

# THE NEW LIFE POST

NEWSLETTER OF THE RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION | FALL 2023




**DON'T MISS...**

**2** Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun!

**3** "God pursued me the whole time."

**4** Volunteers needed... like YOU!

## A Heart of Thanksgiving

Regina wants to share how your support changed her life! 



# Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



## A Message from JOHN LUCKETT

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at Raleigh Rescue Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather is starting to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their

season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 39,447 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

John Lockett, Chief Executive Officer



## SPONSOR Spotlight



### NORTH STATE BANK

Thank you to our valued partner, North State Bank, for their generous Platinum Sponsorship for this year's 2023 Hope Gala!

North State Bank's generosity has helped hundreds of clients at Raleigh Rescue Mission experiencing situational homelessness rebuild their lives. We are beyond grateful for all the ways that North State Bank continues to support our ministry work. Thank you, North State Bank, for making our community a stronger place to live.

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**Join Our**  
**2023 Thanksgiving CAMPAIGN**

**39,447**  
**Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season**

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

**For just \$2.49, YOU can provide a meal** to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:

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| <br><b>Safe, welcoming shelter</b> | <br><b>Warm clothing, coats &amp; shoes</b> | <br><b>Classes &amp; job training</b> | <br><b>God's life-changing love</b> |
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**Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season!** Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [raleighrescue.org](http://raleighrescue.org).

  
*Scan to see how you can offer a helping hand this fall!*

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Regina is welcoming and warm... smart too. She earned one of the highest scores on the Virginia GED when she took it at age 50. People are drawn to her. It's no surprise she had loyal repeat customers at the restaurant where she previously worked.

At the same time, Regina is an open book about her life. She shares how her father started sexually abusing her when she was just 15... and how she used drugs as a way to cope – which began a lifetime struggle. “I got in a lot of trouble, I stole to pay for drugs... and 35 years later, I’m still an addict.”

She shares about the embarrassment of relapsing after four and a half years of sobriety. “They say when you relapse, you start right where you left off, which was true... I knew that wasn’t what God wanted for me, so I came to Raleigh Rescue Mission.”

But as hard as it is to relive her past, Regina hopes that telling her story will encourage and inspire others who’ve struggled like she has. She’s grateful that she has this opportunity to give witness to what God has done in her life.

Being in our New Life Plan and Jobs for Life programs let Regina’s administrative gifts shine and gave her a foundation for life after the Mission. She

worked at our front desk and learned practical skills like budgeting, and she purchased a car.

Now, Regina lives in a drug-free recovery home she shares with nine other women. She works as hard on her relationship with God as she does on her sobriety. She fights addiction from all angles, including with prayer, God’s Word and daily AA meetings.

“The Lord took addiction away from me, and I give Him all the credit.”

“Raleigh Rescue Mission taught me that I need to depend on the Lord. I thought I could do everything by myself, but that’s not what God wants for me. He wants me to depend on Him.”

**Regina is filled with thanksgiving for God’s redeeming love in her life – and your incredible generosity and support!** “I truly believe that if it wasn’t for the Mission I would still be out there. They’re a huge part of my story. With accountability, reading the Word, going to church and staying with the Lord, I think I’ll be okay.”

# The backbone of our ministry... Hope Partners

Most people walk into the Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends and family. They have nowhere else to turn.

Our job is to take them into our family and make them feel at home. Feed them. Shelter them. Share the love of Christ.

Thanks to a very special group of people who really have faith in our work here in Raleigh and Wake County, we have the resources to do just that.

These people are our Hope Partners, and I would like to invite you to join them.

To learn more about becoming a member of this extraordinary group, contact Faith Motter at **(919) 828-9014** or email **faithm@raleighrescue.org**.

To join now, visit **raleighrescue.org** and click "Donate."

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## HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



### Book a Mission speaker for your next event!

Hear how God has been at work in our community this year, and how your generosity is supporting life-changing services and programs.

Contact Lauren LaPlante today to arrange a visit:  
[laurenl@raleighrescue.org](mailto:laurenl@raleighrescue.org)



### Donate essential items!

Help stock our kitchen with the food items and our clothing closet with the protective clothing needed to care for our hungry, weary neighbors. OR... host a donation drive by inviting others to join you in collecting much needed items for struggling community members.

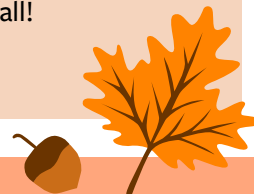
To see our most urgently needed items, visit [raleighrescue.org/recurring-needs/](http://raleighrescue.org/recurring-needs/)



### Get involved yourself!

Join us for a chapel service, attend our program residents' graduation, enjoy a guided tour – we'd love to show you the life-saving work made possible by your generosity! OR... set up a time for your family, friends or church to volunteer this fall!

To learn more, visit [raleighrescue.org](http://raleighrescue.org)



## Volunteers needed... like YOU!

Ever thought of how you can do more for men, women and children here at the Mission? Come serve as a volunteer! There's plenty to do, and no experience or skill sets required... just open hands and a willing heart. We'd love to have you!

Contact us today to see how you can help... Call: **Carla Tuttle, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator** at **(984) 272-2001**  
Email: [carlat@raleighrescue.org](mailto:carlat@raleighrescue.org)

Sign up now!

