

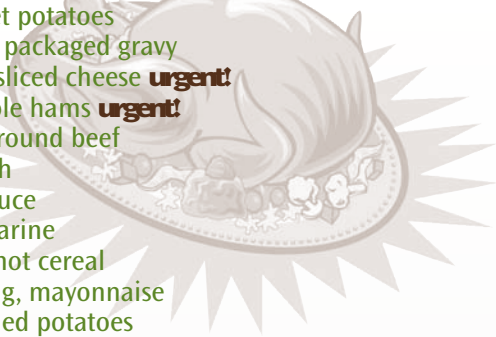
Compassion IN ACTION Continues

As fall approaches, Raleigh Rescue Mission and our volunteers are preparing for the needs of homeless men, women and children who will seek shelter from the cold. Then, Thanksgiving and our *Gobbles to Go* deliveries are right around the corner!

Here's a heads up to let your church, school or workplace know about our needs. Contact Leslie Currin, public relations director, at lesliec@raleighrescue.org or (919) 828-9014, ext. 115 to let us know you'd like to help!

Fall Pantry Needs

Canned green beans, corn, peas, greens
Canned sweet potatoes
Stuffing mix, packaged gravy
Lunchmeat, sliced cheese **urgent!**
Turkeys, whole hams **urgent!**
Pork, beef, ground beef
Chicken broth
Cranberry sauce
Butter, margarine
Cold cereal, hot cereal
Salad dressing, mayonnaise
Instant mashed potatoes
Coffee, tea, fruit drinks **urgent!**



It All Begins October 1!



Beginning October 1, visit www.raleighrescue.org to learn about Thanksgiving and Christmas volunteer opportunities. You'll also find a list of foods we'll need to provide more than 700 hot, single-serving turkey dinners to needy homes during our *Gobbles to Go* deliveries Thanksgiving Day.

A Message of Gratitude

Following *Gobbles to Go* in 2007, we received this voice mail from a mother who received Thanksgiving dinners for her family:

"You delivered the plates for Thanksgiving Day to me, and I wanted to tell you thank you and how delicious they were and that everybody loved them. I really do appreciate it. You be blessed."

– Paula

Thanks for making it possible for us to provide delicious turkey dinners to low-income families, the elderly and shut ins.

Prayer AND Praise

I WILL PRAISE YOU
AS LONG AS I LIVE, AND IN
YOUR NAME I WILL LIFT UP
MY HANDS.

PSALM 63:4

Pray for:

- God's provision of housing for residents who are working to transition out of our Life Plan Program and into independence.
- The success of our *Mission of Hope* campaign to raise \$1.6 million (half our annual budget). This campaign is critical to meeting our financial needs for the coming year.
- Residents taking our new Smoking Cessation class as they begin the difficult task of overcoming their smoking addictions.



Praise Him for:

- The birth of a new baby girl born to a resident in our Life Plan Program. Mother and baby are doing great!
- Providing a job for Life Plan Program resident LaTonya. Congratulations!
- Donors who made it possible for us to send 15 children to camp this summer.



When **Chiropractic Partners** asked their patients to bring gifts of food or money for Raleigh Rescue Mission during the company's annual food drive, their clients really came through! Here, Dr. Brian Ransone presents Mission Chef Vincent Thomas, left, with a \$3,000 check and a load of groceries. Thanks, folks!

Businesses Benefit from Our Non-cash Gifts Program

When Richard Fitzgerald of Raleigh Rescue Mission approached Michael Starr, a branch manager at **Morrisette**, about donating items to our **Innovative Non-cash Gifts Program**, the two struck a win-win deal!

"I had very usable packaging and shipping material our company didn't need taking up space in our warehouse. But we didn't want to see it go into a landfill," Starr says. "The Non-cash Gifts Program is a very useful program for businesses who have material to dispose of, but don't have the resources or time to find someone who can use it."

Starr was aware of Raleigh Rescue Mission through radio ads and newspaper articles, and was delighted to learn about the Mission's Non-cash Gifts Program. "When you give away material worth thousands of dollars, you want to give it to someone who benefits the community."

Take Note!

