Writing a Legacy Love Letter.** This cover letter for your estate plan outlines guiding principles, stories of personal faith and future wishes for your family. Please contact us for a free guide.
2. **Including a Gift in Your Will to City Rescue Mission.** An in-will gift to our ministry makes your priorities clear and helps us impact lives.

Your will is an act of love and the ultimate opportunity to share what's most important.



Spring 2024 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

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Canned Fruit
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Facial Tissues

MEN'S MINISTRY

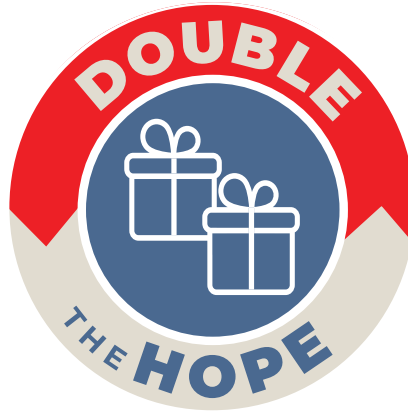
- Blue Jeans (waist sizes 30-34)
- Backpacks or Bookbags
- Noodles (any type)
- Pasta & Sauce
- Hot Sauce
- Ketchup
- Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Bottled Water

YOUTH MINISTRY

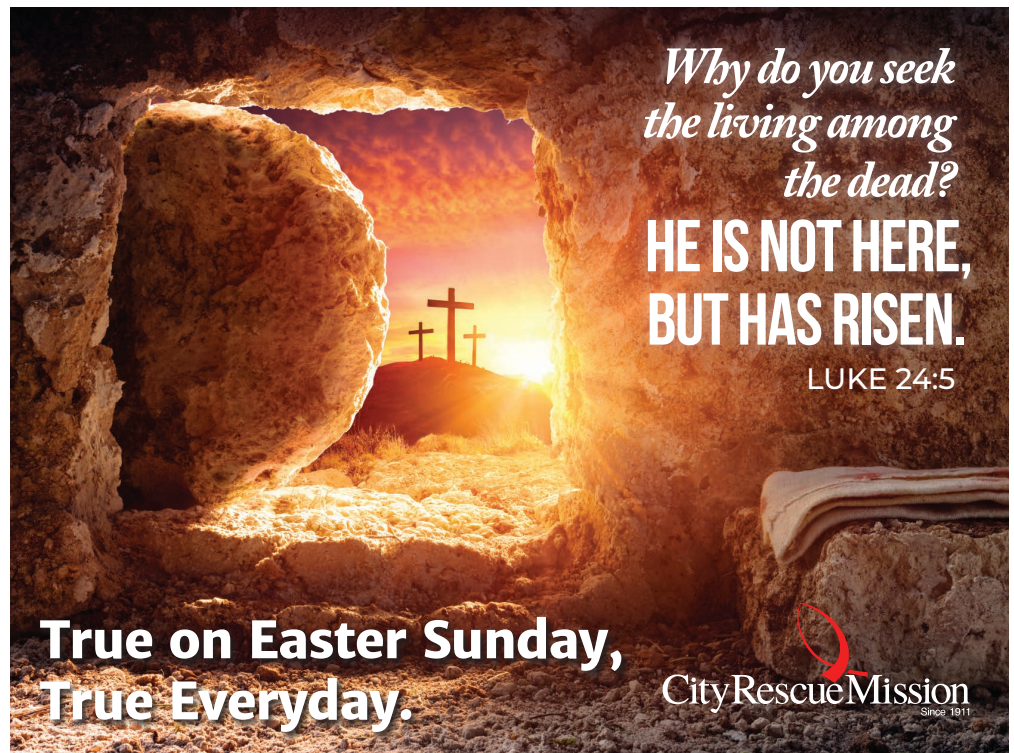
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Bottled Water

\$150,000 Matching Gift Challenge

In recognition of the Mission's dedication to serving the community, generous friends have offered to match all gifts received between April 15 through May 31, 2024, dollar for dollar, up to \$150,000! Help us meet this challenge by donating today!



Don't Wait. Every dollar you give will be doubled to feed and shelter the homeless.
DONATE NOW and DOUBLE the HOPE!



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