

November 2015 Edition



# HOPE for TODAY

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

## HOPE Announces Capacity Building Campaign Kickoff

### Inspirational Verse for Hope Capacity Building Campaign

*"We have this as a sure  
and steadfast anchor  
of the soul, a hope that  
enters the inner place  
behind the curtain."*

Hebrews 6:19



Artist John Brown IV's - HCBC "Anchor" at HRM Banquet

### How Can I Contribute?

- Mail a check with "HCBC" in memo line
- Visit our website and click "Donate Now" tab

We are so thankful for the wonderful annual banquet held on Oct. 16th at the Crowne Plaza! We had 300 guests in attendance, and the event was a huge success in raising funds for our ministry to the homeless!

We are pleased to announce that **Craig Poole**, Gen. Mgr. of the DoubleTree Reading, is serving as the Chairman of the **Hope Capacity Building Campaign**. The HCBC is a 12 month, \$800,000 private capacity building campaign to address facility, personnel, and program needs to reach more men with the life transforming power of the Gospel!

One of our top priorities is to add 30 individual rooms to the unfinished section of our 3rd floor- 25 for men who have found full-time jobs, and 5 for homeless Veterans in Crisis. Other facility upgrades are planned in our kitchen, laundry area, heating system, and multiple roofs on our 88 year old building.

We are excited to report that we have hired an Intake Coordinator on a part-time basis to provide case management for our men, however, this needs to be a full-time position. We also aim to hire a full-time Transition Coordinator who will assist men in successfully moving through our programs and into independent living in our community.

HCBC program expansions will include vocational internships to connect men with full-time employment, as well as scholarship funds for men to enter RACC's Career in Two Years track.

We are blessed to share that we have already raised over \$100,000 toward our goal! Please visit our website to learn more about this campaign and sponsorship.

Would you please pray for this ministry expansion campaign?

## Testimony Time

After being hospitalized, Joe came to HRM for shelter. Shortly after, Joe placed his faith in Christ and now attends Reading Dove Church weekly. Joe has a mentor, is enrolled in the TUMI Bible College, and he leads HRM chapels to share his faith with his peers.

Joe studied horticulture at Penn State, and he tended the six Hope Gardens this season. Joe will now be working in HRM's Thrift Store, so stop by to shop and visit Joe!



## Currents

- Several current residents of the Mission completed vocational internships at Crowne Plaza and have been hired on as full-time staff members.
- Stevie Kioske, MSW student at Kutztown Univ., joined HRM's staff as our part-time Intake Coordinator and is working with three current interns to provide case management services to HRM men.
- Veterans Making A Difference, led by Doug & Liz Graybill, will be launching a resource center for veterans on the ground level of HRM's main building.
- In October, HRM received Community Impact awards from the PA House of Representatives, sponsored by Rep. Tom Caltagirone, the Reading Branch NAACP, and PA State Senator Judy Schwank for our work with the homeless in Berks.
- Faithful men in our woodshop fabricated 1,000 crosses out of St. Ignatius' old church pews for each family in the church to keep as a gift. Our men also fabricated 30 beautiful black walnut plaques for the BCPS awards breakfast as gifts for their faithful volunteers. We plan to double the size of our woodshop, so please keep us in mind for donations.
- HRM has taken over Purpose Ministries and is now evangelizing and discipling numerous inmates nationwide through regular mail correspondence.



*Chefs Jason Hook and Tim Twiford with H2O Kitchen volunteers who served a five-star dinner at HRM on August 19th!*



## Ministry Minute

The spiritual emphasis in our work is promoted through morning devotions, afternoon Bible studies, nightly evangelistic chapels, one-on-one mentoring, and Christian counseling sessions. In order to provide committed disciples deeper Biblical instruction and ministry training, HRM has become a host site for World Impact's Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI).

Currently nine HRM men are completing Bible school courses throughout the week with instructors. TUMI classes are open to anyone desiring to increase their knowledge of Scripture at a reasonable fee for books and materials. Please contact our Program Director, Steve Olivo, at 610-375-4224, Ext. 2, if you would like to know more, or if you are interested in sponsoring a man for the cost of his required books.

## Message of Hope

Due to the current budget stalemate in Harrisburg, many local non-profits are forced to lay off employees and discontinue services offered to the community. Because HRM receives zero governmental assistance, we are not reducing services. In fact, we continue to slowly grow our staff and programs to offer immediate help to men in need and eternal hope through the Gospel. Over the last 12 months, over 600 different men have come through our doors seeking refuge. From Nov-April, our Code Blue program will open up nightly to shelter as many extra men as needed. Last winter brought over 300 individuals in crisis through our front doors. Please continue to partner with us to show love to so many in need who come to us for help. You can serve a meal, donate toiletries and linens, and support HRM financially. Our support only comes from local partners who purposefully choose us, because we receive no support by default through your tax dollars!

## Faith in Action

On Sept. 3rd, Mary Ellen Batman delivered two AED's donated by Friends of Reading Hospital!



On Oct. 16th, BCPS held a free ID Clinic for the community in HRM's dining hall, and over 140 people were assisted!



On Nov. 6th, BCPS will run a resume writing workshop in our computer lab.



On Oct. 2nd, faculty and students from Alvernia's Physical Therapy Dept. served lunch and performed work projects at HRM!