

# HOPE for TODAY

Hope Rescue Mission - 645 North 6th Street, Reading, PA 19601

## Completion of Goals!



Veterans Center

**"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."**

-Proverbs 31:8-9

Safe Haven Resident, Donnell



Thanks to your partnership and support, we are celebrating the completion of our new Transitional Housing Wing and Veterans Support Center! Both of these areas have been transformed from rough storage space to beautifully renovated living and program space. The roof and fire alarm of our 90 year-old building were also replaced. As exciting as these physical accomplishments are, we are even more excited to see the spiritual and emotional renovations take place in the lives of many in need.

It is easy to point to the physical price tag of providing those in need with a new room, comfortable furniture, a beautiful bathroom, laundry facilities, etc, but how do we put a value on the impact made in each man's life? We believe the impact is priceless- restoring dignity, purpose, and hope into a formerly hopeless and downtrodden soul. We certainly thank you all for your financial contributions, but we hope you realize the Eternal impact your partnership will have on many lives and for many years to come!



In 2018, our goal is to continue to renovate the areas that directly impact our residents' quality of life on a daily basis- Hope's kitchen, emergency shelter dorm, bathroom, and laundry facilities. As we press onward, we are thankful to have each of you as part of this great Team of Hope!

## Testimony Time

Donnell has been working part-time at Target since February. When he could no longer stay with a friend, he came to the Mission in May. Donnell has volunteered at the Mission in numerous ways while maintaining his job at Target. Since coming to the Mission, Donnell has felt blessed, and he says, "While life is hard, if you have God with you, you're not alone and your burdens are lifted up." Being inspired by his Case Worker at Hope, Donnell has a dream of going back to school and studying social work to help others as he's been helped.

### How Can I Contribute?

- Mail a check using the enclosed card.
- Visit our website and click on the "Donate Now" tab.

**Thank you in advance  
for your generosity!**

## Currents

- Hope's Annual Banquet will be held at the DoubleTree-Reading on **Saturday, Oct. 7th** from 5-9pm! Please register online at [www.HopeForReading.org/Banquet](http://www.HopeForReading.org/Banquet) or contact our Director of Donor Development, Dr. Jim Smith, at: [jrscoo52@outlook.com](mailto:jrscoo52@outlook.com)
- Hope's Board of Directors and Staff are exploring options to expand our Christ-centered ministry to homeless women and children at a satellite location. Please pray for God's direction to be clear to us!
- Please visit our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/HopeRescueMission](http://www.facebook.com/HopeRescueMission) to enjoy numerous testimonial and update videos. You do not need an account to view our page and enjoy these exciting updates, like Mario's story!

**Program Director, Steve Olivo (left), and Associate Director, Frank Grill (right), baptizing recent Hope Graduate, Mario M., who now has his own apartment and full-time employment!**



## Room Sponsorships

Since 1975, the individual resident rooms in our building have been furnished by donations received through Hope Outlet. Our goal is to replace all older furniture with new, metal furniture, to ensure all guests have adequate and secure accommodations. Your donation of \$1,000 (Transitional Housing Room) or \$700 (Safe Haven Dorm) will enable us to replace furniture in those areas and bless men for many years to come. Room and Dorm Sponsors are recognized by a permanent plaque to encourage residents in their recovery. Please consider a donation in honor of your family, in memory of a loved one or Veteran, or an anonymous plaque with your favorite verse of Scripture! Please contact Dr. Jim Smith, Director of Donor Development, at **610.375.4224, Ext. 202**, for more information.

**Smith Family Sponsor Plaque**



## Faith in Action

**On May 6th, two beautiful flower gardens hand-made in Hope's Wood-shop were installed on the roof of DoubleTree by Hilton- Reading with the help of brothers from Glad Tidings Church!**



**On June 15th, Staff of Courtyard by Marriott- Wyomissing prepared and served lunch and desserts!**



**On Aug. 30th, John's Great Cars donated a beautiful minivan to Hope to transport men to job interviews, Dr. appts., and church services!**



## Life Restoration Investment

If you have stocks or mutual funds that have appreciated in value, consider making a gift to the Hope Rescue Mission to rescue and restore lives in need. If you have owned your investments for more than one year, you may qualify to take a tax deduction for 100% of their fair market value. You will avoid capital gains tax that would result from simply selling the investment. Please consider contacting Executive Director, Robert Turchi, at [rturchi@gmail.com](mailto:rturchi@gmail.com) or **610.375.4224, Ext. 4**