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FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOME: YOUR CITY RESCUE MISSION UPDATE

FINDING HOME AGAIN

Kari never imagined she and her young son would experience homelessness.

After working hard to build a good, loving life for her and her son, the housing she'd arranged unexpectedly fell apart—through no fault of her own. Before long, she and her son were moving from couch to couch, hoping each new situation would give them a little more time.

Eventually those options ran out, and they spent weeks sleeping in their car.

Every night, Kari searched for the safest place for them to be. Every morning, she wondered how long they could keep going.

"I'd park at Walgreens or places where there were cameras," she recalled.

Then, after weeks of wondering where they would sleep each night, Kari made a decision she never imagined she'd ever make...

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“The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.”

— Psalm 29:11 (NIV)

FINDING HOME AGAIN (continued from cover)

...she decided to go for help at City Rescue Mission. It wasn't an easy decision, but it was a choice that would change her life.

Like many parents, Kari had always believed she could handle things on her own. Asking for help meant setting aside her pride and trusting others to walk alongside her during one of the hardest seasons of her life. But she knew it was the right decision for her family, and that was the most important thing to her.

That decision changed everything.

“The first night... being able to lay in bed again was very relieving,” Kari said.

For the first time in weeks, she and her son had a safe place to sleep. They had nourishing meals each day. Most importantly, they had the stability they needed to stop focusing on simply getting through each day and start looking toward the future.

“It takes off a lot of stress,” Kari shared. *“I have meals here. I have a safe place to sleep.”*

Because friends like you made that stability possible, Kari could focus on rebuilding her life.

Mission staff encouraged her every step of the way, helping her navigate the housing process and reminding her she didn't have to face the journey alone. While Kari worked toward permanent housing, her son found something every child deserves—a chance to simply be a kid. He made friends, celebrated holidays and created fun memories.

Today, Kari and her son are enjoying the fresh start they worked so hard to build.

They're now living in their own apartment.

Her son has a room of his own. He talked excitedly about where his bed would go, hanging family photos on the walls, cooking meals together again and one day welcoming a family dog into their new home.

Kari is looking ahead, too. She plans to return to school and earn a degree in medical administration as she continues building a stable future for her family.

Looking back, she's grateful for the compassion she found when she needed it most.

“I never thought I would be in the position to need these types of services,” she said. *“Having it really was like a blessing... It really makes a difference.”*

Because of caring friends like you, families don't have to face homelessness alone. They find safe shelter, nourishing meals, compassionate support and the stability to rebuild their lives.

Thank you for helping families like Kari's move from homelessness to home.

Your gift of \$63.66 can give another family like Kari's the stability they need to move from homelessness to home!



WELCOME HOME, JARRED!

There is nothing quite like the moment someone receives the keys to their new home.

Recently, Jarred experienced that for himself. After working hard, staying focused and taking meaningful steps forward, he now holds the keys to his own apartment.

That is worth celebrating—and your compassion helped make it possible.

Because of friends like you, Jarred had a safe place to stay, meals each day and the stability he needed while he worked toward housing. That support gave him room to focus on employment, plan his next steps and build a stronger future.

Of course, Jarred did the hard work. He showed up, kept going and took the next steps toward the life he wanted to build. But he did not have to do it alone.

Jarred's success is a reminder of what happens every day through your partnership with City Rescue Mission: people are not just finding temporary help. They are moving from homelessness to housed—with dignity, encouragement and hope.

Thank you for being part of his journey. Because you care, more neighbors like Jarred can find stability, open their own front door and say, *"I'm home."*



CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET. CHANGE A CHILD'S DAY.

As the seasons change, many of us are cleaning out closets, making room for fall clothes and discovering children's shoes that have already been outgrown.

Instead of letting those gently used items sit on a shelf, why not help a family in our community?



This time of year, City Rescue Mission especially needs children's shoes in good condition to help kids start the school year with confidence. A pair that's too small for one child could be just what another child needs for their first day back in the classroom.

