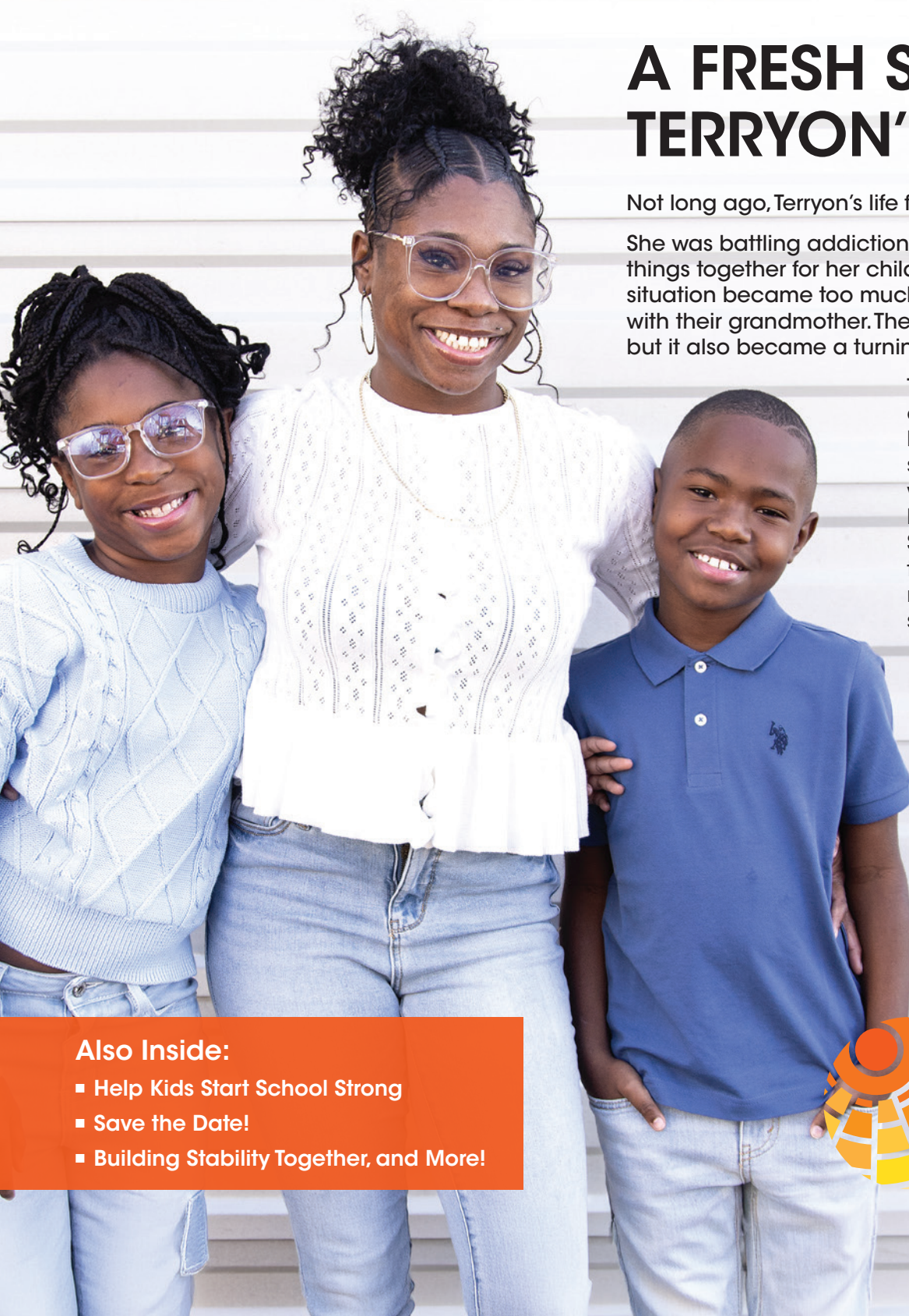


On MISSION

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOME: YOUR CITY RESCUE MISSION UPDATE



A FRESH START FOR TERRYON'S FAMILY

Not long ago, Terryon's life felt far from stable.

She was battling addiction and struggling to hold things together for her children. Eventually, the situation became too much—and her kids went to live with their grandmother. The separation was painful, but it also became a turning point.

Terryon loves her children and always wants the best for them. When she saw how the instability was affecting them, it became a wake-up call. She knew something had to change—and that she needed to take the next step forward.

