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A portrait of a man with short dark hair, a slight smile, and a visible tattoo on his neck. He is wearing a black t-shirt and a yellow lanyard. The background is blurred, showing an indoor setting with warm lighting.

Robert says,
“The Mission
changes lives.”

INSIDE:

- How You Helped Robert Land on His Feet
- Thanks to You, This Family Got Off the Streets — and Stayed Together
- Help Neighbors Find Their Way Home



Finding Their Way Home, Thanks to You

Dear Caring Friend,

Some individuals go through decades of pain and struggle before finally landing on their feet and turning their lives around — like Robert, our cover story in this edition of The Mission. Others find help and hope at a relatively young age — like Amy, a single mom you'll read about on page 3.

No matter their journey, no matter their age or their background or their circumstances, they can find new life and a fresh start at City Rescue Mission — and ultimately, they can find affordable, sustainable housing.

Many individuals and families are facing critical life struggles and are seeking help for the very first time, for all kinds of reasons. But thanks to friends like you, many of these neighbors are now finding their way home.

God bless you,

Erin Goodin
President & CEO



Thanks to friends like you, Robert has at last turned his life around.

"I Knew the Mission Had Something Special for Me"

Robert had already hung the sheet in his prison cell, ready to wrap it around his neck and end it all. He was 18 years old.

He had survived a childhood of neglect and abuse and was in and out of juvenile detention as a teen. He was depressed and angry.

"I felt alone," Robert says. "I was always crying. I didn't want to live anymore."

But before he went through with it, a fellow inmate gave him an evangelistic pamphlet, explaining how he could find new life with God by trusting in Jesus. Through the grace of God, the booklet literally saved Robert's life.

**"This place
has the spirit
of God in it."
— Robert**

Robert gave his life to Christ that day, but admits that he never really truly learned to walk the walk. Over the next 30 years, he traveled around, telling people about Jesus ... while also making lots of poor choices.

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Thanks to You, This Family Got Off the Streets — and Stayed Together

By Amy,
Single Mom and Shelter Resident

I was living in another state with my 6-year-old son, when we had to get away from a domestic abuse situation. We left in a hurry, literally leaving everything behind.

We came to OKC, where I had some friends and thought I had a place all lined up ... but then that situation fell through. So there I was, a single mom with a little boy, and no place to go.

Our homelessness had many different looks — sometimes in a hotel, sometimes at a shelter, sometimes sleeping in a tent and sometimes even on the streets.

Fortunately, a local police officer saw us and kindly brought us to City Rescue Mission. I'd never been here before, but almost from the first moment, I could tell this was the right place for us. **I felt love and a sense of hope right away.**

If it wasn't for the Mission, my son could have been placed in foster care since I was facing homelessness. Instead, they kept us together, and I'm eternally grateful. Not only that, but the staff is helping me land on my feet and get my life in order. They're helping with paperwork, IDs and job training. We're looking for an affordable home, and they even helped get my son placed in school.

I'm so thankful for everything the Mission does for us. And I'm especially grateful for friends like you who make it possible!



**"From the first moment, I could tell City
Rescue Mission was the right place for us."**

— Amy

You Can Help Neighbors Find Their Way Home



Job loss. Mental health challenges. Domestic abuse. Overwhelming medical bills.

All kinds of life events can result in losing a home. This summer, many of our neighbors are experiencing homelessness for the very first time. But your compassionate support of City Rescue Mission points the way home for neighbors in need.

"It can be overwhelming to come to a shelter," says President and CEO Erin Goodin. "But we're here to alleviate that stress and help them take the steps needed to end the cycle of homelessness. Many of our case managers have been there. They know what it's like, and they know how to help."

Your generosity provides the long-term resources neighbors need to land on their feet and find housing again. Job training. Intensive case management. We help individuals and families regain lasting independence.

Thank you for turning a season of suffering into a summer of hope for individuals and families in the Oklahoma City area. Because of you, they have a way home.

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Monthly Giving Makes a Year-Round Impact

How You Can Help Neighbors Year-Round?



By becoming a monthly giver, you can help men, women and families find their way home all year long.



Your consistent giving will help individuals like Robert find a path back to hope.



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

Thanks to Your Kindness, He Found Refuge and Hope

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Robert was previously at the City Rescue Mission in 2007, convinced that God brought him to our doors. He straightened up, but it was short-lived. Soon, Robert was back on the streets, getting into more trouble with the law, burning relationships, an aimless wanderer with a life in shambles.

But his short experience at the Mission had apparently left a good impression. Because 16 years later, in early 2023, Robert says God led him back to our place. And this time, it was for keeps.

“I knew the Mission had something special for me,” Robert, now 48, says today. “This place has the spirit of God in it. The people here, they go beyond in helping guests put their life back together.”


For Robert, that included finding work, buying a vehicle and getting a place of his own.

“The Mission is amazing,” he says. “It changes lives. Believe me, it makes miracles. Thank you for supporting this place!”

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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