

“Where would I be except for God’s grace and the support of Capital City Rescue Mission?”



THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR ME!

My name is Leslie. I am 58 years old. I grew up as the youngest of 8, in Patterson NJ. Our family was traditional with 2 parents who loved us and who worked hard.

My dad taught me to cook and passed his passion on to me.

At the age of 13 I was molested and violently threatened with harm if I told anyone. I kept it a secret for years, but it led to my alcohol abuse that spiraled out of control by the time I was 25.

I was affected emotionally and socially. I hated violent men, yet those were the kind of men I would date. I had 2 children, and wanted to take care of them so I began entering one rehab program after another, but I always left without finishing the program.

Because getting high became more important than my children, I recognized they deserved a better life. I loved them. I signed them over to be cared for by others. But my soul was empty.

I entered a faith-based program which introduced me to Christ but when I relapsed I was not welcomed back. It confused me.

Eventually, I became homeless, carrying bags filled with my belongings, living at the train station. I began to earnestly ask God for help.

God answered my prayers leading me to the NYC Rescue Mission, then the Bowery Mission. With their help I attended culinary school.

But I still wanted to live life on my own terms and made decisions that led to more drug and alcohol abuse.

My brother Kenny was at the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany. I saw how God had worked in his life. I saw how he was loved and respected. He urged me to come to the Mission also.

When COVID shut down my job training, and I faced betrayal by a friend, I wanted to end my life.

Desperate, I called my brother. He came to pick me up and I entered the women’s short term shelter at the Capital City Rescue Mission in April 2021. What a relief to be safe and valued.

That same month I joined the New Faith program for women, here at the Rescue Mission.

I’ve learned that God never left me and I can live in community and harmony with Him through surrender to Jesus Christ.

My favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 2:8-9.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

I know now that I am a child of the King. I have been baptized at Legacy church, declaring publicly I am trusting Jesus as my Savior.

God has given me a community of sisters in Christ and reunited me with a stronger bond with my brother.

He has also given me a new life and a desire to serve Him and to use my gifts to bless others.

Because my passion is cooking, I am now cooking lunch for the New Faith women on a regular basis. I love it.

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Thank you for caring for me and demonstrating the love of Jesus!

With your help, they have warm coats!

As the cold weather approaches, men and women in the South End community and those who are sheltered at the Rescue Mission are able to have warm coats and boots at no charge because of your donations. Thank you!

Michael, a New Life Program participant declares, “I really welcome a warm coat. It’s a shield against the wind and cold temperatures. Much better than a sweatshirt. To me it’s a gift from God. Thank you so much.”

Norman, who is part of the Volunteer Extension team at the Rescue Mission adds, “I came to the Mission because I want to do better. I appreciate people willing to help out by donating warm coats.”



Michael and Norman, pictured above, are grateful for your generosity.

Over 7,470 items are given away at the Clothing Center every week. Men’s, women’s and children’s clothing are given, as well as bedding, dishes, and small appliances.

Winter Clothing Needs:

- Men’s warm coats (L-3X)
- Men’s foot wear especially boots
- Men’s warm gloves and hats
- Men’s jeans & pants
- Men’s sweatpants (any size)
- Men’s long johns (any size)

- Women & children’s winter coats
- Women & children’s winter boots



The Nativity You Never Knew

A mother told her daughter Jesus received just three gifts for His birthday – and that she should be grateful for *whatever* she found under the tree. Her daughter innocently challenged, “But do you think He asked Santa why none of them were toys?”



Every December we display Nativities that include the “*three wise men*.” Here are three surprising things we know about them:

There may have only been two wise men.
Because the magi brought at least three gifts, it’s often assumed there were just three individuals, but the Bible never offers a number. We only know they’re referred to in the plural.

They didn’t arrive the night Jesus was born.
Matthew records the men arrived, “after Jesus was born” at the “house” where Jesus was. It’s believed Mary and Joseph were no longer at the stable but in another location of the city, at a later time.

They were the first Gentiles to worship Jesus. The Bible says they *knew* Jesus was the “King of the Jews.” And even though they were astrologers they were overjoyed to worship the baby as King.

Every December, we follow in their footsteps. We give gifts and gather to worship the King. One way we can do both is through the practice of biblical stewardship.

We can donate our time serving alongside loved ones, or by updating an estate plan to include a gift to a charity like Capital City Rescue Mission that is impacting peoples’ lives.

Request a **FREE** copy of “Surprising Facts About the Nativity” by contacting Susan at (518) 462-0421 or sjones@albanymission.com - or bless your family today with a God-honoring will at christianwill.org/ccrm

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR...

Restoring HOPE

Thank you friends! Close to 300 of you joined us at the Albany Marriott in October for a delicious in person dinner and inspiring program. Your support is a great blessing.

With your partnership, over **\$150,000** was raised, including sponsors, online auction donations, the matching challenge gift and your generous offering. Our goal was exceeded and will provide for men, women and children in the coming year.

On behalf of each person who enters Capital City Rescue Missionthank you for your compassionate hearts.



Visit capitalcityrescuemission.org/stories to view the video, A Polaroid Overview. God will encourage your heart with the testimonies of changed lives.

A MESSAGE FROM PERRY JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christmas is a holy reminder to celebrate the greatest Giver and the greatest gift of all time. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, but from eternity past, is Emmanuel - God with us. His sacrifice and resurrection provide a mighty Savior for all mankind.

Christmas is unique at Capital City Rescue Mission. You see, your support means hundreds of men, women and children who are fearful and hurting can know God cares for them personally as they receive delicious hot meals, safe shelter and Christmas gifts. You are God's hands for those in need. Thank you for your kindness and sacrificial giving.

How we thank God for each hungry person enjoying a hot meal, each disciple in a recovery program and each graduate now employed or in college. Your partnership is invaluable and life changing. Please call to schedule a visit. We'd love to show you around and introduce you to the men and women whose lives have been restored.

Thank you for your volunteer service, gifts and prayers. Please continue to pray that God will draw souls to Himself.

May God grant you His peace,

Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift.
2 Corinthians 9:15



Thank you for your faithful support throughout the year . . .
...And especially during the holidays

Once in the year the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus claims this worldwide, undying remembrance. Christmas celebrates that moment when God stepped down from heaven as a baby. Aren't you glad His light is strong enough to lighten and fill our lives? Thank you for helping us share His light with so many who have lost their way.

Now with God as your strength, please continue to carry on your own personal ministry of rescue.

To send you donation, please use the remit enclosed. Or, make your donation online at capitalcityrescuemission.org.

Thank you as *together* we reach out to the homeless at Christmas . . . and every day of the year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



YEAR END IS HERE AND I WANT TO HELP

YES, PERRY! I'm giving a generous gift to help provide meals, shelter and hope to those who come through the Mission doors. Enclosed is my gift of:

☐ \$26 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please enclose a check or enter a credit card: VISA, MC, AMEX, DISCOVER

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