



## Veterans Resource Center

You can find our Veterans Resource Center at the Downtown Tacoma Campus. Here, we meet with homeless veterans who come to The Rescue Mission for food and shelter. We offer conversation and an opportunity to explore alternatives to homelessness. We direct veterans to resources at Veterans Affairs Facilities in the Puget Sound area.

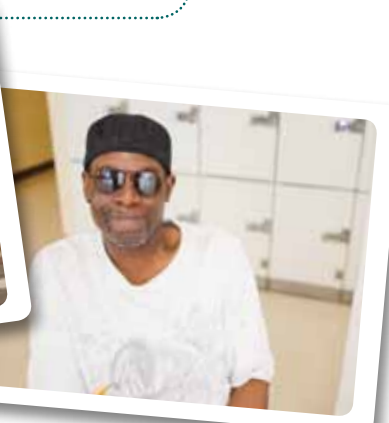
The Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System, American Lake Provides a Licensed Homeless Outreach Social Worker on a regular basis to determine the best solutions for helping homeless veterans.

The hours of operation are M-F, 3:00pm–6:00pm. Each Monday a VA Homeless Social Worker is in the office from 3:00pm–6:00pm

You can reach the office with any questions at 253.383.4493 Ext 1122. You can also email them at [va.rep@rescue-mission.org](mailto:va.rep@rescue-mission.org).

➔ Donations for the Veterans Resource center can be made through our website at [rescue-mission.org/donate](http://rescue-mission.org/donate)

➔ You can donate personal items such as new socks, underwear, coats, or sleeping bags to our Donation Center open M-F 10am-4pm, and S 9am-1pm



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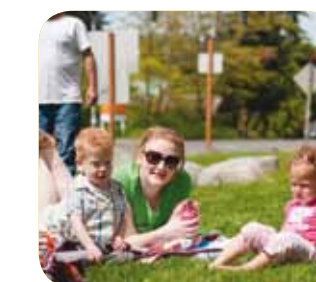


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## Rescue Mission Clients Share Stories of Help, Hope, & Healing

"I have two children. I am a survivor of domestic violence. During my trajectory at Tyler I have grown not only as a person, but as a mother. I am currently taking ESL classes to get my GED. I am learning to be an independent person and attending a support group for domestic violence victims once a week. In my spare time I help out at a community food bank. My goals are to be an active person in the US society, and to build a future for me and my children. I know it will be hard, but not impossible. We appreciate all the people who make this possible. God Bless." – *Monica*



"I have grown as a person here at The Rescue Mission. I have never had structure, discipline, or obedience growing up when I was a child. My mom was addicted to pills, heroin, and methadone. Here I have had structure, discipline, and obedience. I am able to find the person I am today and even have goals. I didn't even have goals about a month ago for my life. I was going down the road of destruction. Now I have hope, opportunity, and dreams again." – *Amber*



"The greatest benefit of the Mission is that I get one-on-one tutoring from a professional, for free. You would have to pay for this kind of tutoring anywhere else. I am a low income person that couldn't possibly afford this kind of help anywhere else. I am very grateful for the professional, courteous, free tutoring that I am receiving." – *Student from the Challenge Learning Center*

"Losing my job and my home was a big and heavy burden that was unexpected. Not being able to provide for my family, I didn't know what to do. As a result of that, we came to the Rescue Mission. Coming to the Mission brought a lot of joy and peace into our lives. They didn't just provide a place to stay; they provided a lot of love and comfort for my family. They brought faith and hope into our souls. We give thanks from the bottom of our hearts to all the staff and people who made this possible. God bless all of his faithful servants." – *Adams Campus residents*

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**Rescue-Mission.org**

## Gratitude for a Chance at a New Life



Elisio, a current client in the Rescue Mission's New Life Program, sat down with us and shared the story of what led him to the program. We were honored by his willingness to share the story of his arduous journey.

In 1987, Elisio, escaped from Cuba for a chance at a better life in the US. On a boat made of tubes and tires, he and his friends floated in the ocean for six days until they were picked up by Immigration in Key West. It was this day in his life that began a series

of wrong decisions, placing him in and out of federal prisons, county jails and immigration detention centers for the twenty-three years before he arrived at the Mission. Elisio had fallen victim to a life of drug trafficking, which ensured that he spent the majority of his time in the land of the free, behind bars. While the primary cause of most of his arrests was due to drugs, he was repeatedly arrested for issues dealing with immigration, and even once on the charge of murder, for which he was later acquitted.

When not incarcerated, Elisio sometimes found himself confined to a hospital bed, like in 2002 when an argument that resulted in a blow to his head placed him in a coma for three days. It was moments like these and others that caused him to believe death to be a better alternative than life, prompting him to attempt suicide on two separate occasions. Fortunately his attempts to end his life were

unfruitful, and after being released from prison in December, 2010, he ran into his long-time friend Rolando at the Rescue Mission. The undeniable change that he saw in Rolando inevitably drew him back to the Mission. After learning more about the New Life Program from Rolando, Elisio made the decision to apply.

