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# Mission

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**Steven's faith has  
been restored,  
because of you.**

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- Thanks to you, Steven was transformed
- How you are breaking the cycle of homelessness
- Prepared for school, because of you



## Rebuilding Hope, Rebuilding Lives

Dear Caring Friend,

Across our community, people are hurting. The pandemic devastated countless families. But thanks to your compassionate support, City Rescue Mission is an incredible stabilizing force for thousands of struggling neighbors.

Where you see men and women unable to find jobs, there you'll find City Rescue Mission providing meals and support to help them make ends meet. Where parents can't afford basic needs for their kids, we're providing backpacks filled with school supplies. And wherever there is hopelessness out on the streets, we're welcoming people in.

That these vital services have continued throughout a global pandemic in our hard-hit city is nothing short of extraordinary. And you've played an essential role making it possible.

*How can I ever thank you enough?*

While a great deal of uncertainty remains, and I expect need to remain high as we head toward the holidays, I also know that as long as we stand together, the Mission will remain a beacon of hope for every broken heart in our community.

Thank you, and may God bless you,

Erin Goodin  
President & CEO

## You Helped Heal A Man Who Lost Everything

*"From the bottom of my heart, thank you."*



**Because of you, Steven's faith in God, and himself, has been restored.**

When Steven moved here with his wife a few years ago he was optimistic about the future. They had wanted a change for their children, and Oklahoma City seemed like the perfect place to raise a family.

But the health insurance Steven was using didn't transfer over, and he lost access to the pain management regimen that had kept the effects of an old leg injury at bay.

The pain became more than he could bear, and Steven turned to illicit substances to cope. Soon, Steven spiraled as a chemical

dependence took hold. He and his wife lost their home and split up. She left Oklahoma, and Steven found himself homeless and helpless, struggling to survive on the street for the next 18 months.

**One day, he heard about City Rescue Mission from a friend. Steven was apprehensive at first, but as soon as he met our staff members, he knew he had come to the right place to heal.**

"When I walked in, it was like a huge weight lifted off my shoulders," he recalls. "I knew I'd found a place to finally get my life together."

**It is only because of the gifts of people like you that we can continue making a life-changing difference for people like Steven.**

"City Rescue Mission gave me my faith, my kids and my life back," Steven says. **"From the bottom of my heart, thank you."**

**To read more of Steven's story, go online now to [cityrescue.org/stories](https://cityrescue.org/stories)**

# You are Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness



At City Rescue Mission, our staff understands the importance of primary education for children. Kids experiencing homelessness are at an extreme disadvantage compared to their housed peers.

Reduced vocabularies, literacy and motor-skills combine with stress and anxiety to lower academic performance, which can lead to decreased economic opportunity.

**The cycle of poverty and homelessness is brutal, but you are breaking it by supporting City Rescue Mission.**

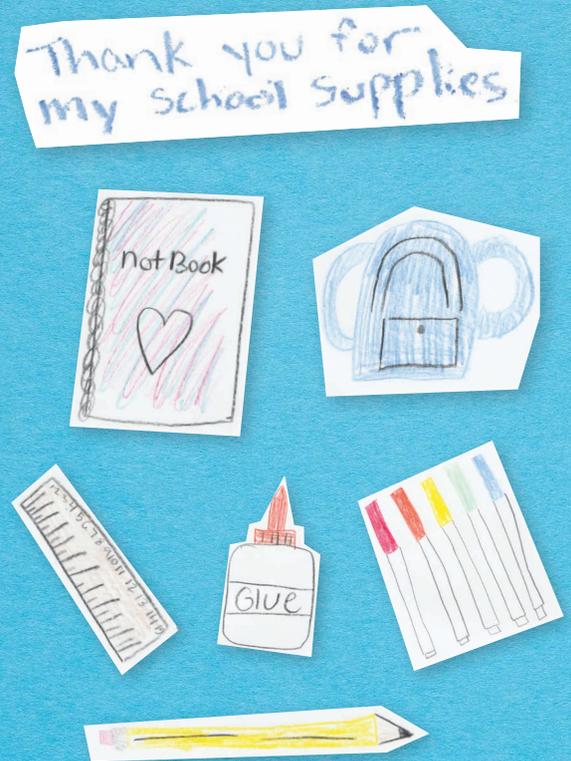
Your gifts are helping children like Scarlett, who recently started attending school after coming to the Mission with her mom. After dropping out of school to help support her family, Scarlett's mom knows the importance of a good education.

They came to the Mission with just the clothes they had on, so when Scarlett received a backpack full of essential school supplies, thanks to the gifts of people like you, her mother was ecstatic.

"Notebooks, folders, crayons, pencils," she recalls. "What she needed, you provided."

Because of you, Scarlett now has the supplies she needs to succeed in school. **Thank you for helping us break the cycle of homelessness in Oklahoma City.**

# Students Need Help!



According to reports, thousands of students across Oklahoma City experienced homelessness during the last year. Countless others are from households struggling to make ends meet. Parents lost jobs, and they don't have enough for food and rent, let alone other basic needs.

Now, as many children get ready to return to school for the first time in more than a year, City Rescue Mission is preparing to give boys and girls in need backpacks filled with school supplies.

One of the easiest ways to make a difference is by helping City Rescue Mission provide these backpacks and support for kids and families. **Your generosity today will make life better for our neighbors in need. Thank you!**

# Make a Monthly Impact

By joining us as a monthly donor, you can help provide safe shelter, meals and other long-term resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Oklahoma City all year long. The steady stream of support you can provide will allow us to budget and plan more efficiently. Commit to giving monthly and help transform even more lives!

To sign up online, visit us at [cityrescue.org/donate](http://cityrescue.org/donate), or call Samantha at (405) 232-2709 Ext. 106 to join by phone.

# How to Avoid Risk and Promote Family Peace

Did you know nearly 70 percent of Americans do not have an up-to-date will? Good estate planning may help you avoid:

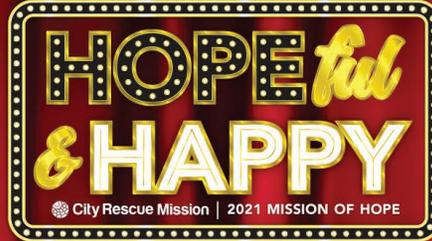
- 1. Legal risks.** Your will could help loved ones avoid delays in receiving an inheritance or property.
- 2. Financial risks.** Ensure your loved ones are provided for and keep your estate from becoming tangled up in expensive probate proceedings.
- 3. Legacy risks.** Take time to consider your estate plan in light of your values, and you may discover you'd like to leave a gift in your will to a charity like City Rescue Mission. Your will can be a great place to communicate a legacy of personal faith.

Is it time to create or update your will?

*For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "How to Avoid Risk and Promote Family Peace" by checking the box on the enclosed reply form and returning it in the envelope provided.*

## Save the Date

We will celebrate our supporters and clients with an evening of dinner, entertainment by Michael Jr. and moving testimonies from our Bridge to Life clients.



*Special Guest*  
**MICHAEL JR.**  
PERFORMER  
& AUTHOR



## 2021 MISSION OF HOPE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> | 7:00 P.M.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*For information on more upcoming events at City Rescue Mission, please call Shellie Holt at (405) 232-2709 ext 160*

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## You Can Change a Life Today!

Send back the enclosed reply form with your gift to provide meals, care and life-changing services to individuals who are alone with nowhere else to turn. Please give generously and offer your encouragement to the neighbors in our community who are rebuilding broken lives one day at a time. Thank you!



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