"I wasn't Terryon," she shared. "I was this other girl."

That realization led her to City Rescue Mission.

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"My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in

A FRESH START FOR TERRYON'S FAMILY

When Terryon arrived, she was ready for a fresh start. Like many who come through the Mission's doors, she found a safe place to stay, good meals and the kind of support that helps people begin again. She found people who cared and a path forward.

With your help, she began rebuilding her life one step at a time. She detoxed, committed to the structure of the program, showed up for classes and leaned into parenting support and recovery. Through it all, she stayed focused on what mattered most: being reunited with her children and creating a stable life for them.

Her children had been through a lot, and their hopes were simple and heartfelt.

"They were very scared to come back home with me... 'Is this going to happen again? ... We want stability.'"

So Terryon kept going. Day by day, with Mission staff walking alongside her—encouraging her, supporting her and believing in her—she did the hard work of change.

"I just made it a mission to stay determined. I was determined every day that they were going to come home."

Opportunities began to open. She started looking ahead, even enrolling in college to pursue a career as a drug and alcohol counselor.

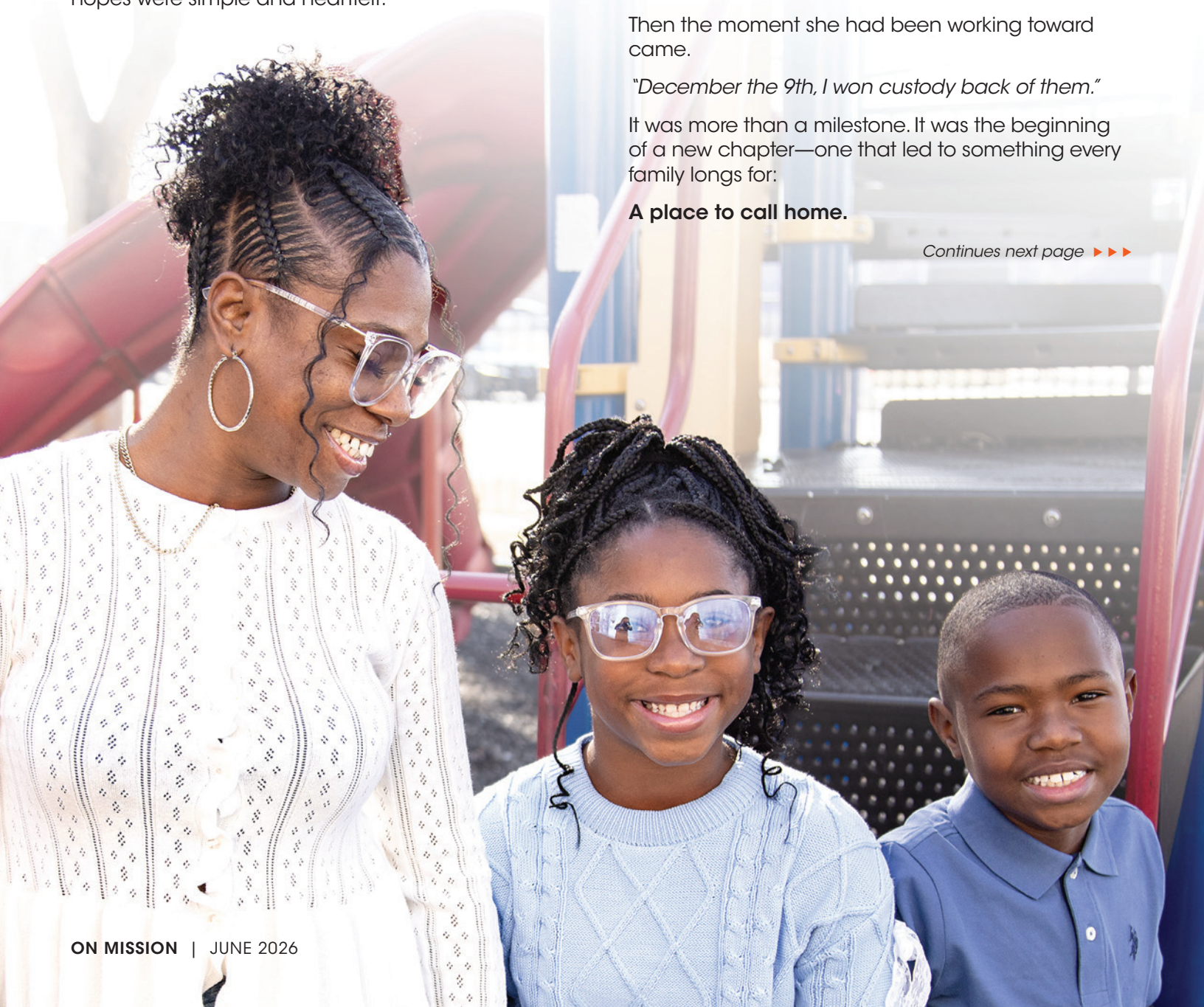
Then the moment she had been working toward came.

