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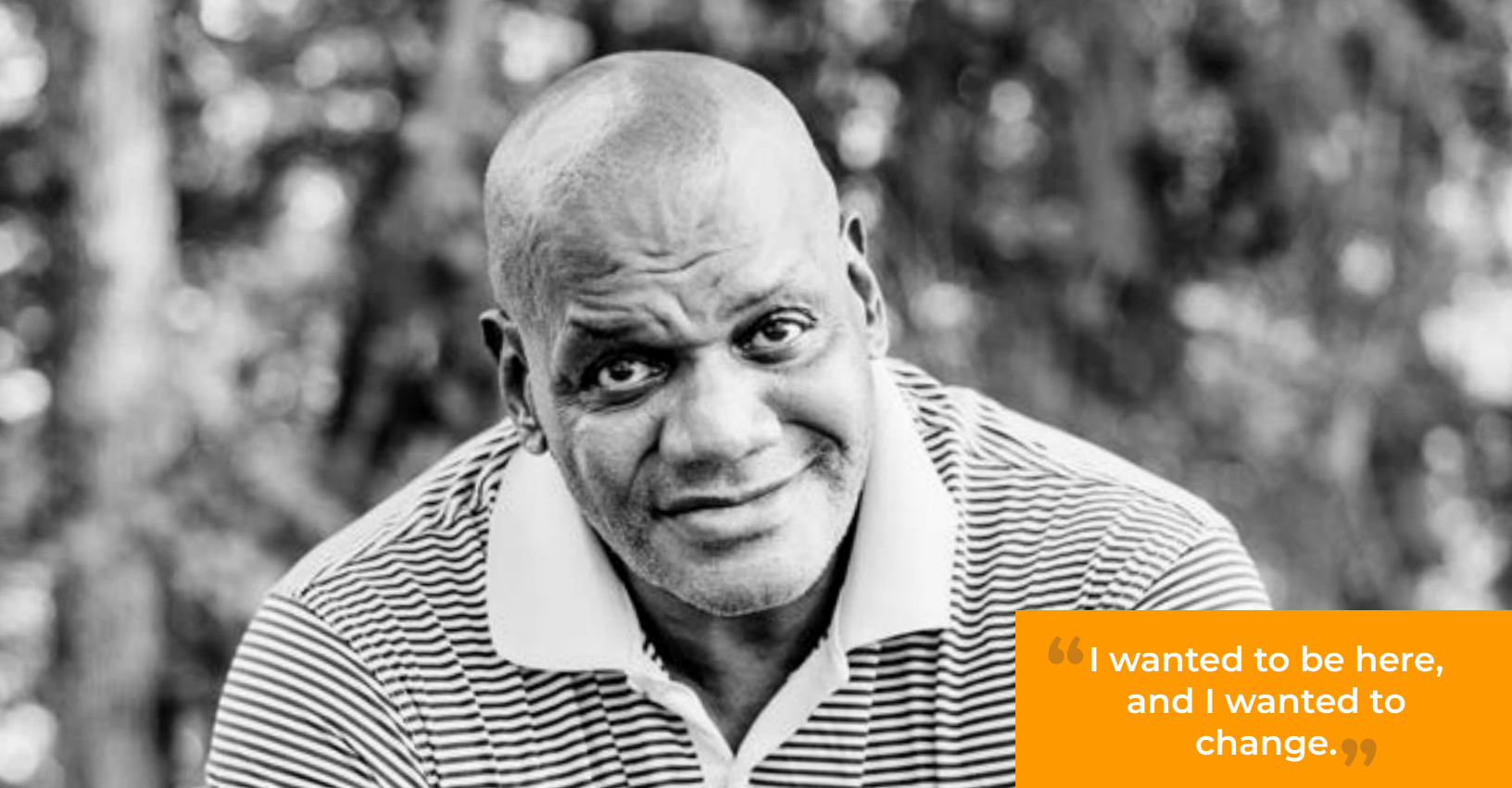
Providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment through Jesus Christ



**Your love
helps Alfredo**
*know he is
not alone...*

LOVE  YOUR
NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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“I wanted to be here,
and I wanted to
change.”

“I’VE BECOME A DIFFERENT PERSON.”

Growing up in the country with nine siblings and a single mom, Alfredo did what he could to help make ends meet. “Before I was even a teenager, I was harvesting crops and working in restaurants.”

Tragedy struck when the family home burned to the ground. The fire took the lives of his younger brother and his aunt, leaving Alfredo heartbroken with grief.

As he got older, Alfredo managed to start his own family and began to build a career... but, still affected by the trauma of his past, he turned to substances to cope with the loss he’d experienced.

