

THE NEW LIFE POST

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**FRED HAS
HOPE THIS
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A Message from
JOHN LUCKETT

Celebrating the HOPE of Christmas

How comforting it is to know that our Lord, Jesus Christ, has shared in our humanity. He knows our struggles and the struggles of our homeless neighbors too!

On the eve of his birth, Jesus and his earthly parents Joseph and Mary experienced being turned away and told there was “no room at the inn.” It reminds me that Christ understands the pain and fear of our guests who also have nowhere else to turn.

Here at Raleigh Rescue Mission, we will always do everything in our ability to welcome and support a hurting person who comes to our doors. Even so, many of our guests have faced years of homelessness... poverty... and other challenges that have left them feeling unloved and unwelcome.

During the holidays, caring friends like you help remind them they are not forgotten. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe housing and recovery are meaningful expressions to them of the Lord’s kindness and care in their life.

This Christmas, I invite you to extend Christ’s love and grace to our neighbors – like Fred (whose story is on the next page). Your generosity will surround them with hope this holiday season! Thank you, and may God bless you now and into the New Year.



John Lockett

John Lockett
Chief Executive
Officer



Share Hope AND A Christmas Meal...

It’s hard to have hope when you’re struggling with hunger or homelessness. **YOU can make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors in need with your gift to help them today!**



\$2.49
for 1 hot meal



1 night
of safe housing

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

\$75,000 Year-End Matching Challenge **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**



Here’s a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous group of partners, **when you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far** to provide food, housing and care through the New Life Plan... and above all *hope* for our struggling neighbors!

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

- ✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online anytime at raleighrescue.org.

THANK YOU
for doubling your
impact during
our Matching
Challenge!



“GOD KNEW WHERE I NEEDED TO BE.”

The only father Fred ever knew was his stepfather, who ruled over his family by force. Fred grew up watching his mother being physically abused and being abused himself. In high school, he used partying and alcohol to escape his home life – but once he started using, he couldn’t stop.

“My life never got better; it just spiraled down,” he says. “That was the start of 25 years of addiction and substance abuse.”

Due to the way Fred was raised, he wasn’t willing to ask for help. He struggled with his pride and ego, and he tried to fix his life himself – but eventually realized he couldn’t.

“I wanted long-term sobriety, which is why I came to Raleigh Rescue Mission,” he says.

Fred joined our recovery program and started healing from his past and building a plan for his future. He attended counseling, life skills classes and Bible studies – which helped him grow his relationship with Christ. He also gained access to much-needed dental care, which helped relieve pain that he’d struggled with for years.

“Being at the Mission allowed me to be still and not worry about what was happening in the world around me. I focused on myself and my recovery,” he says. “I was right where God wanted me to be. I was at peace.”

Now, Fred is employed by the city of Raleigh, and he gives back at the Mission however he can.

“I love being able to help others and be involved in the services offered by the Mission,” he says.

“I try to share my experience, strength and hope with the other guests.”

Fred has hope this Christmas – and he wants to thank YOU for supporting his journey toward a new life. “The Mission helped save my life. I’m thankful.”

“I FINALLY SURRENDERED TO THE FACT THAT I NEEDED HELP.”





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Thank you to our valued partner, Brasfield & Gorrie, for their generous Platinum Sponsorship for this year's 2023 Hope Gala!

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YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION SPECIAL!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to local toy & donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our Mission guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



Holiday Feast: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

The Miracle of Jesus: Worship, prayer, fellowship and a message of God's love – our guests gather to celebrate the hope of Christmas together.



Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals and a reminder of the true reason for the season!