

TACOMA RESCUE  
MISSION 

# Rescue Mission

2009


ANNUAL REPORT

RACHEL'S STORY

OVERVIEW OF THE MISSION

LETTER FROM DAVID CURRY

FINANCIALS



My name is Rachel, two years ago I felt stuck, lonely, and

# Restless

My three children were all I had left.

It's hard to have faith in the midst of chaos and crisis. Our clients come to us at the lowest point of their lives. They are out of hope that they will ever have a stable, happy home. Often, they are struggling with painful emotional issues or addiction problems.

In the midst of these traumatic events, there is hope. We know God loves them and that He has a plan for their lives. We want to serve them with God's love and help them to become the happy, healthy people they were designed to be.

There is a safe way home.

## *Rachel's story*

After spending some time in prison, I was homeless with three kids and nowhere to go. While in jail I accepted to Lord and realized that my life needed to change, but I was stuck in my old patterns. The people in my life were expecting me to be the same person, but I knew I wanted a new life. I had no money, no job experience, and nowhere to live. I felt helpless, but was holding onto the hope I felt inside for a new life for my family.

*\* Rachel's story is a true story, the names and photos have been changed.*



I went to the Mission to

# Receive

a free meal and food for my daughters.

## NEW LIFE SQUARE

In March 1912, the Tacoma Rescue Mission began providing shelter, food, clothing and meeting the spiritual needs of homeless transients. While the services offered have increased to meet the growing needs of the community, the foundation of the Mission has remained the same, providing basic services to the hurting in our community. In 2009, the Mission provided shelter to over 1,388 individuals at New Life Square. In addition, showers and laundry facilities are provided. Cleanliness helps reduce disease in the homeless population and ensures those seeking employment look presentable at their interviews.

### *Rachel's story*

My new priorities were now taking care of my three girls and providing them with the basic needs. We went to New Life Square for a warm meal. I wasn't sure what steps to take toward a new life, but I called a case manager and by the grace of God they got us a room at the Rescue Mission's family shelter. We checked in our room and instantly it felt like something lifted off me; I knew everything was going to be ok.



The New Life Program helped me

# Repair

my life and get a fresh start

## NEW LIFE PROGRAM

Transformation is the cornerstone of the New Life Program. This program is a six to twelve month live-in drug and alcohol recovery program for men and women whose lives have suffered the devastation of substance abuse. People come into the program seeking healing and wholeness. Whether effects of mental or physical abuse or simply poor choices led clients on a course of self-destruction, the staff of the New Life Program endeavor to help them understand how the love of Jesus Christ can redeem their lives. Emotional healing and spiritual transformation are central to the New Life Program.

### *Rachel's story*

While at the Family Shelter, for the first time in my life people saw beyond my appearance, my emotions, or my past; they saw my true spirit. They kept feeding me, believing in me, praising me. Day after day they built my confidence, taught me life skills, invested in my kids, and helped me work through the hurts of my past.



Living at Tyler Square gave me time to

# Rebuild

my life and learn from my past

## TYLER SQUARE

Tyler Square opened its doors to homeless families in 1997. Originally, twelve units offered families a chance at a new life. In 2005, the Mission dedicated Phase II, offering an additional 15 families a place in the Family Life Program. Life skills training is at the heart of the program – classes are offered in budgeting, basic education, parenting, and more. Case management is an essential part of helping transition these families to stable housing. While residing at Tyler Square, children are able to participate in the Youth Program, which offers opportunities many of these children would never have if not for the Mission.

### *Rachel's story*

We moved to Tyler Square and my family felt taken care of. Looking back a year ago, I could not afford to live, and now the Lord found a way to help me take care of my babies. At Tyler Square I began working as the receptionist to learn job skills, and began teaching life skills to other women. My mentor, Marlene, believed in me and became the mother I never had.



I am a new person, I

# Respect

myself, and provide for my kids.

