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**Tobyn found hope,
because of you.**

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- How you helped give a second chance at happiness
- Thank you for giving the gift of a transformed life
- Christmas miracles are possible, because of you



Rebuilding Hope, Rebuilding Lives

Dear Caring Friend,

Christmas at City Rescue Mission is all about hope. The hope of healing and transformation, of a better life off the streets. Hope that *you* make possible.

Thanks to you, no one has to “clean up” to walk through our doors or meet any other difficult expectations. In response to the hope that brought them here, homeless individuals are welcomed just as they are with food, shelter and unconditional love.

When you support City Rescue Mission, you’re fulfilling the hopes of the individuals we serve with unconditional love. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support, which change lives during the Christmas season, and all year long.

Thank you, and may God bless you,

Erin Goodin
President & CEO

You Gave a Second Chance at Happiness

“The smiles and the hearts you warm — that’s what Christmas is about here.”



Holiday miracles happen at City Rescue Mission, because of you.

As a teenager, Rebecca had a bright future — she was a world softball champion and national champion cheerleader. But without the support of her divorced parents, she floundered.

“My father was out of my life,” Rebecca says. “I love my mother and she did the best that she could, but my mom was just not there for me.”

Rebecca looked elsewhere for the support she didn’t receive at home, but she soon found herself homeless.

“I was hungry all the time,” she remembers. “It was frightening. I was afraid of what other people would do to me.”

Rebecca reached out to a coworker for help, who told her about City Rescue Mission. She was intimidated at first, but soon Rebecca felt right at home and began working hard in the Bridge to Life program.

“I’ve built and strengthened myself, so I am open, and I can have relationships with people,” she says. “I have a vision of what life I want to have and where I want to go.”

Rebecca is especially excited about Christmas at the Mission this year.

“It’s not about what you get, it’s about what you can give,” Rebecca says. **“The smiles and the hearts you warm — that’s what Christmas is about here.”**

With a full-time job lined up and feeling full of God’s love, Rebecca is excited for the rest of her life, and says she will never forget how much you’ve helped her.

Thank you for changing lives through your generosity.



You Helped Tobyn Find a New Lease on Life

“Thank you to everyone who gave me this opportunity. I love you all so much.”

After his father passed, Tobyn’s life began to go downhill.

“I had a lot of problems I didn’t realize I had,” he says. “I used drinking and drugs to kill the emotional and physical pain I felt.”

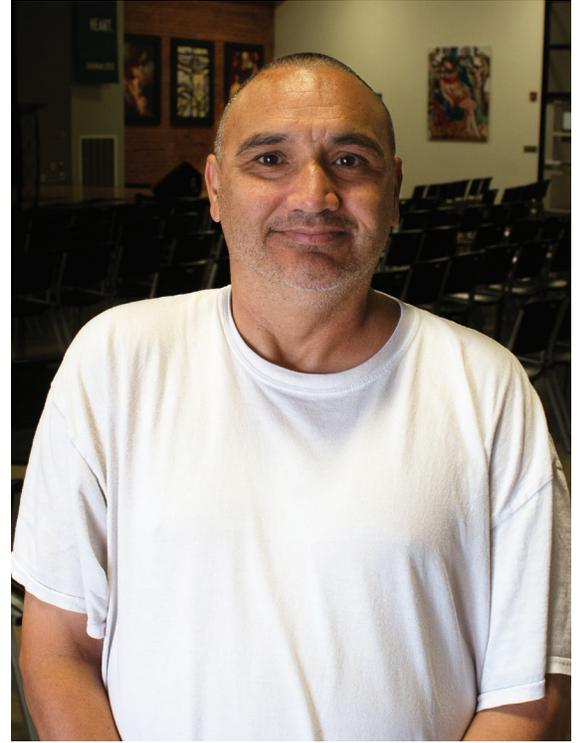
Eventually he ended up homeless, struggling to survive for months. Tobyn knew he needed help but wasn’t sure where to find it. So, when a friend recommended City Rescue Mission, he came as soon as he could.

Tobyn was nervous about the program, but as soon as he met the Mission staff members he felt right at home.

“The people at City Rescue Mission really care about you,” Tobyn says. “They want the best for everybody here. I love it here.”

Today, Tobyn has a new lease on life, has renewed his relationship with the Lord and is looking forward to independent, sober living and reconnecting with his family. This is the difference you are making for people in our community through your gifts to City Rescue Mission.

“Thank you to everyone who gave me this opportunity,” Tobyn says. “I love you all so much!”



For many of us, the holidays are a time of peaceful reflection spent with family. But for our clients, this time of year is challenging, spent without a home and in many cases away from family or friends. They need a season filled with hope, love and a sense of belonging.

Please join us in creating a memorable holiday experience for our clients by helping in one or more of the following ways:

- Become a Table Sponsor by creating a Thanksgiving or Christmas “Experience Box” and share holiday joy with our clients.
- Select one or more items from our “Twelve Days of Christmas List” to help support clients moving into their new housing.
- Contribute toys and other children’s gifts to the Christmas Wish Store.

Thank you for helping us create a loving and memorable “Home for the Holidays” at City Rescue Mission.

For more information about our holiday service opportunities, scan the QR code to the right with your phone camera, or visit cityrescue.org/HFTH.



Twelve Days of Christmas List

1. A small kitchen appliance
2. New coffee mugs
3. A set of pots and pans
4. Hand towels
5. Dinner plates
6. Bath towels
7. Water glasses
8. Cereal bowls
9. Bed linens
10. Cleaning products
11. A set of tupperware
12. A set of silverware

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Your Gift Today Will DOUBLE

One last opportunity to change lives in 2021

The past year has challenged us in ways we never expected, and the impact of the pandemic continues to be felt by our clients. Thankfully, a generous individual has offered a gift of \$50,000 for a matching challenge! That means anything you give by December 31 will DOUBLE in impact. We have to make the most of this opportunity, and we need your help. **Please don't miss out on one last chance to provide life-changing hope to TWICE as many people by the end of the year!** Your gift, postmarked by December 31, will help us make a real difference, one person at a time.

The Opposite of Hogwash

Modern “piggy banks” come in a variety of shapes and allow money to be added and withdrawn. But there’s a special grown-up piggy bank that securely holds your money until you’re ready to grant funds as a charitable gift. These “Donor Advised Funds (DAF)” are accounts where you can set aside money strictly for benevolence.



People love DAFs because they’re:

- **Simple.** To bless a charity like City Rescue Mission, you simply contribute to your DAF then distribute gifts when you’re ready to give.
- **Flexible.** DAFs allow you to bless multiple organizations from one account. Plus, you can easily contribute a wide range of assets to fund a DAF.
- **Generational.** While funds deposited into a DAF are irrevocable, the actual account can be easily transferred to your children. This ensures your loved ones carry on your legacy of generosity.

Save the Date

Hearts of Hope
February 24, 2022

Mission of Hope
September 20, 2022

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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!

Your Gift Will Provide Christmas Meals, Care and Hope!
 Yes, I want to help my neighbors in our community receive a hearty meal and compassionate care this Christmas season. Enclosed is my gift of:
 \$ _____ to help as much as possible!



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To give a gift online, go to cityrescue.org/donate-the-mission
 Please make your check payable to City Rescue Mission and return it with this slip in the envelope provided. To use a credit card, visit our website. Fill out the information on reverse side or call Grace at (405) 232-2709 Ext. 137. A receipt for your gift will be sent to you shortly.

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