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FALL 2021

"Where Healing Begins"



## **GRATEFUL THROUGH IT ALL: Dalton is especially thankful for YOU!**

Your compassion & support change lives.



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"Now I have a purpose."

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# "Now I feel I have a PURPOSE IN LIFE."

Dalton was in his early 20s when his parents passed away. He'd been caring for them throughout a long illness, and when he lost them, he lost his home. He lost his sense of purpose too.

He moved in with a neighboring family who helped him find a job and begin to get back on his feet. But the arrangement deteriorated and he struck out on his own, staying with friends and picking up dangerous and self-destructive habits. Sadly, his lifestyle led to an arrest, and he was incarcerated.

When he was released, he knew he needed help to finally build a stable life. "I had to try something," he says, and found his way to our door.

In our Men's Life Recovery Program, Dalton is attending Bible study, chapel services, and classes that focus on the principles of a faith-filled life. "They're helping me build a close relationship with God, and that's where it all begins," Dalton says.

He's also learning the life and workplace skills he needs to become the self-sufficient man God intended him to be. Just as important, Dalton says, he is growing from time spent in Christian fellowship, conversing with others and sharing encouragement and support. "I'm learning day to day to just enjoy God's grace."

Since coming to the Mission, I've experienced more joy in my life than I ever have in the past.

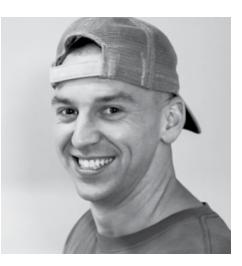
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And as he progresses to the last phase of our program, we'll assist him in securing permanent housing and employment – he hopes to find a job

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working among people, where he can share his faith with others.

As Dalton celebrates this Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it's given him a fresh start. "I no longer feel that I'm unworthy. The Mission is guiding me down a more righteous pathway of living."



#### A MESSAGE FROM PAT CHASTAIN

### GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. **Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.** 

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe housing. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace, and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day.



God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO

Rejoicing in the Lord.

Because of YOU we can share God's hope, love, and healing with our hurting neighbors. Meet a few of the many grateful souls your love, support, and generosity have touched...

"LORD my

to you for

God, I called

help, and you

– Psalm 30:2

healed me."



"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

Paula



"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him."

- Psalm 28:7



"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2

"Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." – Jeremiah 17:14



"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." – Isaiah 40:29



### Psst... don't miss out!

Follow us! Like us! Be in the know!

Ever read an email or a post that made your day? Then you should **follow us on social media!** It's a great way to be lifted up by seeing how your partnership transforms lives.

Another great way to see your impact is to **sign up for our emails!** 

You'll stay up-to-date on our urgent needs, special events and more. Please tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to be part of the celebration this Thanksgiving!



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### **OUR DAILY NEEDS LIST** *Thank you for helping!*

The Mission always needs these donated items to help offset the costs of caring for the men, women, and children we serve:

Here are two great ways you can help...

 Shop our most needed items lists at Amazon Smile (smile.amazon. com/charitylists) and your purchases will be shipped directly to us. Hygiene Products Cleaning Supplies Medications & Vitamins Paper Products Undergarments Baby & Children's Items

Food

2. Host a **Collection Drive** with family and friends or at your workplace or

church. Visit our website **(rescuemissionga.com)** for a list of needed items on the "Ways to Give" tab. Please deliver them to 6601 Zebulon Road, Monday – Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Karen at **(478) 743-5445, ext. 404.** 



It's been <u>another</u> challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

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#### **Meals Needed by Thanksgiving**

Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet. For just \$2.47, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hurting neighbor this Thanksgiving season.

Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our hurting, hungry, and homeless neighbors during the holidays! **Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today!** 

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at **rescuemissionga.com/donate.** 