"December the 9th, I won custody back of them."

It was more than a milestone. It was the beginning of a new chapter—one that led to something every family longs for:

A place to call home.

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undisturbed places of rest.” — Isaiah 32:18

“We actually transitioned into our house... We moved last Friday.”

Now, Terryon and her children have a stable, safe home where they can build routines, focus on the future and simply be together again.

“I want to show them there’s a different way of living... we don’t have to be a product of our environment.”

Her journey isn’t about perfection—it’s about progress. And because of you, that kind of transformation is possible at the Mission.

You helped provide the stability Terryon needed to rebuild her life—from separation to reunification and ultimately into a home of her own.

Thank you for making stories like Terryon’s possible and for helping families move from homelessness to home.

Each \$63.66 you give today can help another family like Terryon’s.

RIDE ALONG WITH RAYMOND AND THE HOUSING TEAM *When Kids Get to Be Kids Again*

Raymond smiles when he thinks about move-in days.

Not because everything is suddenly perfect. Not because every challenge disappears. But because of what happens in those first few minutes.

They unlock the door. The family steps in—quiet at first, taking it all in. You can feel the weight of everything they’ve been through.

And then the kids take off.

Running down the hallway, peeking into rooms, flinging open closet doors.

“That’s my room!”

“No, that’s my room!”

Laughter fills the space. In that moment, it’s joyful chaos—the kind every home should have.

Raymond says it happens almost every time. Kids claiming space, imagining where their bed will go, what life might feel like there.

It may seem small, but for families coming out of homelessness, it’s everything.

Before this, life hasn’t felt normal—shared spaces, constant movement and the quiet stress parents carry trying to hold everything together. Kids feel it too.

Then, suddenly, there’s a door that closes. A place that’s theirs.

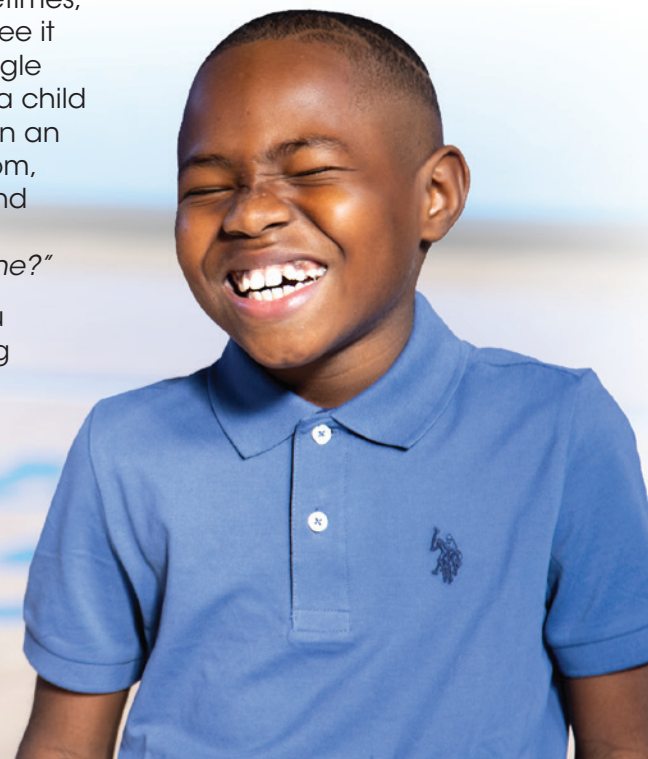
A routine can begin again—dinner at the same table, bedtime in the same place, backpacks by the same door. Kids don’t have to wonder where they’ll sleep next week. They just get to be kids.

That’s what you make possible.

At City Rescue Mission, housing isn’t just about four walls and a roof. It’s about restoring stability, dignity and the chance to build a real life again.

And sometimes, you can see it all in a single moment: a child standing in an empty room, smiling, and saying—
“Is this mine?”

