

THE **MISSION** Bell

"Where Healing Begins"

Thanks to you...

Quincy

has been given a
life-changing gift
this Christmas.

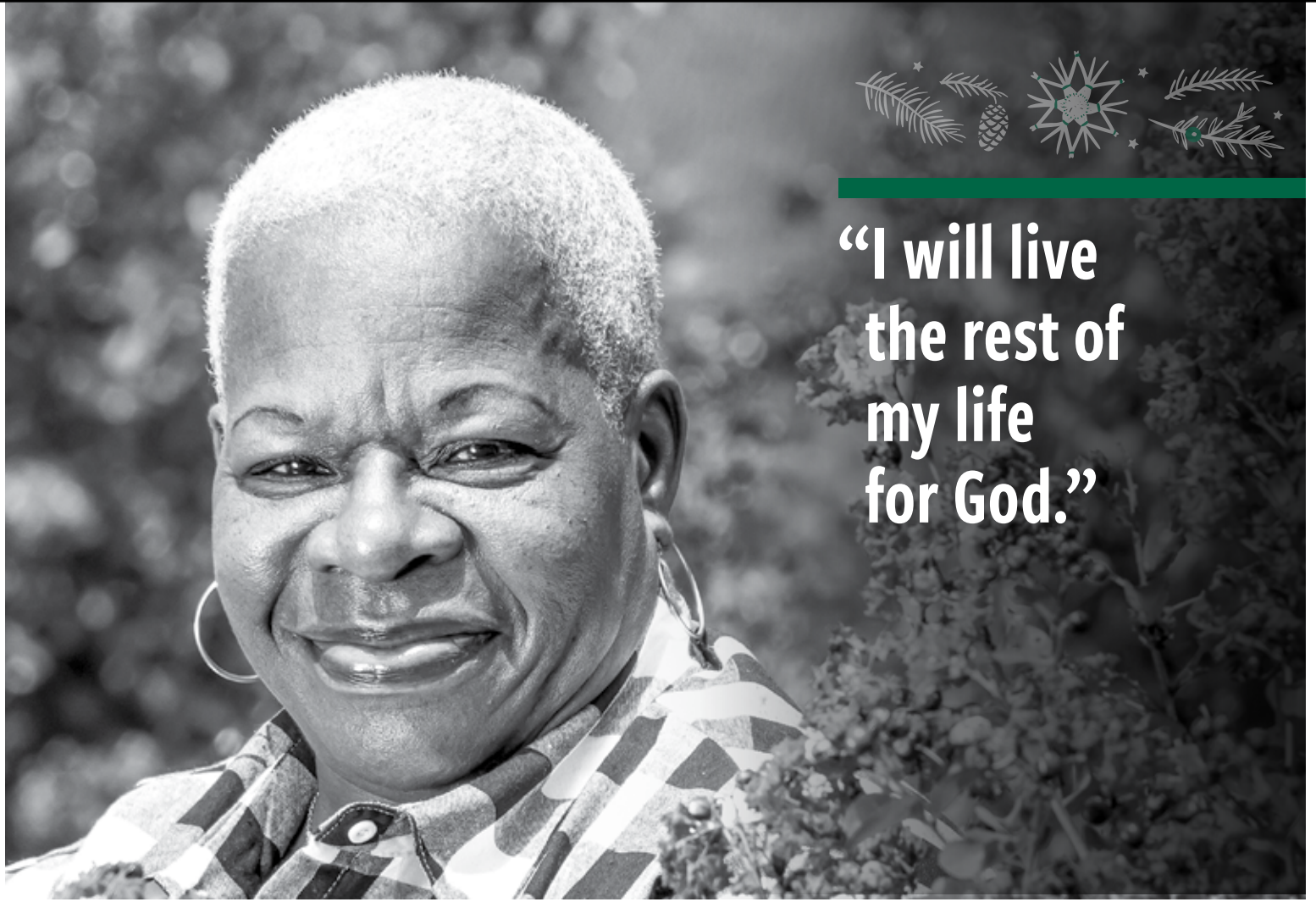


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this Christmas.

3 "I will live the rest
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4 Spread Joy with
Holiday Drives



**“I will live
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The first of her siblings to attend college, Quincy’s parents held her to a higher standard. So when she dropped out, she suffered the pain of their disappointment. “I felt like a failure,” she says. Then a friend introduced her to a substance he claimed would ease her shame. Sadly, it led to addiction. “And I started this life of destruction.”

