

Graduate Stories

Bryant G:

After treatment for addiction issues, Bryant enrolled in our Work Transition Program and rose in the ranks of Redner's Markets and then moved to Giant where he now holds a supervisory role. Bryant has moved into his own place near Reading's business district, and he enjoys regular quality time with his daughter and granddaughter.



Charles P:

Charlie came to the mission down and out, and after staying in our emergency shelter, he joined our Discipleship Program. Charlie became our warehouse manager while awaiting benefits from Veterans Affairs. He had a mentor, learned about the Bible and always had questions that helped him build his faith. When his Veteran benefits came through, Charlie moved out with the help of our transition team and now lives in a newly refurbished apartment. From time to time, you'll see Charlie at Hope distributing hoagies to staff and mission friends, because as he says, "I want to bless those who blessed me in my time of need".

Kevin M:

Kevin came to the mission struggling with addiction issues, having lost everything. He burned every bridge, and family and friends rejected him for fear that they would be taken advantage of due to Kevin's issues. Once stabilized, Kevin was given an opportunity in our Discipleship Program. After graduating, Kevin found a great full-time job at Americold Storage and moved into his own place. Kevin went out of his way to help anyway he could while at the Mission, he just needed someone to believe he could change.



Phil D:

Phil left an unhealthy living situation where several of his roommates were struggling with addiction. Phil volunteered in our kitchen and was invited into the Discipleship Program. Phil worked diligently in the kitchen, while also procuring part-time work at the Reading Country Club. Once he felt ready, Phil began looking for full-time employment and was recently hired as the Head Chef of a local retirement home. The position also came with an on-site apartment! With a fully furnished apartment and a great new job, Phil says that he has never been happier. Phil believes that, "God called me to Hope Rescue to save me from my bad situation, and to put me on a path of righteousness so that I can be a light in the darkness."

GRADUATES who procured independent housing outside Mission:

Kenneth S	Heriberto C	Sean D	Odeke H
Joseph M	Carlos M	Maurice O	Richard F
Salvador R	Jarod B	Kelvin G	Rondell M
Miguel R	Agapito R	Carols R	William K
Marcus K	Justin H	Andres O	Djibril C
Maximo C	Ramon C	Howard R	Stephen B
Samuel B	Hung T	Johnathan A	Charles D
Jose R	Alejo M	Michael W	Jerry C
Raheem P	Philip C	James G	Derek F
Andre M	Jacob R	Glenn H	Kevin K
Peter M	Jose A	Steven K	Kenneth L
Bryant G	Juan L	Thomas C	
James D	Alexander M	Alfredo B	

GRADUATES who transferred from discipleship program to work transition program:

Kevin M	Mario M
Kerry M	Harrison W
Wilfred R	Philip D
Jesse K	Colt S
Charles P	
Jason L	
Thomas B	
Ramon B	
David D	
Michael S	
Timothy R	
Fidel S	
Robert Y	



Hope Rescue Mission has completed construction of our new transitional housing wing for men who have found full-time employment and for Veterans in Crisis. We are now moving to phase two of furnishing the rooms! None of this would be possible without faithful partners who sponsor and support our 100% privately funded Mission!



Hope Rescue Mission - HOPE FOR TODAY Response Form

Graduates 06-2017

☐ **COUNT ME IN!** I'd like to help the Men of Hope with a contribution to your day-to-day ministry work of:
☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$100.00 ☐ \$250.00 ☐ \$500.00 ☐ Other - \$_____

☐ Please have the Men of Hope pray for the following prayer request: _____

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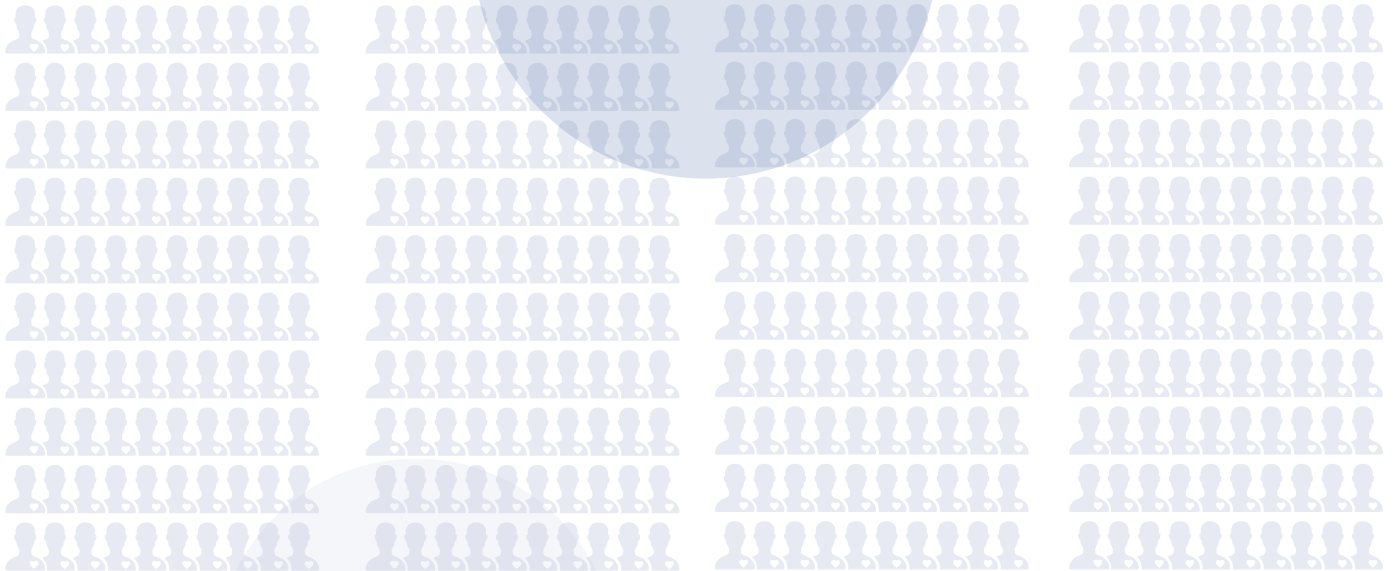
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Secure donations can also be made online. Go to: www.HopeForReading.org and click the "Donate Now" tab at the top of the page.

We at Hope Rescue Mission rely exclusively upon private donations since we neither seek, nor accept public funding of any kind. Your financial resources are applied directly to the operation of the Mission and helping homeless men in need physically, emotionally and spiritually. May God bless you for your support!

Hope Rescue Mission by the Numbers 2016

800+ unique men came to Hope for refuge



**128 men entered the Discipleship Program and/or
Transitional Housing Program**



**51 men graduated from
Transitional Housing and
moved into independent
housing**

**16 men graduated from Discipleship
and moved either into Transitional
Housing or directly into independent
housing**

**ALL men invited to trust in the Gospel and shown the love of Christ
by having their immediate needs met!**



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Please join with us in celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of our recent **graduates** and the **completion of phase one** of construction! Because of your support, we will be able to serve many additional men this year and beyond!

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