

THE MISSION Bell

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



**See how your
compassion
gave Rachel a
fresh start...**

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... **just \$3.09!**

From the PRESIDENT'S DESK



Building a culture of **LOVE** this summer.

I'm grateful for how the Lord writes each of our stories, and how He weaves them together. **Right now, the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia's story is about growth.**

Through the generosity of friends like you, we're expanding our campus to serve more men, women, and children. This growth comes from a desire I know you share: to love our neighbors.

I see the power of relationships daily. Many of our guests have deep trust wounds from their pasts, and life transformation moves only at the pace of trust. So our growth is not about buildings... it's about creating spaces to build meaningful relationship with our guests and point them to Jesus. Only then can the Holy Spirit bear fruit - as it did for Rachel, whose story you can read on page 3 of this newsletter.

Do you know who your neighbor is?

There are men, women, and children in Middle Georgia who want to change their lives... and they need a neighbor who will love them enough to help them do that.

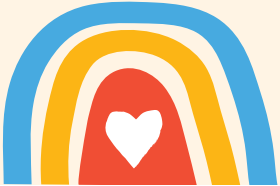
Give now to our **3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign** to invest in what God is doing. Your support will help write new stories of grace, surrender, and trust in Christ for neighbors who are ready for a new chapter.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO

"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

- Matthew 22:39



You're allowing kids to dream again

Childhood should be a time of innocence... full of hopes and dreams. Children sleeping in unfit conditions are robbed of this time. Without the stability of a safe home, they lose confidence in themselves and lose hope for their future.



Your support of the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia helps protect our youngest, most vulnerable residents.

You help provide a safe, nurturing environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive! These kids have hope for a brighter future through academic tutoring, spiritual encouragement, and counseling to heal from emotional trauma.

Thank you for caring for children in our community whose futures are at risk. Together, we're providing child-focused care that restores a vital foundation for growth and reignites their dreams for a full, healthy future.



Find out more about how we support families at rescuemissionga.com

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



It starts with a meal...



and ends with a life renewed!

Your gift of \$3.09 provides a hot, nourishing meal - and can lead to other life-changing services like housing, Christ-centered counsel, and recovery.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
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Give during our Love Your Neighbor campaign... and show local people who are hurting that you care.

Give now!
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**“I’m
surrounded by
LOVE AND
GRACE.”**

Rachel grew up surrounded by addiction and violence. She remembers her father firing a shotgun in their home while she hid in the closet. Memories like that were hard to process, and she found an escape in substance abuse from a young age. “I was an alcoholic by age 17,” she says. “It numbed a lot of the pain.”

As an adult, Rachel struggled to stay out of legal trouble. Her criminal record made it hard to find a stable job. At the same time, codependency and low self-worth kept her in a devastating cycle of harmful behavior – which continued after she became a mother.

Finally, after an intense relapse, she realized she needed help. “I struggled to find a recovery program that would let me have my children with me. But by the grace of God, there was the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia.”

Being at the Rescue Mission was hard for Rachel

at first. But the longer she stayed, the more it became a place she couldn’t imagine leaving. “This place speaks life into you through Jesus Christ. I don’t want to lose that.”

Through counseling and classes, Rachel started to heal from her past hurts, hang-ups, and habits. The anger she once carried was replaced with peace and a relationship with the Lord. Now, she and her children are thriving.

Through God’s grace, Rachel has now graduated, secured employment, and is living in transitional housing where she and her family are continuing to rebuild their lives with ongoing support from the Rescue Mission.

“The world out there is nasty, but the staff will still be here for me.”

Because of you, neighbors like Rachel know that God loves them and they are worthy of a new beginning. Thank for opening the door to hope and healing this summer! “I’m walking with Jesus Christ. No matter what comes my way, I have peace... because I know His plans for me are to prosper and not to bring me harm.”

**“No matter what I do, I know
God loves me and will never
turn his back on me.”**



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.

Our neighbors out on the streets of Middle Georgia face a scary reality: Without shade or sun protection, even warm days put them at risk of heat stroke and dehydration. Hot weather is even more dangerous for seniors or families with children. **They need our help.**

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 & hygiene items



Faith-based counseling & life-skills classes



Work therapy and employment assistance

Your support helps meet these ongoing needs, allowing our hurting neighbors to recover and rebuild at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



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



Healing from Homelessness: *Caring for mind & soul*

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 to 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.

Give Struggling Mothers Peace of Mind

The fear and uncertainty of homelessness weighs even more heavily on mothers and their children. Studies show that **90% of homeless mothers have experienced abuse**, and escaping domestic violence leads many to become homeless along with their children.

Every day at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, your gifts help us provide the support families need to restore their lives and find peace of mind.

A Day at the Rescue Mission for a Mom & Child



Mom and child wake up in their safe, clean beds and eat a nourishing meal together in our dining hall.

MORNING



Mom attends life-skills classes and work therapy, while her child learns and plays safely in our kids program.

AFTERNOON



Mom and child enjoy a healthy meal at our table. They enjoy worship at Chapel Services and Celebrate Recovery, ending the night in their safe, warm beds.

NIGHT



Find out more about how you can support mothers and children at the Rescue Mission by visiting rescuemissionga.com.