Does your company have new or useable inventory, equipment, property or other materials we can turn into cash for our ministry to the homeless of Raleigh? Contact

Richard Fitzgerald, (919) 828-9014, ext. 103, or visit www.raleighrescue.org and click "Turn Your Stuff into Kingdom Capital" on our home page to learn more.

Memorials and Honorary Gifts

June 1 – July 15, 2008

Memorials

Andrew Howard
Herbert Lincoln
Jack H. McMillan
A. Carlyle Morris
Mildred E. Nadeau
Roger A. Patterson, Sr.
Azalee B. Sain
Chet Wheelchel
Debra Zapetis
Guy R. Zummo

Honorary Gifts

In honor of

Given By

William P. Baker, Jr.
John G. Cioffi
Richard and Jane Baker
Colt Jackson
Brian and Shelley Forrest
Frank Gordon Skidmore
Shelly A. Smith



Open Door

Opening Doors of **Hope** for the Poor and Homeless

Raleigh Rescue Mission Newsletter

September/October 2008

Six weeks ago, Glenn Morgan had a little heart-to-heart talk with himself. He had to admit that much of his 48 years had been spent running from bad decisions he'd made. "It was time to sit down and look at my life," he says, "and whatever I was doing to make my life miserable. It was time to get on the right path."

Glenn had spent the past winter and spring camping in the woods. He'd managed to stay warm and earn a little income working day labor jobs to pay for food and alcohol. And, he says, he tried to convince himself he was happy.

"I tried not to be overly depressed, but it catches up with you in time. I definitely needed an emotional and spiritual boost." By the time he made it to Raleigh Rescue Mission in June, his lifestyle had taken a toll on his physical health, too.

"When you are addicted, you don't eat even when food is available," he muses. "No, you can't interrupt an addiction with eating."

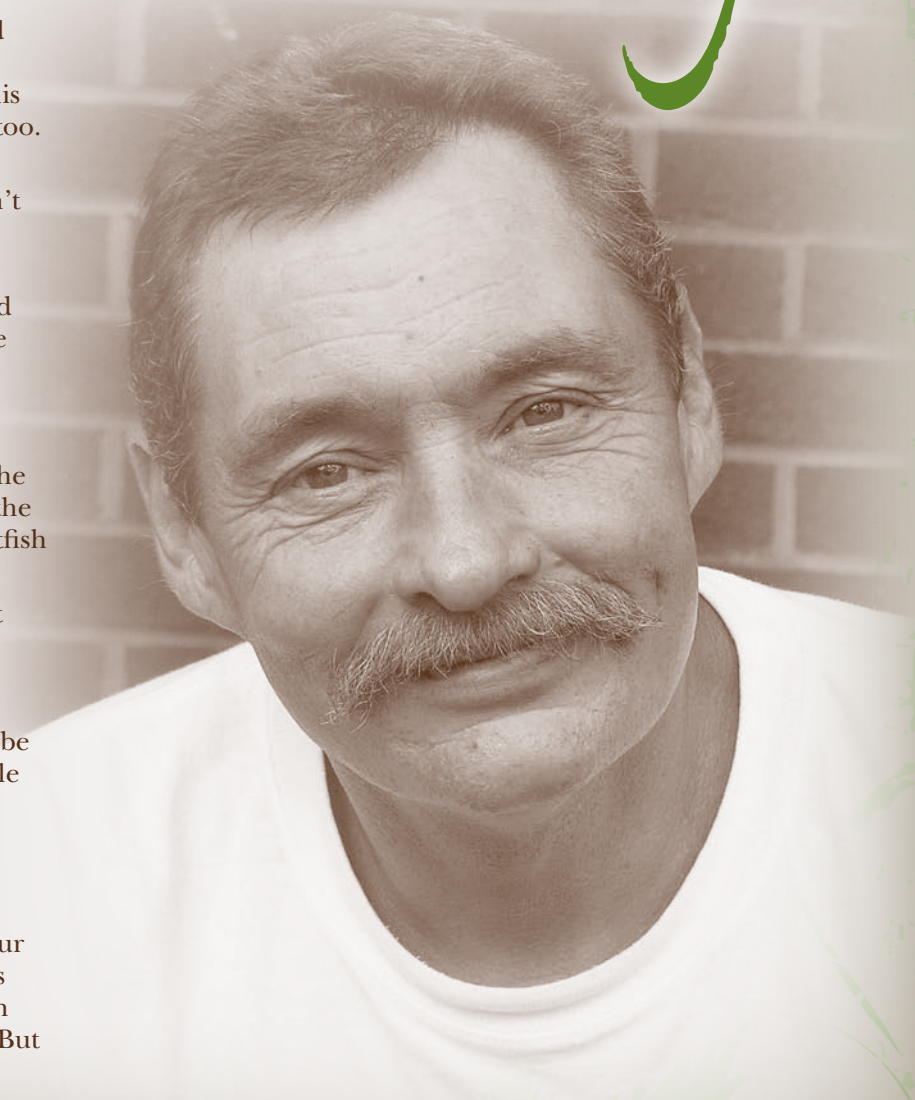
At the Mission, Glenn continued evaluating his life. He appreciated the encouragement and concern the staff showed him each day. "People here care unconditionally, and it's rubbing off," he says, adding he's getting his sanity back and putting on much-needed pounds!