She struggled to hold a job and to provide for herself and her children. They moved from place to place, and she did what was necessary to survive. As she grew older, her attempts at sobriety were futile... her relationship with her children decayed... and she found herself alone.

Finally, at age 63, she made the choice to ask for help. She entered the hospital for detox treatment. When released, she was guided to the Mission.

Quincy had prayed to God as a child, but had

never developed a relationship with Him. At the Mission she learned to put the Lord first in her life. Through His grace, she regained her sobriety and has forgiven herself for the mistakes of her past.

“I owe it all to God and to the Mission for teaching me this new lifestyle,” she says. “Through Him, all things are possible.”

Today, her relationship with her children is being restored. And as she looks forward to rebuilding her life, she hopes to help others. “Whatever service I can be to someone or to the church, I’m ready for that,” she says. Most importantly, she embraces every opportunity to share her story of transformation.

It’s going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Quincy, and she’s grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new beginning. “The Rescue Mission has prepared me for a new life with Christ. I’m here on purpose, for a purpose, and it’s never too late.”

“I was just hoping to find sobriety, but I got God... I got sisters... I got a new way of life... I got grace.”

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
"Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people."

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our hearts
Christmas morning... and hopefully,
every day of the year. It's the same
joy I see on the faces of the children,
women, and men who have come
to the Rescue Mission of Middle
Georgia and experienced God's life-
changing love up close and personal.
The joy YOU help them experience
through your heartfelt prayers and
support.

This Christmas, I hope you will
remember our neighbors who are
hurting. As Quincy's story shows,
your generosity offers help, healing,
and a chance to be held in the arms
of our loving God.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace
and love.



God Bless,

Pat Chastain
President/CEO

A delicious Christmas meal for our hurting neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU!

As you prepare to celebrate the
joy of Christmas, please remember
our struggling neighbors. It's been
a difficult year for so many in our
community – and the very best gift
you can give them is the help they
need right now!

Just \$2.47 provides a meal and care
for one person.

That meal is often the first step
toward a new life, free from addiction,
through God's love.



\$2.47
for 1 hot meal



\$18.00
for a night of
safe housing

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing,
Hope,
And a Second
Chance!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE QUINCY'S LIFE!

Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR HELP!



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to two generous
partners, **any year-end matching gift you make until December 31
will be matched through our \$50,000 challenge grant!**

That's right... your gift today doubles to provide twice the food,
housing, and care. And that means twice the hope for many of our
neighbors who are struggling to overcome addiction, domestic
violence, and other challenges to get back on their feet.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

✉ Add your special year-end gift to the
reply card and send it today.

🖥 Give online anytime at
rescuemissionga.com/donate.

**THANK YOU
for doubling your
impact during
our matching
challenge!**



OPERATION *Stocking Stuffer*

Get into the Christmas spirit by helping us fill stockings for the men and women in our life recovery program. We have the stockings but need the stuffings!

25 of Each

Nail polish
Scented lotion
Facial masks
Lip gloss

100 of Each

Chapstick
Journals
Tumblers
Energy drinks
Earbuds
Devotional books
Combs
Folding umbrellas
K-Cups
Bookmarks
Large candy bars
Large candy canes
Beef jerky
Packs of nuts
Nail kits
Bible highlighters
Pens
Large packs of gum
Packs of mints

Spread Joy with Holiday Drives

Share the Warmth – Cold Weather Wear Drive

Help us provide 1,000 cold weather items to people in our communities who need warmth this winter.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS: new or gently used blankets, coats, hats, gloves, socks, and hoodies – for adults and children



Set the Table – Food Drive



Help us provide over 23,000 meals this holiday season.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS: hams, turkeys, green beans, macaroni & cheese, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, sugar, coffee, tea bags, dinner rolls, 16oz. cups, napkins, plastic utensils, paper towels

Happy Holidays – Gift Card Drive

Help us provide food for the needy and Christmas gifts for the men, women, and children in our life recovery program.

DONATE GIFT CARDS to stores like Walmart, Kroger, Amazon, Sam's Club. Please deliver the cards to the Rescue Mission or mail to: **Attn: Karen Kinsler, 6601 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31220.**



FOR ALL DRIVES & STOCKING STUFFERS

****Now through December 15th****

Please bring your donations to: **Rescue Mission Office, 6601 Zebulon Road, Macon, Monday – Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

For more information, contact **Karen Kinsler at (478) 743-5445, ext. 404, or karen@rescuemissionga.com.**

