

THE MISSION Bell

Providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment through Jesus Christ

The love 
YOU share

gives neighbors like
Matthew hope for
a better life...

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A meal & care for \$2.77 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you for REMEMBERING your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever...

Between work, family, and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** help the men, women, and children in Middle Georgia who are hurting and struggling.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain
President/CEO

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
- John 13:34b-35



SAVE THE DATE!

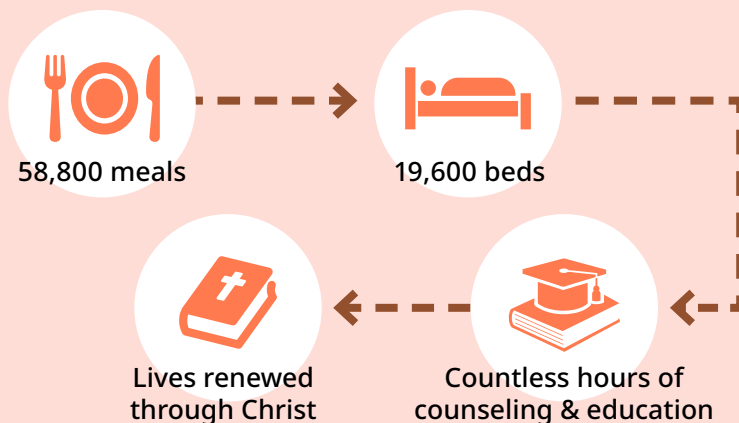
September 16-17

Join us September 16 and 17 for our **Five Star Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament, Auction, and Clay Shoot**, benefiting the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia and other local charities that are caring for those in need.

To register, donate, or sponsor the event, go to
fivestarcelebrityclassic.com/.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

Give now! rescuemissionga.com/donate

"NOW, I'M A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST."



"GOD IS DOING A MIGHTY WORK HERE."

Matthew grew up in a loving, Christian home and taught Sunday school for 18 years, sharing his faith with others. But he felt like a fraud. "I was wearing a mask. I said that I had my priorities right – Jesus, then family, then church – but I didn't live that way," he says. "I never put God first and I didn't love my wife well."

Instead, his work as a pipefitter became his number one priority. "I worked seven days a week, 12 hours a day and my wife and I grew apart, but I was in denial."

After nearly 30 years, Matthew's marriage finally ended and his world came crashing down around him. "It

ripped my heart out," he says. "I fell into a deep depression and wound up living in the woods, isolated, wallowing in shame, bitterness, and resentment."

Thankfully, his brother found him and brought him to their sister's home. Then she referred him to the Mission. "When I came in the doors, I didn't trust anyone, but they started loving me right where I was and it made me feel safe."

Matthew entered our Life-Recovery Program, where chapel services, Bible studies, and Christ-centered classes helped him put God first in his life and heal from his trauma. "Now, I'm a disciple of Christ," he says. "And I don't live in

shame anymore. I've learned how to love myself and let go of my bitterness and resentment."

Matthew is a Resident Manager now, ministering to other men in our program. And after he goes back to work and is settled in a place of his own, he plans to share God's love wherever he goes. "I want to be a warrior for Christ, reaching lost souls."

Matthew now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God's love, he has a path forward in life. "Now, I'm letting God direct my steps."



Shop or Donate

Change a Life!



When you shop at one of our Thrift Stores or donate your gently-used items, you're blessing the lives of those in need in so many ways:

- All Thrift Store proceeds go to support our Life-Recovery Program



- Our program residents gain job skills and experience while sorting donations and working at our stores

- Our hurting neighbors have access to affordable essentials



You'll find hidden treasures at both of our locations, Bargain Center or our newly remodeled and expanded Barn Center, where you'll get 10 percent off when you mention Expansion 2024!



For store addresses, shopping hours, and donation bin locations, or to schedule a donation pickup from your home, go to rescuemissionga.com/thrift-stores/.

Thank you!



Host a Donation Drive at your church or business to collect hygiene products, cleaning supplies, paper goods, and other essentials to help us meet the daily needs of our residents. To schedule a Donation Drive, contact Patti Stevenson at ☎ (478) 743-5445, ext. 403, or ✉ patti@rescuemissionga.com.



YOU'RE INVITED: TAKE A TOUR!

Schedule a tour of the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia and see the impact your support is making in the lives of hurting and broken men, women, and children from our community.

You'll get an inside view of how you're helping to transform lives through our Life-Recovery Program. And you'll see our new and expanded facilities designed to meet the needs of the growing number of people seeking help here at the Mission, including:

- Two new multipurpose buildings with classrooms to accommodate our Life-Recovery Program's life-skills classes and Bible studies
- A new dorm for women and women with children
- A new building for processing donations

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