When you donate, we simply ask that you give the kinds of items you'd feel good about putting on your own child or wearing yourself. Clean, gently used clothing and shoes help families preserve their resources while working toward stable housing—and they remind parents and children alike that they are cared for.

As you clean out your closets this season, we hope you'll think of the families at City Rescue Mission. Your thoughtful donations can help a child walk into school with confidence and give a family one more reason to believe brighter days are ahead.

YOU MAKE BACK-TO-SCHOOL BETTER!

As a new school year begins, children across our community are looking forward to fresh starts, new friendships and exciting opportunities to learn.

But for families experiencing homelessness, back-to-school season can also bring uncertainty.

That's why your generosity means so much.

Because of caring neighbors like you, children staying at City Rescue Mission have the stability they need to begin the school year with confidence. While their parents work toward safe, permanent housing, kids have a secure place to sleep, nourishing meals and the support they need to focus on being kids.

Your compassion also helps provide back-to-school essentials that make a real difference—

from school supplies and backpacks to the encouragement every child deserves as they head back to the classroom.

Most importantly, you're helping families build a stronger future together. The stability you provide today gives parents the opportunity to rebuild their lives while helping their children thrive in school and beyond.

Thank you for helping children head back to school ready to learn, grow and succeed!



MORE THAN A PLACE TO STAY

One of the things I love most about City Rescue Mission is that we never lose sight of the person in front of us.

Every person or family that walks through our doors has a different story. Different challenges. Different hopes for the future.

But one thing they all have in common is this: they want a better life.

They want stability and meaningful work. They want to build a future they can be proud of.

That's why we don't believe in a one-size-fits-all approach. Instead, we meet each person where they are, walk alongside them and help them build toward the future they want for themselves.

Of course, our team plays an important role. But the clients we serve are the ones doing the hard work. They're showing up. Setting goals. Overcoming obstacles. Taking courageous steps toward a new beginning.

And friends like you help make that possible.

Because of your generosity, clients have the stability they need to focus on finding housing, building careers and creating a future they can be proud of. Clients like Kari have the opportunity not just to overcome homelessness, but to build a life filled with hope.

Thank you for believing in people. Thank you for walking alongside them during some of the hardest moments of their lives. Your compassion reminds them they're not alone—and that a different future is possible.

I'm grateful we're on this journey together.

Erin Goodin

Erin Goodin
President/CEO

MISSION of HOPE

YOU'RE INVITED!

MISSION OF HOPE: ROUTE 66

Take the next step on the road to hope with us at this year's Mission of Hope!

Join friends of City Rescue Mission for an evening celebrating the journeys made possible through your compassion. As we reflect on the legacy of Route 66 and its centennial, we're reminded that every journey has a story. Together, we'll celebrate lives changed and the road ahead as more men, women and families move from homelessness to home.

DATE:
September 17, 2026

LOCATION:
National Cowboy &
Western Heritage Museum

Visit cityrescue.org/moh-2026 to reserve your tickets or learn about sponsorship opportunities.

We hope you'll join us for this special evening!





Your gift of \$63.66 provides a full day of care—meals, safe shelter and support—to help individuals and families move from homelessness to home.

YOUR GIFT BUILDS A FOUNDATION FOR HOPE

Kari's story is a powerful reminder that individuals and families experiencing homelessness aren't looking for someone to rebuild their lives for them. They simply need the stability to begin.

That's where you come in.

A safe place to sleep. Nourishing meals. Caring support. Guidance as clients navigate the path to permanent housing.

When those needs are met, clients can focus on the hard work of rebuilding their lives. They can search for housing, maintain employment and move toward the security of a place to call home—including, for families like Kari's, keeping their children in school along the way.

Your gift of \$63.66 provides a full day of care at City Rescue Mission—including meals, safe shelter, case management and housing support.

More than that, it gives individuals and families like Kari's the stable foundation they need to move from homelessness to housed.

Please give today and help another individual or family find the stability they need to build a future they can be proud of.

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