He has currently completed 3 months in the program and now has a deep gratitude towards the people at the Mission, the people that gave him a chance at a truly new life. Elisio feels especially grateful because he knows how difficult it was to survive before coming to the Rescue Mission, especially considering the fact that he speaks English as a second language. He feels as though he asked the people at the Mission for help, and they opened the door and gave him everything. Now in the program, Elisio is in the process of reconciliation with his family and healing past hurts that have plagued him since childhood. Having seen his mother kill his father as a child, Elisio has been taking steps towards forgiveness, letting go years of resentment and anger towards her. After 17 years of not speaking, he finally talked to his mother again. Informing her that she was dying, his mother told him that after hearing from him, she could now die happy.

Elisio is also in the process of reading the Bible and attempting to practice its teachings, a completely foreign concept to a man who was raised in a country where witchcraft is allowed but religion is not permitted. He came

to the Mission in an effort to come back to the real world, no longer wanting to live in the world of drugs and crime, which he now refers to as a bad dream. For Elisio, the life that he has started living in the past 3 months in the New Life Program has become what real life is about. He now realizes that everyone has the capacity to live a healthy life, and that sometimes people make wrong decisions. The wrong decision Elisio made was choosing a life of drugs, a decision that he never plans to revisit again.

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With the tools that he is learning in the New Life Program, Elisio now has the opportunity to see life as a blessing instead of a burden. We look forward to hearing of future accomplishments from Elisio, as he continues on his path towards new life.

## Practicing Healthy Habits

**With the staff at the Mission's New Life Program aiming for a holistic approach that targets a healthy mind, body, and spirit for their clients, NLP Case Managers and six men from the program have committed to a regular workout routine at the Mission's Downtown Campus.**

This group of six men call themselves the "A Team", and their workout consists of stretching, martial arts techniques, and working with weights. "Some guys that came in only being able to lift 100 pounds are now lifting 290 pounds." The men that start to do the workouts not only benefit physically, but as their confidence increases and their attitude changes, they benefit in other areas as well. "Our vision is to have everyone involved one day," said a New Life Program case manager, "We are trying to make it a part of the policy." We hope that because of the great success of the program, other men will see the benefit of working out and want to join in. "The guys are starting to say, 'I want to take better care of what is God's and not mine,'" said New Life Program case manager, "We're proud, we're thankful, and we want to grow." Donations to the Mission's workout facility at the Downtown Campus have made it possible for the "A Team" to experience the benefits of a regular workout routine, with a current need being padded flooring for the workout facility that will benefit the new Martial Arts program.

Please donate to the Mission today and help the "A Team" continue to thrive and accomplish their goals.



## Save the Date For Our Annual Luncheon

Celebrate with us this year, and join us for our annual luncheon at Hotel Murano, Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 doors open at 11:30. For information on sponsorship or tickets contact Jann Sonntag at 253.592.6804 or email her at [jann.sonntag@rescue-mission.org](mailto:jann.sonntag@rescue-mission.org). You can also find out more information online at [rescue-mission.org/luncheon](http://rescue-mission.org/luncheon).

## Current Volunteer Needs

### Youth Department Needs

We are looking for a consistent volunteer every Friday from 4-6 for a science and technology program with the youth. Passion in the sciences is a bonus!

Do you enjoy working with kids, and have a passion for cooking? We need your help with our young chefs program working with youth.

If you enjoy gardening we would appreciate your help in our garden Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30.

Contact Kelli Buck with questions at [kelli.buck@rescue-mission.org](mailto:kelli.buck@rescue-mission.org) or fill our an online application at [rescue-mission.org/volunteer](http://rescue-mission.org/volunteer)



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425 S. Tacoma Way

### To Volunteer

Fill out a volunteer form online at [Rescue-Mission.org](http://Rescue-Mission.org)

### The Rescue Mission Facilities

- Downtown Tacoma Campus
- Adams St. Family Campus
- Tyler St. Family Campus
- Colonial Apartments
- Jefferson Apartments
- Administration Office

### The Rescue Mission Programs

- Challenge Learning Program
- Youth Program
- Need-A-Break Program
- Family Life Program
- New Life Program
- Applied Living Program

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## As the Holiday Season Approaches Keep us in Mind!

As our busiest season is upon us, we are collecting donations of food, new toys, and clothes for the homeless and hurting of Pierce County. During the Thanksgiving season we welcome frozen turkey donations.

Consider sponsoring meals: you can provide a meal for a person in need in your community for **only \$1.87!**

