



## New Life Program Graduation Taking Time to Celebrate

In April, eight men graduated from our New Life Program. This program is a six- to 12-month live-in program at our Downtown Campus. New Life offers help, hope and an environment that combines nurturing support with critical structure and accountability. Staff works with clients individually and in groups to help them heal emotionally and grow spiritually.

Graduation is determined by successful completion of the New Life Program curriculum, obtaining and demonstrating a sound support system beyond the Mission, and positive attitude towards growth.

We are thrilled to celebrate the men graduating our New Life Program. We celebrate their courage and tenacity to dramatically transform their lives. The day they took the leap into the lifeboat of recovery was the first step towards really living! They are now entering the unknown with a future they could only dream of.



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## THIS PAST MARCH WE . . .

Served a total of **23,806** meals at our Downtown and Adams Campuses.

Provided a total of **15,115** bed nights at our various campuses.

Distributed over **14,187** clothing/items to those in need.

Had **1,254** student hours in our Challenge Learning Program.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Mission will celebrate its **100th Anniversary** this next year.

During the last fiscal year, **36%** of the clients served by the Family Shelter were children.

It costs just **\$1.87** to provide a meal for someone in need.

This past year **18 students** in the Challenge Learning Center received their GEDs.

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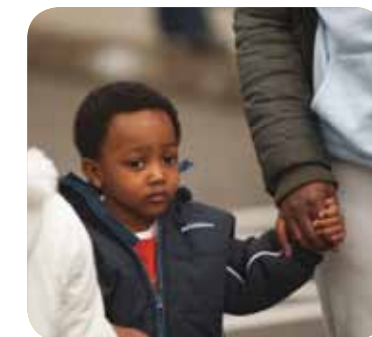
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## No One is an Island...

**A sense of community and a network of resources are what the Adams and Tyler St. Family Campuses offer clients at the Rescue Mission.**

The bible states, "It is not good for man to dwell alone." Various scholars and philosophers emphasize community as being a vital part of humanity with sayings like, "No man is an island," and, "It takes a village to raise a child." "Most healthy people have these support systems already around them," says David Curry, CEO of the Rescue Mission,



"Parents, brothers, sisters, friends, support groups and or groups that they've connected to. What people don't understand about the homeless population is that they've often disconnected from their communities of support, but they still have value." People who come to the Rescue Mission, due to bad choices or circumstances beyond their control, are often isolated from others, forced to be "an island" and brave their hardships alone.

The community oriented programs at the Mission provide the help and support necessary to improve circumstances and bring about change. Some of the resources provided at Adams and Tyler Family Campuses include case managers who help clients set goals, keep clients accountable and help clients make plans for the future, as well as classes that teach life skills. A youth program includes after-school tutoring and

a wide variety of fun activities for children. These campuses provide stability and friendship previously unknown to clients involved in the programs. "You've got to create this whole ecosystem that is safe, like a village where people are supporting each other. Helping each other for no ulterior motives, just because they like each other and because they see value in them," says Curry.

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The clients beginning their journey towards a healthy future, want to rebuild the broken relationships in their past but don't know where to begin, and that is where the Mission comes in. The Rescue Mission helps clients rebuild a sense of community, a vital aspect in ensuring a stable, successful future. "We've got to create this little village," says Curry, "Because the most successful people you know are the people who have lots and lots of support, people who love them, who are backing them up, encouraging them, and cheering them on." Please join the Rescue Mission in our efforts to be a community to those who have no one else to turn to, and help give them the support they need to start again.

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**Rescue-Mission.org**

## Clint's Story of Reconciliation

Among the graduates of New Life Program at the Rescue Mission last month was a man named Clint. We recently received the opportunity to listen to Clint's story just days before his graduation. A self-described former man of pride, with a former attitude of superiority towards men like himself who were clients at the Rescue Mission, Clint never imagined that he would be where he is today, "I had this big problem with pride, and I had this conception of what this mission was, what this program was," said Clint, "I thought these people were just a bunch of bums and I elevated myself, I was not very humble; this has been a very humbling experience."