## *Rachel's story*

I graduated from the New Life Program two years after showing up at the Mission. I never forget where I came from and how grateful I am for the people who believed in me. There was a time when I thought no one would believe I could change. When I see people from my past, they are inspired by the change they see in me. I never had a family, but now I do. I am a leader, I have peace, I have found my life calling, and I face my fears. My heart is to seek, guide, and inspire others who are lost. I am eternally thankful for the Tacoma Rescue Mission, and plan to use my life giving back. ❖

## **CHALLENGE LEARNING SERVICES**

Building futures with hope is the core of Challenge Learning Services. Adult basic education in reading, writing, math, and GED preparation are available free of charge to anyone in the community. In addition, the center offers computer literacy and help preparing resumes. Opportunities like these provide hope to Mission clients and allow them to see viable futures for themselves and their families.

# More than a shelter...

## JAIL MINISTRY

The men and women completing sentences at Pierce County Jail are blessed to have a dedicated team of Mission staff and volunteers serving their needs. Chaplains act as a bridge between community, family, religious leaders, and the professional field. They provide the spiritual and motivational foundation that helps inmates reenter the community with positive behaviors.

*Learn more about the Jail Ministry >*

## NEW LIFE PROGRAM

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## NEW LIFE SQUARE

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## ADAMS SQUARE COMING IN 2010

Adams Square Family Center will offer homeless families an opportunity to build a strong family unit in a stable, safe, structured and nurturing environment. The objective is to end homelessness for each family served. This facility will allow Mission staff to address all factors of homelessness, not just the lack of housing.

*Learn more about Adams Square >*

## JEFFERSON SQUARE & COLONIAL SQUARE

Nineteen years ago, Jefferson Square opened its door to provide low-income single resident occupied housing. Residents have case management with outside agencies while living independently in a clean and sober environment with 24 hour supervision.

In 1993, the vacant Hotel Grand transformed into the beautifully restored Colonial Square apartments offering low-income apartments to 44 families or individuals.

*Learn more about our low-income facilities >*

## CHALLENGE LEARNING SERVICES

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## TYLER SQUARE

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## NEED-A-BREAK SERVICES

Need-A-Break actively works with individuals in an effort to help them to fulfill a need that they cannot handle on their own. We will provide help with gifts for a variety of reasons and needs, and can help with providing funds for repairs for seniors, single moms, or others who simply need a break.

*Learn more about Need-a-Break >*

# Reflections ■ ■

*from David Curry*

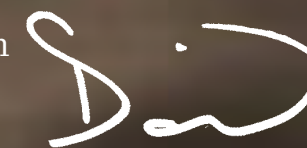
This past year has had many challenges and unprecedented events in our country's financial history, which has called upon the Tacoma Rescue Mission like never before. Thankfully, our supporters and community have been faithful to help us meet the growing needs of the homeless and hurting in our neighborhoods. The faithfulness of our partners has been the single greatest reason we have been able to meet these challenges, and it is the reason I am so optimistic about the future.

In addition, we are blessed to have a great army of volunteers and volunteer staff to assist us in carrying out our essential services to the poor. These heroes allow us to reach well beyond what we could do with our paid staff. This is in spite of the fact that we have the greatest team in our nearly 100-year history. They are dedicated, determined, and loving in the way they approach each difficult situation day in and day out. Each of our clients is in the midst of difficulty and crisis, this requires calm, steady leadership. I am proud of our team and the work they do to provide that necessary guidance.

Let me also thank our corporate and private philanthropy partners, those companies and private foundations help us in our important task. Without their support many of the services simply would not be able to be provided. They are truly partnering with us in providing love and care to the poor.

Lastly, I am deeply thankful to my supervisors, the board of Directors of the Tacoma Rescue Mission. They are always pushing and dreaming for a better tomorrow. I am so appreciative that they trust me with the stewardship of this important community asset.

In all, with and through God's help we have been able to transform many lives this year. To God be the glory.



