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

YOU are 
a blessing!

INSIDE: Addison shares
how your support gives
him hope.



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“
I’M
FINALLY
HEALING.
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*“Every decision I make today is how
I change my life and my future.”*

Addison grew up in a family-oriented home. He enjoyed fun activities like roller skating and going to amusement parks... but there was also a dark side. Addison saw his mom get abused.

As Addison got older, he started experimenting with substances. It became a way to cope with his childhood trauma, and it eventually led to homelessness. “I just had to know what that was like, and once I got a taste of it, I was hooked,” he says. “I was so focused on changing how I felt, I chose using substances and being homeless over living and working.”

Then when his mom took her own life, Addison plunged deeper into

destruction. He felt alone and stayed in a toxic relationship. It caused him to harm himself and he wound up in the hospital.

After the relationship ended, he had nowhere else to go. He went to what he thought was an abandoned church and got arrested for trespassing. Addison was given the choice to stay in jail or come to the Rescue Mission.

“If I knew the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia existed, I would have chosen it over anything else,” he says.

He joined our life-recovery program and learned that he is not a product of his environment, but his decisions. “I was a very impulsive person. Now, I take pride in thinking

before I act,” he says. “I’m learning about the cycle of thinking that affects my behavior.”

Now, Addison wants to use the pain from his past to help others. “I know how to help them. I love helping,” he shares. “I want to become a rehab coach, counselor, psychologist, or addiction specialist.”

Your gifts are bearing fruit in the lives of people like Addison. His heart is full of hope this fall... thanks to your kindness! “I was headed for destruction. Since coming to the Rescue Mission, I’m finally healing. I’m learning how to love myself.”

Hearts and lives are full... thanks to YOU!



From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

As we enter fall, a season of gratitude and gatherings, one thing comes to mind: **family**. It's why we have even more guests around this time. The thought of family seems to inspire our hurting neighbors to seek help.

Perhaps they are missing their families and want to repair relationships with them. Mothers are longing to give their children a brighter holiday experience... and a better life.

Thanks to the support of friends like you, we recently opened our new women's transitional building. Our 32 beds are filling up fast with women and children who are in the final phase of gaining stability and

independence.

That's why I'm so grateful for friends like you, who support our guests in their life-changing recovery. **You help people like Addison, whose story is on Page 3.**

Thank you for standing alongside our neighbors who are broken and hurting... but willing to change. As Psalm 119:67 says, "Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I obey your word." That desire to change is a great first step in recovery... and I'm thankful that you are there supporting their journey.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO

YOU'RE HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS...

Thanks to friends like you, men, women, and children at the Rescue Mission believe in themselves and have hope. Your prayers and support help residents in our life-recovery program look forward to brighter futures.



"I feel so loved here. The Rescue Mission changed my life and made me realize that I am somebody." – Tavon

"The Rescue Mission is helping me heal wounds. I'm a stronger person and a better role model for my children."

– Madison



Thank you for believing in second chances and making it possible for people to rebuild their lives!

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit **rescuemissionga.com**.

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HUNGER ACTION MONTH

20,975

Meals Needed by Sept. 30!

September is Hunger Action Month! Join our community in this month-long movement to fight hunger... and TAKE ACTION to provide meals for men, women, and children in our life-recovery program this fall.

Sign up to volunteer

Donate canned goods

Donate goods for our thrift ministry

Invite others to join you

For just \$3.09, YOU can provide a nourishing meal for someone on the road to recovery. Send your gift today OR online at **rescuemissionga.com/donate**.

Scan to take action now!

Our Current Needs

Donate essential items this fall!

Throughout the busy fall season, we'll welcome even more guests than usual here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

These are the items on our list of needs this Thanksgiving season:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkeys | <input type="checkbox"/> Cakes and Pies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Green Beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Coats for Men, Women, and Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Corn | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponchos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Potato Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Tarps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni and Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water |

With more people expected to arrive at our doors over the coming weeks – and cooler temperatures approaching – we won't be able to get through the busy fall season without these essential items!

This fall season, you can give hope and healing by providing for these and other immediate needs of our neighbors. Visit rescuemissionga.com/current-needs to see our current needs list.

Thank you also for donating household goods to our neighbors in need. Please continue to use our donation bins throughout Middle Georgia or call us at **(478) 743-5445, ext. 314** to pick up large items.

NOW THRU SEPT 15:

BIDDING OPEN FOR THE FIVE STAR CELEBRITY CLASSIC AUCTION

Bid on hundreds of amazing items – from artwork to sports memorabilia and jewelry. Proceeds from the auction will help support men, women, and children in our life-recovery program.

To participate in the auction, just follow these easy steps:

- Go to qtogo.us/qlink/rescuemissionga
- Click on "Register for Event"
- Complete the required fields and click "Submit Registration"

Winners can pick up items on September 18. Just stop by the Rescue Mission at 6601 Zebulon Road, Macon, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. We can mail items that fit into a 9x12 envelope.

Looking for other ways to support the Rescue Mission?

Donate online now through September 15, at qtogo.us/qlink/rescuemissionga

Thank you!

For assistance, please contact Dawn Burns at **(478) 743-5445, ext. 301** or dawn@rescuemissionga.com.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING HEALING & HOPE!

The road to recovery is a long and difficult one, filled with obstacles. But millions of Americans have successfully made the journey from dependence and despair to freedom and hope.

This month we join thousands of other recovery programs around the country to celebrate National Recovery Month! We applaud the hard work and dedication of the courageous men and women who have transformed their lives in our life-recovery program.

As we recognize their incredible progress and the gift of God's healing in their lives, we are more committed than

ever to help reach those still trapped in the cycle of addiction.

Thank you for coming alongside these neighbors and for your continued support of the men and women who will come to our doors in search of recovery!

To see the faces and read the stories of men and women who've found healing and hope in the Lord here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, visit rescuemissionga.com/stay-informed/stories-of-hope.

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RECOVERY. HOPE. HEALING.