"I've gained 14 pounds since I came here," he says happily. "They feed us here! I've traveled the West for 12 years, and you can't get grits and catfish out there."

Glenn is receiving plenty of spiritual food at the same time. "I've been coast to coast and no other program holds a candle to this Christian-based program. I came here with [emotional] baggage the size of Dallas, but when I leave it'll be the size of my wallet," he jokes. "I used to handle situations badly or not at all. Now, when tough things come up, I will handle them in a whole new light."

Glenn says he's found a harvest of hope at Raleigh Rescue Mission. "Here you can heal your body, soul, mind and spirit. I've known what it's like not having hope. It's like why bother? With no hope, I'd just spend what I had on alcohol. But with hope, I don't feel that way. This place has been a blessing to me."

A Harvest OF Hope



V I K I N G S

Because You Gave

JAN.-JUNE
2008

Your compassionate prayers and generous financial gifts made it possible for RRM to provide these services. Thanks and God bless you for sharing.

Decisions for Christ	3
Total nights lodging	17,010
Total meals served	44,130
Nights lodging for men	6,823
Nights lodging for women and children	10,187
Employment opportunities	139
Jobs obtained	60
Adult education attendance	362
Student hours accrued	3,029.5
Visits to RRM medical clinic	1,279

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Hundreds of men, women and children come through Raleigh Rescue Mission's doors each year. A few are simply looking for warmth and the relief of a full meal and clean bed for the night. But many want so much more!

Those who join our Life Plan Program are seeking to satisfy a hunger that comes from within—they are looking for answers that will bring them new and more meaningful lives.

Each person in our recovery program is like a seed that needs to be carefully tended. As we water that seed through the Gospel, counseling, Bible study, addiction recovery and life-skills classes, it begins to grow and bloom.

Finally, the day comes when we reap the harvest—mature Christian men and women, grounded in Christ and moving ahead to plant fields of their own.

The harvest is plentiful here at Raleigh Rescue Mission, but we need more workers! Ask the Lord if you can help in this beautiful mission field where, daily, we tend a harvest of hope.

**THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL,
BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.
ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST,
THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT WORKERS
INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD.**

LUKE 10:2



First United Methodist Church of Cary's Wisdom Class donated beautiful prayer journals for women in our Life Plan Program. Here, Lynn Daniell accepts this generous gift from Susan Parker, a class member.

In His Strength,

Lynn Daniell
Executive Director



I Had No Idea!

In May 2008, Raleigh Rescue Mission completed the Association of Gospel Rescue Mission's Excellence program and became a **Certified Excellent Member!** To accomplish this, the Mission met a series of requirements for excellence in programming, administration, development, safety and much more.

To achieve excellence in Food Services, we met 18 pages of requirements related to the following: receiving and storing donated foods; use, storage and disposal of toxic materials; staffing; food handling; dishwashing and sanitation; ventilation; pest controls; fire protection and more!

Raleigh Rescue Mission is one of only 22 missions nationwide with this status. You can be confident we are providing quality meals for the homeless from a clean and safe kitchen!



