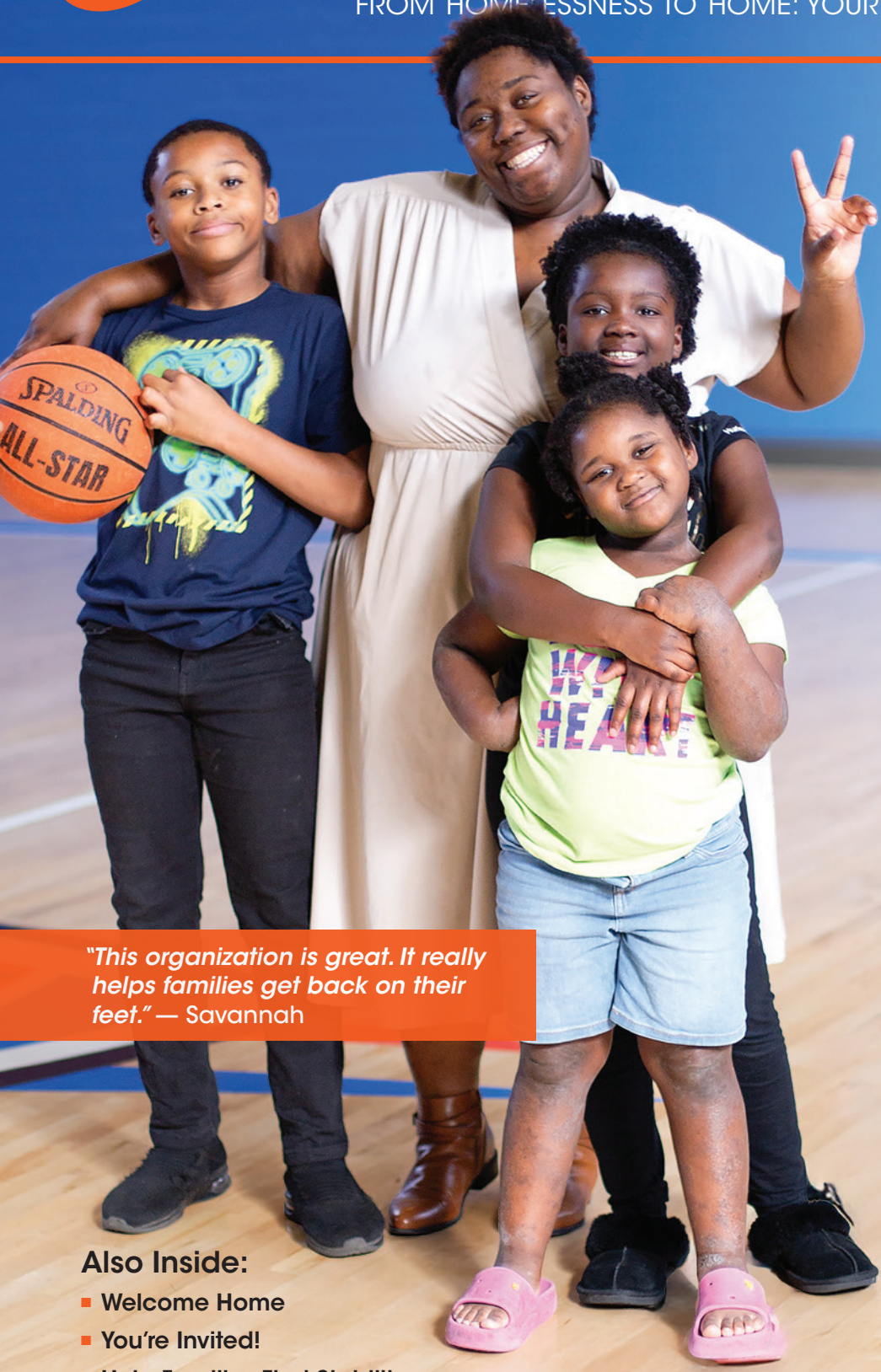


On MISSION

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOME: YOUR CITY RESCUE MISSION UPDATE



A SAFE PLACE TO BEGIN AGAIN

Savannah never imagined how quickly stability could slip away.

When her landlord decided not to renew the lease on the home she was renting, Savannah suddenly faced housing uncertainty with three children depending on her.

Increased housing costs and availability made finding another place impossible. Fear and exhaustion set in as she tried to hold everything together for her kids.

With nowhere else to turn, thankfully Savannah found City Rescue Mission.

And because of friends like you, we were ready to welcome her family.

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"This organization is great. It really helps families get back on their feet." — Savannah

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"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." — Psalm 46:1

A SAFE PLACE TO BEGIN AGAIN *(continued from cover)*

Arriving at the Mission was intimidating for Savannah at first, but it quickly became a place of relief.

She and her children had safe shelter, regular meals and a sense of welcome at a moment when everything felt fragile.

"At first, I was crying and completely stressed out," Savannah shared. "But I had a place for my kids to go."

At the Mission, staff worked with Savannah step by step. Her children were able to keep their routines and continue school.