Over time, he developed an addiction that negatively impacted his marriage. He and his wife tried working through it, but she passed away from cancer... leaving Alfredo with nothing. “I ended up on the streets,” he shares. “I slept in abandoned cars and houses, just surviving.”

Eventually, Alfredo was exhausted. Thankfully, a friend encouraged him to go to the Rescue Mission.

As soon as Alfredo walked through our doors, a new chapter began. “At first, I was scared, but I refused to give up,” Alfredo recalls. “The love and compassion the Rescue Mission staff showed me changed my whole outlook.”

Through our life-recovery program, Alfredo

achieved lasting sobriety. He also received much-needed medical care, including surgery to treat an excruciating back condition.

Alfredo found stability, healing at our thrift store, and most importantly: faith. “When I was broken, I knew about the Lord... but I never talked to Him like I do now. I pray, and I know He’s listening.”

Thank you for loving neighbors like Alfredo “as you’ve loved yourself.” Your kindness has reminded him that he is not alone and that a better life is possible! “I’m so blessed that nobody gave up on me – especially God – and now my family and friends are proud of what they see.”



A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... **just \$2.77!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

- Matthew 22:39



You're sharing **Christ's love** this summer.

It's an exciting time at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia – one of growth and expansion. We have over 225 residents in our program, and our newly-constructed women and children's transitional home is complete... thanks to the generosity of friends like you!

Now more than ever, we want those in our community who are hurting and struggling to know **there is a safe place at the Rescue Mission for them to receive the recovery in Christ they need.** And that they can come as they are... without judgement.

We believe that's what it means to love our neighbor: to accept each person wholly, meet them in their brokenness, and show them Christ's love through us.

This month we're kickstarting **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.**

It's your opportunity to respond with a generous gift that reflects the words of Matthew 22:39... to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*

Your support will show struggling people in our community like Alfredo that they are never alone. Read his story on page 3 of this newsletter – then consider how you can best respond to help more people like him this summer. We'll be so grateful.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO

Their new life is about to begin... **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in **celebrating 46 graduates from our long-term life-recovery program!**

Months of Christ-centered counseling, classes, and training have brought them here. Your support and God's grace have given them a new life of HOPE.

Please pray for our graduates as they rejoin our community. And thank you for your continued support to help new residents start their journeys of transformation.

Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at **rescuemissionga.com.**



We are also blessed to celebrate 32 baptisms in our first quarter! As these residents dedicate or recommit their lives to Christ, we join them in praising His redeeming work in their lives!

YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY'RE NOT ALONE!



It starts with a meal...



and ends with a life renewed!

Your gift of \$2.77 provides a hot, nourishing meal for men and women in our life-recovery program – while they receive other life-changing services like housing, Christ-centered counseling, and recovery.

Give to our Love Your Neighbor summer campaign... and show local people who are hurting that you care.



Give now!
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donate

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Keep neighbors **SAFE** this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers, and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

But many of our hurting neighbors have no relief. For residents in our recovery program, the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia is able to provide a safe and comfortable place for them to rest and recover, avoiding dangers like heat stroke and dehydration.

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing addiction, domestic violence, or other struggles this summer. A gift of \$87 provides a night of safe housing for a man, woman, or child in our recovery program – along with other services like these!



**Cool water to drink
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers
& safe housing**



**Faith-based
counseling & life-skills
classes**



**Sunscreen &
hygiene items**

Because of your support, hurting neighbors have everything they need to recover and rebuild at the Rescue Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit rescuemissionga.com/ways-to-help/current-needs/ or scan here!

Your gift
can provide
housing and
care!

TO DO THIS SUMMER:

☑ Make a Will!

Your generosity can live on beyond your lifetime! **August is National Make a Will Month.** So now is a great time to get your affairs in order and complete your will this summer.

Through a gift in your will to the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, the impact of your generosity will live on, bringing healing and hope to hurting neighbors, season after season.

Here are a just few examples of gifts you can designate to our ministry via your will:



Cash



Real Estate



Property



Stocks

Ready to talk about leaving your legacy?

Visit rescuemissionga.com or contact
Tina Hicks, Vice President of Finance.

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Mental Health & Trauma:

A Comprehensive Approach to Healing

Did you know? Untreated mental health struggles can lead to homelessness. We also see guests battling addiction and fleeing domestic violence... and know they are working to overcome past trauma. At the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, we believe that addressing guests' mental health is as important as providing physical and spiritual renewal.

Many of our guests require more

specialized care for mental illness and trauma from their past. This care is critical for helping them overcome addiction, domestic violence, or homelessness permanently and rebuild their lives.

Your faithful support makes Christ-centered counseling, outside recovery meetings, and other program resources possible for our community. Thank you!

*Want to
learn about
other life-changing
services you help
provide?*

Read about our
programs at
rescuemissionga.com.