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Mission of Hope 2008

September 15, 2008-January 15, 2009

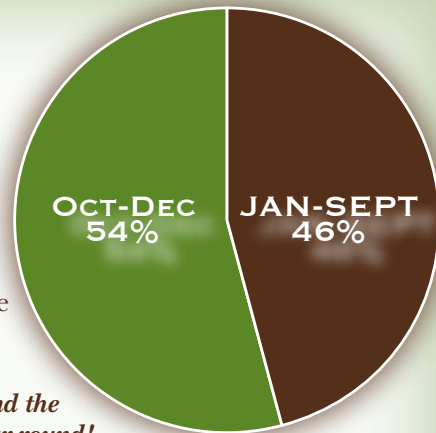
Our Goal: **\$1.6 million**



Each September, Raleigh Rescue Mission launches our *Mission of Hope* campaign to raise 50 to 60 percent of our year-round budgeted needs! Why? During October, November and December, donors contribute *more than half the income* we need to cover our services and programs for homeless and hungry men, women and children, along with staffing, upkeep and improvements on our facilities.



As you can see, our donors and area businesses, churches and organizations give very generously during the holiday season! During the remainder of the year, giving drops substantially.



But homelessness, hunger and the need for restoration continue year-round!

Please prayerfully consider supporting *Mission of Hope 2008*. Help us build the financial foundation we need to provide for hurting men, women and children the rest of the year.

Ways You Can Give

- Gifts of stock, transferred directly to Raleigh Rescue Mission before year-end, provide income for the Mission while giving *you* a great charitable tax deduction.
- Give generously when you receive *Mission of Hope* holiday mailings, September 15-January 15.
- Call to discuss a “challenge” or “matching” gift. We’ll list your company’s name and logo, along with your challenge, in the next issue of *Open Door*.

- Involve your church, business or organization in *Mission of Hope*. Come for a tour then set a goal to help us reach ours!

Contact Leslie Currin, public relations director, at lesliec@raleighrescue.org or (919) 828-9014, ext. 115 for information about *Mission of Hope 2008* and the programs and services it funds.

Operation Restoration

Your *Mission of Hope 2007* donations helped Raleigh Rescue Mission launch a new initiative to help the elderly and families on extremely limited incomes with critical renovations to their homes.

Operation Restoration volunteers, under the supervision of a licensed contractor, completed repairs to the first of several homes we are working on in the coming year. More than 41 caring individuals, churches and businesses volunteered this summer to make extensive repairs to the home of Ms. Mamie Pope.

Visit www.raleighrescue.org to view a gallery of photos and a list of our supporters, and to get the full story about this new opportunity to serve our community.

Our *Operation Restoration* volunteers spent several weekends renovating the home of Ms. Mamie Pope.

Despite these economic tough times, our donors and volunteers come through! We are so grateful for your partnership. Thanks and God bless you.



Compassion IN ACTION

19th Annual Capital City Rotary

GOLF CLASSIC

There's still time to register for this annual golf tradition to benefit Raleigh Rescue Mission, Monday, October 27 at the Prestonwood Country Club in Cary!

The **Capital City Rotary Club** hopes to raise more than \$50,000 to fund our Adult Learning Center, W.E. Mangum Children's Development Center, and Medical and Pediatric Clinic. If you'd like to golf, sponsor the event or donate products and services for our auction, contact Bruce Storer at bruces@raleighrescue.org or (919) 828-9014, ext. 122. Or, visit www.raleighrescue.org to learn more.

Bring on the

Blanket Bundles!

Starting November 1, listen to **HIS Radio WRTP** to learn how you can bring warmth and health to low-income and homeless men, women and children through **Blanket Bundles**.



What's a blanket bundle? It's a warm blanket wrapped around gifts of nonperishable food!

During the 2007/2008 cold weather season, the Mission handed out more than 1,300 blankets and served 39,000 meals! With your help through **Blanket Bundles**, we can help bring comfort to even more needy folks this winter.

To learn more, contact Leslie Currin, (919) 828-9014, ext. 115, and listen to HIS Radio for convenient drop-off locations.