Savannah received guidance, structure and encouragement as she worked toward stability and permanent housing. The care she experienced was not rushed or transactional. It was steady, relational and rooted in dignity.

"I felt like I had people walking with me," she said.

Over time, that support helped Savannah begin rebuilding her life with confidence. She focused on creating safety for her children, setting goals for the future and taking practical steps toward long-term stability. *"I realized I had to do something different for my kids," Savannah said.*

Savannah and her family are now preparing to move into a home of their own and looking forward to the future.





What once felt overwhelming now feels possible. Stability has given Savannah and her children room to breathe, grow and imagine a different future.

Because of caring partners, families like Savannah's never have to face uncertainty alone. Your compassion creates safe places, restores dignity and helps new life take hold when it is needed most.

Thank you as families find safety, stability and hope.



WELCOME HOME

After a long journey of waiting, hoping and working hard, Nancy finally reached the moment she'd been dreaming of: holding the keys to her very own home.

"I'm excited," she shared, her voice full of emotion. *"It's kind of been an emotional roller coaster... So, yes it's really exciting."*

For Nancy, having a place to call home isn't just about an address. It's about stability, independence and the simple joys many take for granted. Like cooking a meal in her own kitchen.

"Cooking, cooking, cooking," she said with a smile. *"A home-cooked meal."* And maybe even homemade bread—something she learned to bake during the pandemic.

This new beginning didn't happen overnight. The City Rescue Mission team walked alongside Nancy as she worked to overcome significant barriers that made housing and stability feel out of reach.

"I don't think I could have gotten a place without them," she said. *"Everybody's been so nice. I'm just so grateful and appreciative for everything the Mission's done for me."*

Now, with keys in hand, Nancy is already looking ahead. She plans to continue building job skills, exploring better employment opportunities and growing into the next chapter of her life—one rooted in stability and hope.

Stories like Nancy's are a reminder of what's possible when compassion meets action. Because of your support, doors are opening, lives are changing and neighbors like Nancy are finally about to hear the words: **Welcome Home!**

YOU'RE INVITED: HEARTS OF HOPE 2026

The annual Hearts of Hope luncheon is an inspiring time to celebrate stories of hope and transformation. We will be joined by emcee Amanda Taylor, as well as City Rescue Mission clients sharing their powerful stories and testimonies. We hope you can join us for this uplifting event and be a part of the new stories of hope that are being written every day at City Rescue Mission.

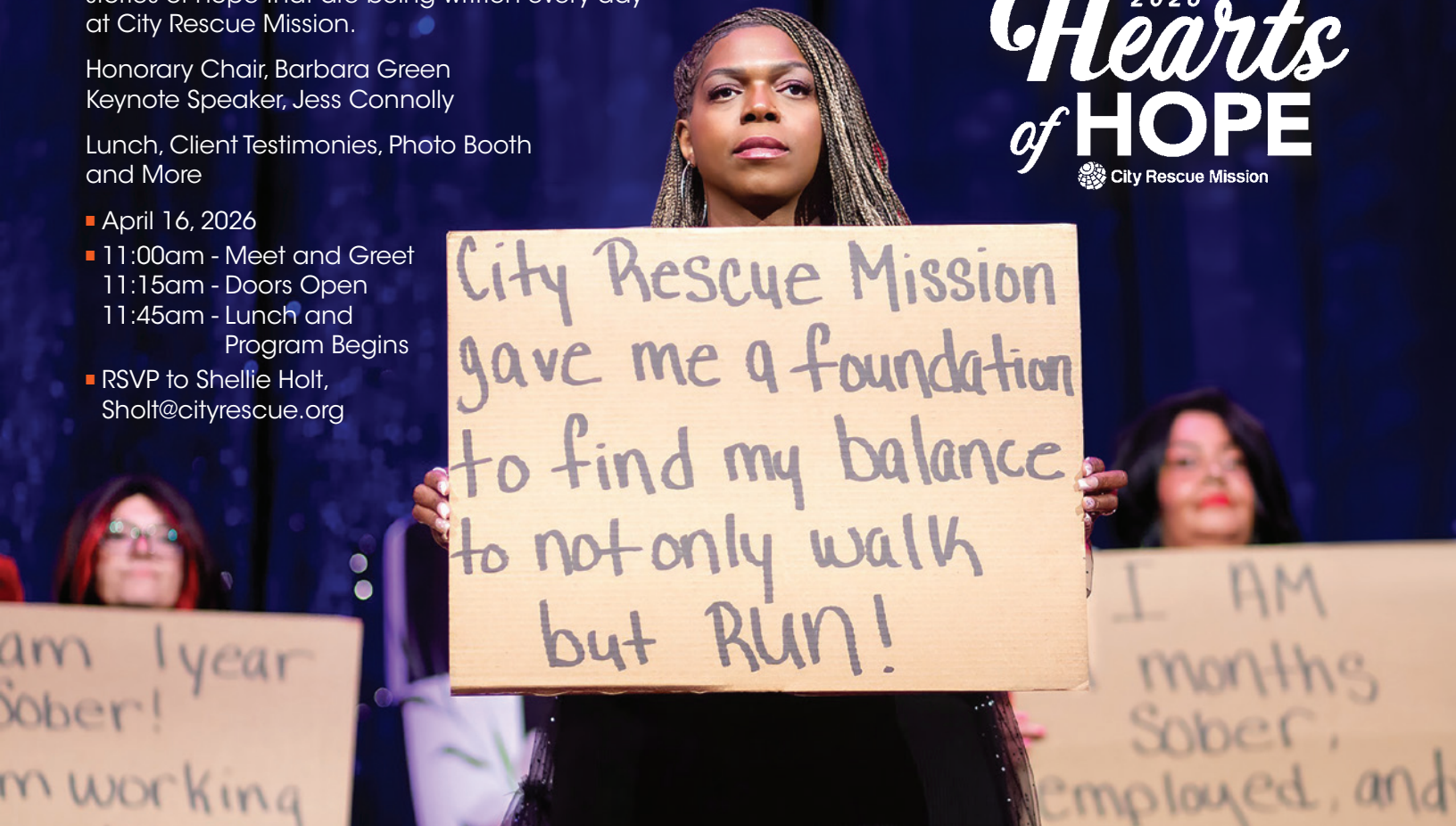
Honorary Chair, Barbara Green
Keynote Speaker, Jess Connolly