Thank you for making moments like that possible.



HELP KIDS START SCHOOL STRONG

No child should have to start the school year feeling unprepared.

Many families with young children are turning to City Rescue Mission for help right now. During the summer months, kids often lose access to the meals they rely on at school—leaving parents already under pressure working even harder to keep up with both daily needs and the upcoming school year.

You can help change that.

When you give a gift, you're helping fill backpacks with essentials like notebooks, pencils and folders—simple items that make a real difference on the first day of school and beyond.

And there's another simple way you can encourage a child this year.

Alongside this newsletter, you'll find a backpack tag. Take a moment to write a short, encouraging note.

A few kind words—reminding a child they matter, they're valued and they're not alone—can mean more than you might expect.

You can also donate new back-to-school items directly at the Mission's Donation Center.

Donations are being accepted:

Tuesday–Friday, 9am–6pm
Saturday, 9am–1pm

Drop-off location:

831 W. California Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

Thank you for helping children start the school year with confidence and hope.



CHANGE EVEN MORE LIVES—*At no extra cost*

Many companies offer matching gift programs that can double — or even triple — charitable donations made by their employees.

To make it easier, City Rescue Mission now offers a matching gift tool on our website through Double the Donation. In just a few minutes, you can check whether your employer participates and find step-by-step instructions for submitting a match request.

When your gift is matched, it helps provide more meals, more safe nights of shelter and more support for families working toward stability and a place to call home.

Take a moment today to see if your gift can go even further.

Visit cityrescue.org/matching-gifts or scan the QR code to get started.



BUILDING STABILITY TOGETHER

This time of year, I find myself noticing the little things that make life feel steady.

Routines. Familiar rhythms. The comfort of knowing what each day will hold.

For many families, summer disrupts those routines in small ways. But for families experiencing homelessness, that disruption can feel much bigger.

When school is out, so much more falls on parents' shoulders. They're caring for their children each day while also doing the hard work it takes to move forward. To find stability. To build a different future.

And that's what I see every day at City Rescue Mission.

I see moms and dads who are determined. Not giving up—but pressing on. Doing everything they can to create something better for their kids.

What they're working toward isn't complicated.

It's stability.

A place to call home. A steady routine. The ability to keep moving forward without everything feeling uncertain.

That kind of stability changes everything.

It allows parents to focus on work and rebuilding their lives. It gives children the chance to feel safe and simply be kids. And over time, it creates a foundation that can shape a family's future for years to come.

That's the impact you're making.

Because of your support, families aren't just getting through the summer—they're building toward something lasting. Finding their footing. And, in many cases, stepping into homes of their own.

Every gift you give is used to create real, meaningful change—helping families move from homelessness to home and giving children the stability they need for a stronger future.

Thank you for being part of it.

Thank you for caring about families in our community—and for helping create the kind of stability that makes lasting change possible.

Erin Goodin



Erin Goodin
President/CEO

SAVE THE DATE! *Please join us for Mission of Hope*



For 27 years, Mission of Hope has brought our community together for an unforgettable evening—raising more than funds, it raises hope.

Together, we can write the next chapter of hope, one life at a time.

DATE:
September 17, 2026

For ticket information or to become a sponsor visit:
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Your gift of \$63.66 provides a full day of care—meals, safe shelter and support—to help a family move from homelessness to home.

HELP FAMILIES FIND STABILITY THIS SUMMER

Summer can be a difficult season for families experiencing homelessness.

With kids out of school, parents are doing everything they can to care for their children—while also working toward something more stable. Finding housing. Building routines. Taking the next steps forward.

It's a lot to carry at once.

But because of you, families don't have to do it alone.

At City Rescue Mission, families find the stability they need to keep going—especially during the summer months. A safe place to sleep. Good meals. Guidance and support to help them move forward, step by step.

That kind of stability changes everything.

It creates space for parents to focus on the hard work of rebuilding their lives... and for kids to feel safe, cared for and hopeful again.

You can see that kind of transformation in stories like Terryon's. With steady support, she was able to reunite with her children and move into a home of her own—creating the stability her family needed for a fresh start.

And there are more families working toward that same goal right now.

Your gift of \$63.66 provides a full day of care—everything a family needs to stay safe, supported and moving forward.

Without that kind of stability, the path to housing becomes much harder. Progress can slow. And for some families, it may feel out of reach.

But your compassion helps keep that from happening.

Please give today to help families find stability and take the next step toward home.

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