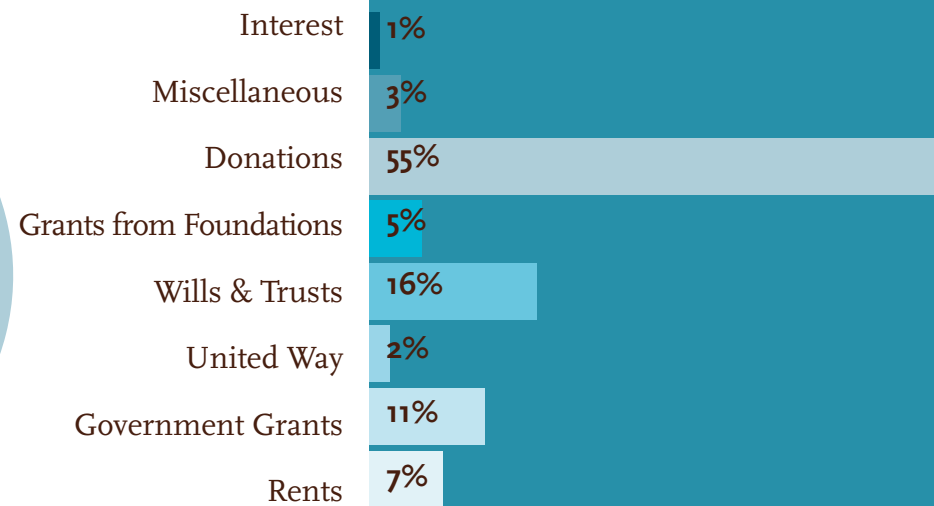
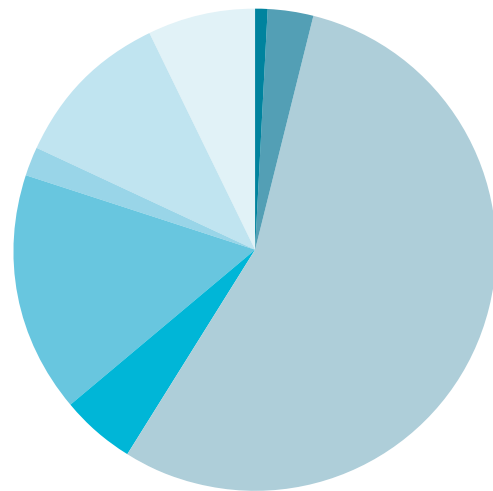
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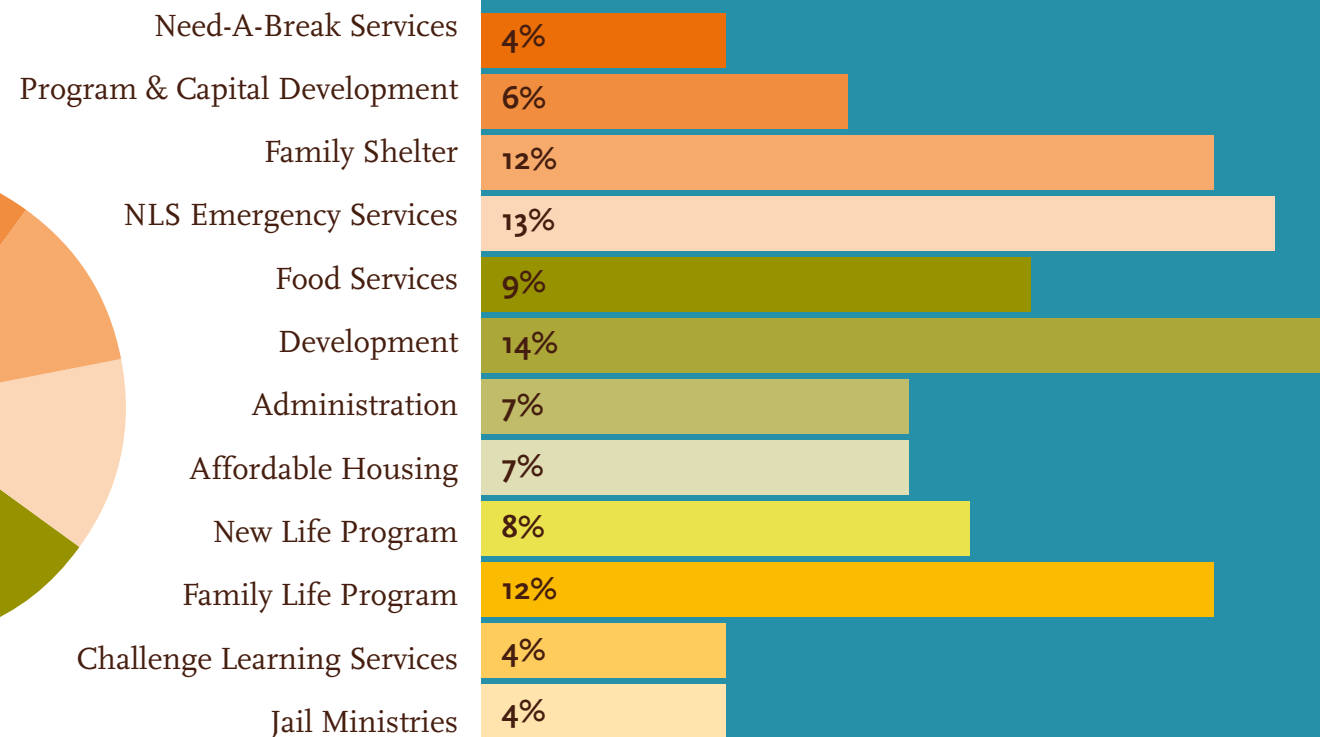
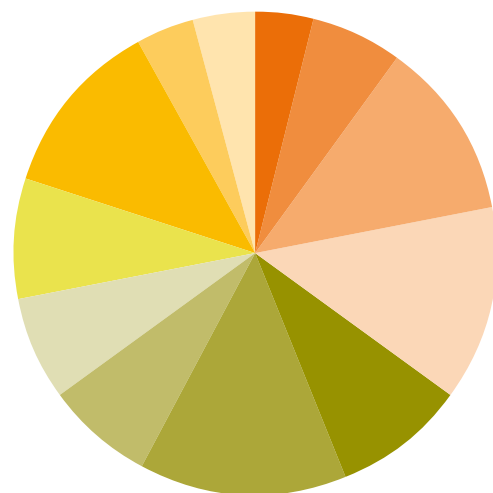
# 2009 Financial Review

