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How Your Love Helped Heal Amy's "Broken Mess"



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Why Our Team Has So Much Empathy

Dear Caring Friend,

When you're struggling with something, it's comforting to know you're not alone. You meet someone going through the same thing — or who's been there — and it somehow makes you feel a little bit better . . . especially if they've come out on the other side.

That's an appropriate description of many of our caseworkers here at City Rescue Mission. They can honestly look most of our guests in the eye and say, "I feel your pain. I've been there too."

Most of our staff were clients here, too. At one point, they walked through our doors for the first time, nervous but hopeful, and found the help and hope they needed. They turned their lives around, and now they're helping others do the same.

That's a powerful bond everyone will share over Thanksgiving. It creates empathy that works wonders with a person in the midst of hardship. But that kind of wonder-working power couldn't happen without your support. Thank you!

God bless you,

Erin Goodin
President & CEO



After breaking away from an abusive relationship, Amy didn't care if she lived or died. But your kindness brought joy to her life again.

How Your Love Helped Heal Amy's "Broken Mess"

Amy grew up in an abusive home. Without the love all children need, she ended up hating herself. "I didn't think anybody liked me," she remembers. That insecurity profoundly affected her life, leading her to endure the pain of an abusive relationship for many years.

Along the way, she lost parts of both legs to complications from diabetes. After one amputation, she developed sepsis and ended up in a coma and on a ventilator. "It almost killed me," Amy says. "The doctors gave me a 10 percent chance of living."

"I'm so grateful for this place!"
— Amy

But she beat those odds and recovered. Unfortunately, the domestic violence continued, and Amy decided to leave that relationship. But she had no money and no place to go. She spun into a season of deep depression.

"I didn't care if I lived or died," she says. "I was a broken mess."

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It's Never Too Late for New Hope

Thanks to You!

When James was a young man, he joined the military and was deployed to Korea. While he hoped to make a career of it, there was a culture of hard drinking that James got swept into, and it derailed his life.

When he got out of the military in 1974, feelings of failure leveled his self-esteem. That led him to continue making poor choices and prevented positive career and relationship opportunities. For decades, he was in and out of work, and often homeless. "I wasn't living," he says. "I was just existing." While James had tried to change his life — and even come to City Rescue Mission previously for help — he had struggled to stay on the right path.

But God never gave up on James, and neither did we. When he returned to the Mission in late 2022, he was determined to change his life . . . for good. Our faith-based recovery program works wonders for those who are willing to make the effort — and James was ready to commit.

He finished the program with the tools for success — structure, accountability, resources, and community support. He's been sober for a year now, and is ready to live independently. The Mission's housing program is helping James make that transition.

"City Rescue Mission never shut the door on me," says James, who plans to give back as a volunteer. "Their door is always open."

James has a word for you: "Thank you, because you're saving a lot of lives. You saved mine."



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Homeless
for the Holidays
: THANKSGIVING :

Thanksgiving — a joyous time of gratitude and family gatherings . . . but not for everyone. For many, the holidays can be a painful reminder of all that's missing.

That's the case for thousands of families and individuals in our community. They're hurting. Many are homeless. They're struggling just to afford necessities like food, gas, rent, and medicine — let alone a festive meal with all the trimmings.

But thanks to your compassion, our vulnerable neighbors have something to celebrate. You make City Rescue Mission a safe, welcoming refuge for those experiencing homelessness. And at the holiday season especially, it's a wonder to behold.

"You can just see the smiles on people's faces when they actually feel like somebody loves and cares about them," says Erin Goodin, President & CEO.

Your support restores hope and rebuilds lives at Thanksgiving and all year long. Thank you for caring!

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You can be a consistent source of support for men, women and families who have made the choice to overcome homelessness.



Help us plan the most efficient and effective ways to give someone like Amy a path back to hope.



Steady donations ensure meals, shelter and life-changing resources are always available for neighbors like James and Amy.

From Chaos to Contentment, You Restored a Broken Life

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That's what led her to City Rescue Mission, where we specialize in broken messes. God does too: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Amy says that the day she arrived, "that started a chain of events that changed my life." Our team helped her recover physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She was connected with doctors and dentists who provided the care she needed, and we helped her get a new wheelchair covered by her insurance. Today, we're helping Amy find affordable housing.

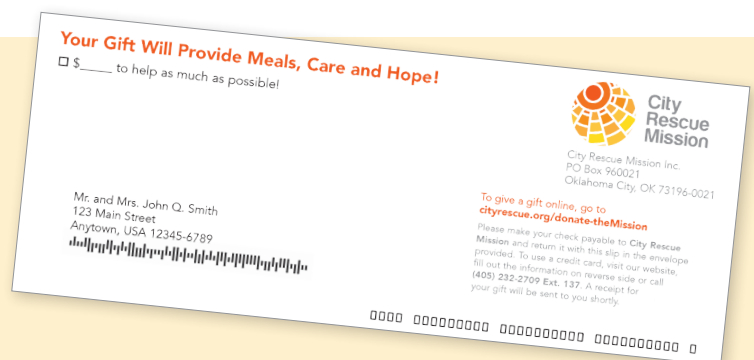
Through it all, our team has helped Amy heal from the deep wounds she experienced beginning in childhood. She's regaining her confidence and finding peace. Now, Amy has new hope for the future. She feels empowered.

"The longer I was at the Mission, the better I felt about myself," she says. "I'm so grateful for this place! I love myself more now than I ever had."

That's what God's love — and yours — can do for people in need. It's life-changing. Thank you!

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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