

"BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST." GALATIANS 6:2

# Amy Johnson-Moore

## RESIDENT TESTIMONY

My name is Amy, and I was born in Syracuse, New York, and at the age of 10, my mother moved us to Opelika, Alabama where I was raised. My father passed away from cirrhosis of the liver when I was 2 years old, and my mother became angry at God for taking her husband from her. She turned to alcohol to cope with her anger. I was raised in a close-knit family; my grandparents lived next door, my great aunt and uncle lived across the road and my other uncle lived down the road. My grandfather was a deacon in the church and every time the doors were open, I was there. Even though I was in church all the time and it was an outlet for me, nothing resonated in my heart, until I became an adult.

My mother worked all the time to provide for the family and while she was at work my stepfather molested me from the ages of 7-10 years old. I began rebelling very early on and sought fulfillment in drugs and men. I would use drugs for a season and get sober for a season and then use again. I had 2 kids out of wedlock; I was unstable and hopped from job to job. My main objectives in life were to provide for my kids and make sure they had a place to stay, clothes to wear, and food to eat. I began selling drugs to provide for my family and when I relapsed on the drugs, everything fell apart. The void I had in my life could not be filled by any number of men, money, or dope. The year 2022 was riddled with arrests that resulted from my drug and alcohol abuse. The fourth arrest was enough for the court to order me to inpatient treatment and that is how I ended up at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia on February 27, 2023. It was not by my choice, but God's choice, to sit me down and show me I had a problem.

My first impression of the Mission was that it was hectic, busy, and had lots of movement. As I settled in after a few days, I began to feel some relief, solace, and comfort. I knew this was where I needed to be. On May 14, God spoke to my heart and showed me that I was not the woman I wanted to be nor was I the woman He intended for me to be. I went down to the altar

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on that Mother's Day morning and gave my heart and life to Jesus. Since that day, my heart has become tender, and I want to love people and tell everyone about Jesus. I want to tell everyone what Jesus has done for me; how He has changed me and who He is. I share Christ with my mom and my family, freely and proudly. I am so grateful for the Rescue Mission and the opportunity that has been presented to me by coming here. I know I was chosen for this place for this season. The Mission is more than a "rehab" it is a life recovery program and through the power of Christ, has breathed life into me. The Rescue Mission is my second chance and road to redemption. God knew I was coming here before I even knew it, and I believe that's why I didn't fight it. I jumped in knowing I couldn't swim, and He did not let me drown. I have found passion in helping others by being a voice of reason and offering a listening ear. I now have a compassionate heart and want others to know and experience the freedom Christ has given me. I am passionate about telling people how God rescued me and that He can do the same for you too. The only thing you must do is surrender! Stop trying to fix, manage and control everything. I am grateful for all that God has already done, and I am excited about what He has in store.



# GOING ONCE... GOING TWICE... SOLD!



Our annual **Online Auction** to support the men, women, and children in our life-recovery program will be **open for bidding September 5- 18**. We have hundreds of amazing items including artwork, sports memorabilia, trips, jewelry, gift baskets, and more.

You'll need to register if you plan to bid on any items in the online auction.

### Just follow these easy steps:

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<https://qtego.net/qmlink/rescuemissionga>
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Rescue Mission, 6601 Zebulon Road, Macon. If your item fits into a 9x12 envelope we will happily mail it to you.

Not interested in any auction items but still want to support the Mission...you can give to our Call to Action at [www.fivestarcelbrityclassic.com](http://www.fivestarcelbrityclassic.com) now through September 18th.

**For assistance with registration, bidding, donations, or prize pick-up, please contact Dawn Burns at 478-743-5445 ext. 301.**

If you are the lucky winner of an online Auction item, we will have your item ready for pick-up on **September 20th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm** at the





# I'd Choose the Mission, Too

From the President's Desk by Pat Chastain



With the popularity of social media comes the urge to share the best parts of our lives. If you've seen my Instagram posts lately, you've seen photos of my wife, kids, and grandchildren. I'm incredibly proud of each one of them. I pray that none of them, or their children, ever struggle with addiction like I did. But addiction, and other challenging issues in life, don't discriminate. Any family can experience the devastation of it. And if anyone in my family, or anyone else I know, ever does, I know where I would want them to get help.

Right here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia

– even if I'm not working here anymore.

That's how much I believe in this work.

That's how proud I am to be a part of this amazing ministry.

That's how honored I am to partner with people like you.

Together we're not only transforming the lives of individuals like these 19 men and 10 women who graduated from our life-recovery program last month, we're changing and saving entire families and our community!

Generations from now, their great, great, grandkids could be living in hope and freedom because of the hope and healing

they found by way of Jesus Christ here at the Rescue Mission. Just imagine how many lives will be impacted by the countless men and women who'll come to the Mission seeking a new way of life both now and in the future!

Just thinking about it gives me goosebumps. All of this is made possible because of your kind support and generous donations.

Take a moment to think about the impact you're having.

You might get goosebumps too.



## YOU did this!

A couple of months ago we let you know we had a need for a golf cart to transport residents and run errands around our campus. Well, you responded in a big way.

With the money you donated we were able to purchase a six-seater golf cart. Your generosity and kindness are always such a blessing to all of us here at the Mission and we simply want to say...

thank you





# Fall Kick-Off

## Help Us Prepare for Our Busiest Season

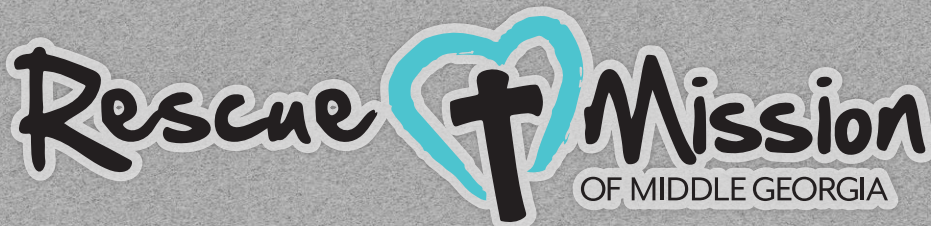


It may still be summer, but fall is just around the corner, and more hurting neighbors will turn to the Rescue Mission for meals and care through our life-recovery program. We're expecting to provide over 52,000 nourishing meals to those in our care this fall and holiday season!

You can help us kick off the fall season strong! A meal is only \$2.77...and it can open the door to other Mission services that change lives.

We know it's still hot outside, but your gift is needed today to help us prepare for our busiest season. **Thank you for your support of our struggling neighbors during this holiday season.**

Complete the enclosed reply card or donate online at [rescuemissionga.com/newsletters](http://rescuemissionga.com/newsletters)



### GIVE YEAR-ROUND

Consider becoming a monthly giver and have a lasting impact throughout the year! Find out how at [rescuemissionga.com/monthly](http://rescuemissionga.com/monthly)



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## QUESTION & ANSWER

**Q:** What's a typical client at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia like?

**A:** The Mission doesn't have a typical client. Addiction, abuse, and homelessness cut across every social demographic, age, culture, race, and background. But almost every person who comes to the Mission has experienced horrific trauma. After hearing just a few stories, it's easier to understand how they ended up in the situation they did. If any one of us had lived through what they have, the bottom could have dropped out of our lives as well.

Check out some of the amazing [Stories of Hope](http://rescuemissionga.com/stay-informed/stories-of-hope/) from some of our life-recovery program residents at [RESCUEMISSIONGA.COM/STAY-INFORMED/STORIES-OF-HOPE/](http://rescuemissionga.com/stay-informed/stories-of-hope/).  
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