Lunch, Client Testimonies, Photo Booth
and More

- April 16, 2026
- 11:00am - Meet and Greet
11:15am - Doors Open
11:45am - Lunch and
Program Begins
- RSVP to Shellie Holt,
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FRIENDS OF THE MISSION: STEADY SUPPORT THAT CHANGES LIVES

At City Rescue Mission, transformation doesn't happen in a single moment. It happens through consistent care, trusted relationships and a steady path forward. That's where **Friends of the Mission** make such a meaningful difference.

As a monthly donor, you provide dependable support that allows the Mission to meet people where they are and walk with them toward stability. Because of recurring gifts, families in need will have

meals, safe shelter, case management and more as they rebuild and move from homelessness to home.

If you're looking for a simple, lasting way to make a difference, becoming a Friend of the Mission is a great way to change the lives of families in need every month.

Visit cityrescue.org/friends to become a Friend of the Mission today.

Erin's Column

HOPE GROWS BECAUSE OF YOU

Spring always gets my attention.

It has a way of reminding me that new life does not happen by accident. It takes care. Patience. Faithfulness over time.

I think about that often as I walk through the Mission and meet families who are doing everything they can to rebuild their lives. Moms like Savannah, whose story is in this newsletter. Families who arrive carrying uncertainty, but also hope. People who are brave enough to begin again.

I want you to know how seriously we take the trust you place in us.

Every gift you give is handled with care, intention and deep respect for the lives it touches. We think carefully about how resources are used because they represent your compassion and your belief that real, lasting change is possible. Our goal is never a temporary fix; it is long-term stability, dignity and a path forward that lasts.

That means pairing immediate care with guidance and support that helps people move toward something better. It means being thoughtful, responsible and transparent as we walk alongside individuals and families during some of the hardest seasons of their lives.

I see the impact of that stewardship every day. In calmer faces. In routines restored. In the quiet confidence that grows when someone realizes they are not alone and that their future can look different.

I am deeply grateful for you. Your generosity makes this work possible, and your trust means more than I can say.

Erin Goodin

Erin Goodin
President/CEO

BECAUSE OF YOU: LIVES CHANGED IN 2025

Every number in our 2025 Impact Report tells a deeper story—a neighbor finding safety, stability and hope because you chose to care.

This past year, 1,921 neighbors came through the doors of City Rescue Mission, including families with children, survivors of domestic violence, older adults and individuals living with disabilities. Thanks to your generosity, 929 people moved into stable housing—a 125% increase since 2022—with hundreds of children now sleeping in homes of their own, not shelters.

But your impact didn't stop at housing. Through employment readiness, job skills support and strong community partnerships, neighbors were equipped with the tools they need to stay housed and build a future.

Because of you, more neighbors found faith, dignity and belief in themselves and took real steps out of homelessness and into lasting stability.

Read the full 2025 Impact Report: cityrescue.org/impact2025



HELP FAMILIES FIND STABILITY THIS SPRING

Because of you, families find safety, stability and hope. A gift of \$63.66 provides a full day of care to help another family take their next step forward.

Spring is a season of new beginnings. But for many families in our community, stability can disappear quickly because of rising costs, job loss or an unexpected crisis.

That is where your compassion makes a difference.

Because of your generosity, City Rescue Mission can be there with meals, safe shelter, case management and housing support. You help provide care that steadies families today and shows them a way forward.

You can see the impact of your support in stories like Savannah's. When her family faced uncertainty, your care helped create safety, routine and hope at a moment when it mattered most.

Will you give a day of care to help another family find stability? Your gift of \$63.66 provides a full day of care, including nourishing meals, a safe place to sleep and guidance toward security.

When you give, you help parents breathe easier, children feel secure and families take real steps toward a fresh start.

Thank you for being a part of our journey to help families in their times of need.

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