The firm of Dwyer, Pemberton & Coulson, P.C. Certified Public Accountants conducts an annual independent audit of the Tacoma Rescue Mission finances. The following statement is taken from the auditor's report, which is available to any donor at the Mission's administrative office, 702 Pacific Avenue. The two graphs show the sources and uses of Tacoma Rescue Mission funds as a percentage of the total income and expenses as of **June 30, 2009**. We are pleased to report that the combined total of administrative and fundraising expenses is only 21%, meaning that 79¢ of every dollar goes to direct services and facilities for the homeless.

## 2009 Revenue



## 2009 Expenses



### PROGRAM SERVICES

Family Shelter/Youth Center	\$ 571,994
Emergency Services	\$ 677,961
Food Services	\$ 426,584
Affordable Housing	\$ 330,525
New Life Program	\$ 382,598
Tyler Square Family Life Program	\$ 555,323
Challenge Learning Services	\$ 201,661
Jail Ministries	\$ 196,370
Need-a-Break Services	\$ 214,675
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$ 3,557,691</b>

### SUPPORT SERVICES

Development	\$664,930
Management & general	\$ 317,204
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$982,134</b>

PROGRAM & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT \$273,221

### PUBLIC SUPPORT

Donations	\$ 3,017,540
Foundations	\$ 391,681
Wills & Trusts	\$ 1,360,743
United Way	\$ 106,056
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 4,876,020</b>

GOVERNMENT AGENCY GRANTS.....\$ 673,717

### OTHER INCOME

Rental Income	\$ 406,497
Miscellaneous	\$ 168,323
Interest Income	\$ 45,327
Realized loss on assets	\$ (1,003)
Unrealized loss from trusts	\$ (22,013)
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 597,131</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** .....\$4,813,046

**TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE..**\$ 6,146,868