



HOPE RESCUE MISSION

125th ANNIVERSARY

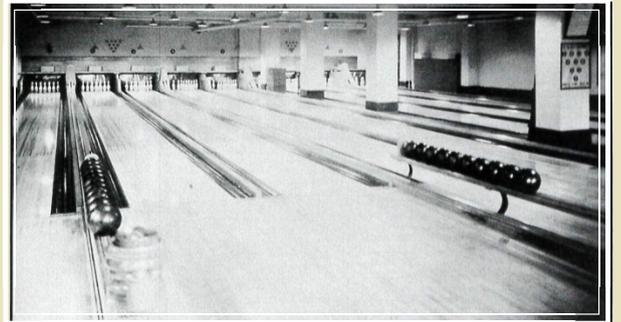


Restoring lives in Berks County since 1894

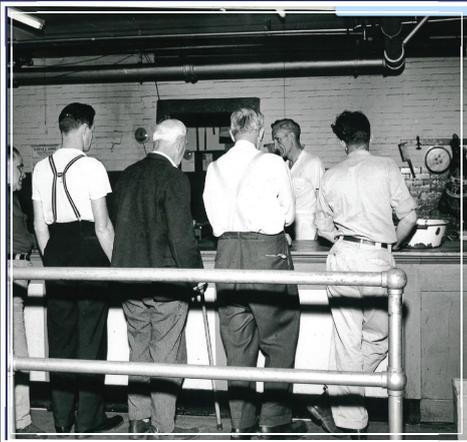


On New Year's Day in 1894, Robert Horne and Reuben Hoffa responded to a critical need by providing a safe refuge for the poor and neglected in Reading, PA. Their vision for serving the downtrodden began at the Metropolitan Hall in downtown Reading serving coffee and bread, singing hymns, reading the Word, and providing hope for the most vulnerable. The seeds that were sown into that simple "Yes" to God have grown into the largest homeless shelter in the region.

The Hope Rescue Mission has recently completed a \$2,000,000 renovation project to its 92-year-old building that was purchased from the Reading Railroad in 1975. The completion of these projects has allowed Hope to serve over 50% of the homeless population in Berks County. We believe God has more in store for Hope Rescue Mission. Plans for an Emergency Women and Children's shelter are under way as well as upgrading our six raised bed gardens to a state of the art Aeroponic Greenhouse. The staff continues to explore the best ways to reach the least, the last, and the lost individuals in Reading.



During the last ten years, the mission building at sixth and Oley has cast a much wider net, sheltering an average of 175 men a night. That's an 84% increase from 2009's average of 95 men a night. During the coldest winter months, the shelter will house over 250 men. In 2018 the mission had over 1,000 individual men come through the door.



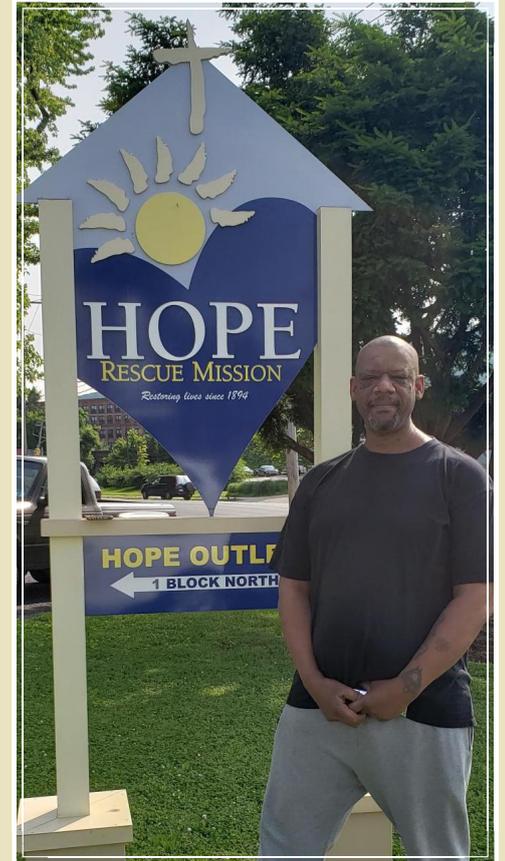
Would you consider being part of the next 125-year journey? We are asking Berks County residents to help celebrate Hope's 125th Anniversary by selecting a gift from the 125th Anniversary Gift Registry using the enclosed card and return envelope or by going to our website @ www.HopeForReading.org.

We love and appreciate our donors, volunteers, and partners for saying "Yes" to God's call for supporting the downtrodden. We are so thankful that Robert and Reuben answered God's call 125 years ago!

Marcellus arrived at Hope Rescue Mission in the fall of 2017. Over the course of the next year and a half, he would experience multiple setbacks. All the while, through surgical procedures for his physically handicapped daughter, to employers who promised full-time employment that never came through, Marcellus' work ethic and resolve would not waiver. It was common to find him speaking into the lives of younger men that were staying at HRM, encouraging them as a big brother would. In addition to working his grueling 12-14 hour external employment shifts, this gentle giant of a man would volunteer as an HRM support staff member and never let any of the obstacles, challenges, or set-backs sour his servant heart or take his eye off his long-term goal.

That long-term goal was accomplished in late May 2019, the day finally came for Marcellus to move out! This exciting time was overshadowed by the death of Marcellus' Mom. Marcellus continued to move forward with his plans to move out, and we once again saw him overcome so much sorrow with grace.

We at Hope Rescue Mission praise our Creator for what He is doing in the lives of so many men, just like Marcellus. We want to celebrate every single individual whose name is listed below because we understand the effort that goes into life restoration. So we ask that you lift up these men in prayer, and specifically Marcellus, during his time of grief because the road to restoration does not end when they leave the Hope Rescue Mission, it just begins a new leg of their journey!



DISCIPLESHIP GRADUATES

Jousten C	Jeff G	Stephen N	Robert R	Paul S
Stephen C	Barry K	Juan P	Francis S	Rico W
Luis F	Matthew M	Jonathan R	Moserrate S	

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING GRADUATES

DeJuan A	Jeremy C	Robert G	Jeff M	Steven R
Franklin A	Leroy C	Walter G	Tiren M	Christopher S
John A	Thomas C	Carmelo H	Bryan N	Jacob S
Kenneth A	Danny D	Kenneth H	John O	Justin S
Michael A	Dean D	Robert J	Antonio P	Robert U
Richard A	Earl D	John K	Christian P	Jorge V
Steven A	John D	Joseph K	George P	Daniel W
Zachary A	Mark E	Wicky K	Paul P	James W
Donnell B	Melvyn F	Ezequiel L	Antonio R	John W
Charles B	Richard F	George M	Joshua R	Robert W
Luis B	Vernon F	Gerald M	Patrick R	Anthony Y
Marcellus B	Joseph G			



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Save the Date for HopeFest: July 13th, 12-6pm