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You helped
Tracy find the
road to recovery.

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Rebuilding Hope, Rebuilding Lives

Dear Caring Friend,

Reaching out for help isn't easy. Many of the individuals in our care will readily attest to that. In fact, crossing the threshold into City Rescue Mission might even be the hardest step they've ever taken. But once inside, they discover a place of calm and acceptance in stark contrast to the chaos outside these walls.

Safe and stable for the first time in a long time, these men, women and families can focus on rebuilding their lives from the ground up. Whether they're fleeing an abusive situation, struggling to overcome addiction issues, facing mental health challenges or dealing with unaffordable housing, the path back to hope starts here.

Your caring support makes that possible.

Every time you give from your heart, you're stopping harmful cycles of poverty and addiction. Your generosity spans generations, as demonstrated by the impact you're making this back-to-school season. Today and every day, I'm incredibly grateful to call you a friend and partner of City Rescue Mission.

Thank you, and may God bless you,

Erin Goodin
President & CEO

Your Support Fueled Tracy's Comeback



"Not only did I find God, but I found my purpose in life."



Tracy regained control of her life at the Mission. She couldn't have done it without you!

Engine trouble brought Tracy to City Rescue Mission. But in truth, she'd been running on fumes — in body and spirit — for years.

"My husband and I were long-haul truck drivers," Tracy explains. The truck was their livelihood as well as their home. When it broke down here in Oklahoma City, the couple couldn't afford an expensive fix. They stayed in hotels until their money ran out.

With options dwindling, Tracy and her husband arrived at the Mission in search of overnight shelter. But this place of refuge, made possible by your faithful generosity, gave Tracy time and space to assess her own situation.

"My drinking problem had gotten really bad," Tracy shares. After that realization, she took a leap of faith. "I heard about the Bridge to Life program and jumped on that."

She noticed a change for the better almost immediately. **"Suddenly I had stability, a schedule and people who care about me," Tracy says. It was a night-and-day difference compared to life on the road.**

In fact, God's miraculous plan was only beginning to unfold. Decades of smoking and drinking had done a severe number on Tracy's health. Soon after arriving at City Rescue Mission, she needed an emergency lung operation. You were there for her every step of the way — lending love and support throughout her recovery.

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You Brought Peace to a Family in Flux

When Ezekiel's mom brought her family on a trip from Indiana to Oklahoma last year, City Rescue Mission wasn't on the itinerary. They'd traveled by bus to stay with friends. The return tickets went missing, and the family found themselves without a place to stay.

Your kind support meant they had a peaceful, judgment-free place to get back on their feet. But one aspect of the transition weighed heavily on 12-year-old Ezekiel's heart. He knew his mom couldn't afford the essentials on his list of school supplies. By God's grace, your generosity made up the difference.

Meanwhile, Ezekiel's mom did her best to build a life in Oklahoma. She and her family stayed here almost two months before returning to a support system in their home state of Indiana. Your patience and compassion saw them through a time of turbulent transition. And for that, they'll be forever grateful.

Thank you for being a safety net for families with no place else to turn in Oklahoma City. Even in the darkest of hours, your kindness shines like a beacon of hope.



Your Kindness Equips Students for Success

Thank you for my school supplies



When August rolls around, kids staying with their families at City Rescue Mission can't wait to get back to school! And this fall, they're counting on your help to make the grade.

You see, children experiencing homelessness face an uphill climb in the classroom. The stress and anxiety of their day-to-day lives makes learning that much more difficult. Thankfully, your support of City Rescue Mission helps in two big ways.

First, you're providing a safe, stable environment from which students can build healthy routines. And second, your support equips kids with pencils, crayons, notebooks and other essential supplies. That's a tremendous load off for families who are working diligently to get back on their feet.

Thank you for giving students the tools they need to succeed in school — and in life!

Your Support Fueled Tracy's Comeback

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“People at the Mission were watching over me,” Tracy says. “They helped me get health insurance, called an ambulance when I needed one and checked on me every day at the hospital.”

“If it wasn’t for this Mission,” she continues, “I wouldn’t be alive today.”

Tracy recently celebrated a full year of sobriety. She’s thriving in the work readiness program. And someday soon, she and her husband will move into a place of their very own.

During her stay at the Mission, Tracy discovered a passion for helping others who’ve faced similar hardships. She hopes to someday repay your belief and generosity by returning as a caseworker.

Thank you for putting Tracy on the road to recovery at City Rescue Mission. “Not only did I find God again,” she says, “but I found my purpose in life.”



“If it wasn’t for this Mission, I wouldn’t be alive today.” –Tracy

Save the Date

We will celebrate our supporters and program graduates with an evening of dinner, entertainment by Dustin Tavella and moving testimonies from our Bridge to Life clients.

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

You Can Change a Life Today!

Send back the enclosed reply form with your gift today 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 with your help. Thank you!

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