Clint's life before he entered the New Life Program was one characterized by drug dealing and domestic violence. The culmination of a series of bad choices in his life occurred when his daughter was taken by CPS immediately after she was born. Due to the history of domestic violence between Clint and his girlfriend, and also to his girlfriend's other children being in the care of CPS, the two were not allowed to keep their newborn daughter. Along with trying to cope with losing his daughter, Clint was

simultaneously mourning the deaths of his mother and brother, dealing with a severe medical diagnosis, and also undergoing treatment for PTSD. An angry, desperate, and depressed Clint was directed to seek help at the Rescue Mission by his church.

Since being in the program, Clint has not only gained a new outlook on life, but also a reconciled relationship with God and with his 17 month old daughter Klynn. "I really just had to give it up and say, look man, enough is enough," said Clint. "Where my life had taken me is not where God had intended me to be." While in the program, after working with CPS, Clint obtained full custody of his daughter whom he is now raising while living in the Adams Family Campus at the Mission. "The Adams Family Campus opened up and that afforded me a place to continue with the program, growing with the New Life program and having my daughter at the same time," said Clint, "It was just a huge blessing." Clint is currently the only single father raising a child at the Adams Family Campus, which houses primarily women and children, with a few fathers residing with their wives and children as well.

With a renewed sense of joy, Clint is now making great strides in a life that is far from his former life of drugs and violence. Serving as the video technician at his church, he has developed a love for video editing and multimedia design, a passion he plans to turn into a career when he begins taking college

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courses. Clint and Klynn will reside at the Adams Family Campus for another year as he works on obtaining his college degree. "The lifestyle that I plan on continuing, that's going to be the reflection of Jesus in me," stated Clint. "It's not going to be what I say; it's not going to be the scripture that I forgot; it's going to be how I walk it out every day." We look forward to hearing of Clint's future success and are privileged to be a part of his journey.



## Donate Your Working Car

**There is perhaps no area where Americans are more blessed in abundance, with the possible exception of televisions per household, than in the area of vehicles.** Having spent most of the previous decade working in third world Latin America, I can tell you that most of the world doesn't know what it is to have their own vehicle, let alone to have vehicles for different occasions and in abundance.

Yet many ordinary, middle class couples think nothing of having three or four cars for just two adults in the house. Because there are more cars than drivers, often there one or two cars that sit around the majority of the time.

At the risk of sounding like a bleeding heart, now is the time to think carefully about how that car could be used to improve the life of a homeless child right here in Pierce County.

Vehicle donation is one great way to make sure that the surplus in your life is going to a useful purpose, maximizing not just the charitable good that can be done, but maximizing your personal impact on others.

A donated 1981 Honda Accord LX, might be sold for around \$3000. This could be used to feed meals to nearly 1600 homeless children, so you can see how easy it would be to make a big impact with one gesture of kindness.

### Here's a few ways to think of car donations:

- Do you have a car left to you by a parent that has passed away?
- Do you have an old car that the kids used to drive to college?
- Do you have a car that you drive less than once a month?
- Do you have a car that needs a little work to get running, but is otherwise good?

If you have ever thought of giving your vehicle to make a difference, the time is now. I've personally had the privilege of donating a vehicle, and it feels great.

—David Curry

Contact Bob Killmer @ 253.383.4493 to donate your vehicle.

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## Meet a few of the Rescue Mission Team members!



*"The youth of the Mission are my passion. I devote much of my life making sure they have safety and opportunities. I try to empower them to grow socially, spiritually, and academically. I love what I do everyday, the kids bring out a child-likeness in me. I love what I do, it's fun." — James, Youth Program Director*



*I work in the New Life Program where we help addicts go from a life of bondage to a life of freedom, and teach them the guidelines in between the two. I love my job and the people I work for. I'm a delivered meth addict and have been delivered for 13 years. It is a privilege to give back. Working for the Mission gives me that opportunity to help men and women be the best that they can be through the strength of Jesus Christ. — Marty, NLP Sr. Case Manager Specialist*



*It's the most rewarding work I've ever done, hardest, but the most rewarding. Dealing with the broken and recognizing my own brokenness, so I can help others. It's a wonderful place to be, it is the best use of my life to serve. — Andrew, Food Services Coordinator*

**"We want to get people out of the system instead of cycling them through it."**

— Rescue Mission Employee

