

“My daughter and I will have a better life because of the Mission.”

THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME ABOUT JESUS!

My name is Susan and this is my daughter Paisleigh. Before coming to the Mission I was broken. My daughter was in foster care and I had nothing to live for.

I grew up with both parents in a volatile household. My parents are alcoholics and they would fight constantly. My dad was in and out of jail.

My parents would yell, break things and the house would become violent. I have six brothers and sisters and we all thought this was normal family behavior.

From an early age I suffered with mental health issues and depression. I felt so alone and was filled with anxiety.

As a teen, I started smoking marijuana and cigarettes to cope with my emotions.

When I stole money, drugs and cigarettes from my parents they kicked me out.

I became homeless and ended up doing some time in juvenile detention.

When I was 17 I lived with a boyfriend. We had a nasty, toxic relationship so I chose to leave.

Then my dad was released from jail and we reconnected.

We had the resources to get a place to live since we both worked full time, but we spent our money on drugs. We were eventually homeless together.

In 2021 I was in an abusive relationship with Paisleigh’s dad. I would use drugs and he would beat me up.

I wanted to die. I attempted suicide.

Instead of dying, I woke up in the hospital with an emergency c-section. They took my baby from me.

With my daughter in foster care, I finally hit a crossroads where I wanted my baby more than I wanted the drugs. I knew I needed help.

I thought, “My daughter is not going to see me like this. Things will be different for her.”

It was very uncomfortable to leave everything I had ever known to come to Capital City Rescue Mission, but when I got here, it felt like home.

I was able to join the New Faith Program and have my daughter with me. It was amazing!

Through the Mission I’ve learned that God played a huge role in everything. I look back at the times when I didn’t know He was there, but He was.

I had never had a faith before and now I see that Jesus can heal the things that humans can not. It’s a miracle!

I didn’t know what my purpose in life was and why I was still alive. Now I want to raise my daughter and help other young people who are struggling.

I am working on getting my license and going back to school. I’ve wanted to be an electrician since I was nine years old. I’m enrolled in the Electrical, Maintenance and Construction Program.

Thank you for teaching me about God! Thank you for supporting this program that has shown me how to be the mom Jesus made me to be.

I hope more people will support the Mission because it has changed my life!

With your help, he is able to serve others!

As the cold weather approaches, homeless men and women in the Capital Region are able to find new life at the Rescue Mission. They will be welcomed with a hot meal, a warm place to sleep, and new life programs because of you. Thank you!

Renan, who is part of the Transitional Living Program reflects on his stay at the Mission...

“Before coming to the Mission I struggled with mental illness. I had lost my job, lost my apartment and ended up living in a hotel. When I ran out of money I was homeless. I thought I was going to die!

“My biggest challenge was learning how to serve people, how to love others. The staff and counselors here helped me to reach out to God and seek His face. Jesus has taught me how to love other people, even if they don’t love you back. I am hopeful again. God is faithful, He won’t let me down.

“I am thankful for the Mission because I was given a place to stay, a warm bed, hot meals and people cared about me when I was down and out. Now I have been given the opportunity to serve like I was served. I love that the Word of God is preached every day. That’s the most important thing to me. God has shown me that not only is He willing but He is also able. My hope is that He will guide me to spread His Word and help others in need as I was helped.”

Thank you for providing warm shelter, hot meals to over 250 guests, like Renan, each night!



3 Ways to Share Your Story this Christmas



One of Dave Isay’s earliest memories involves interviewing family members using a small cassette recorder (remember those?). He turned his love of stories into a vocation as founder of StoryCorps, an organization that records peoples’ stories and preserves them at the Library of Congress—with more than 600,000 participants to date!

God has also given you a story to steward. The holidays are a great time to share it with your loved ones. Here are three ideas to get you started:

Talk about traditions. Do you know why you serve prune whip with your Christmas meal? Or how you began regularly attending the late Christmas Eve service? It’s important to talk about those traditions to preserve memories, remember God’s goodness to you, and bring deeper meaning to these rhythms.

Go online. There are a number of tools available to prompt and capture stories, from Storyworth to Remento. You may find these especially helpful if you want to turn your story into a keepsake book or video.

Impact others. At the heart of your story is your faith and the values important to you, as well as the causes you care about deeply. Including a gift in your will to Capital City Rescue Mission is a meaningful way to share that with your family—and impact others beyond your lifetime.

Your faithful support makes you a significant part of our story and we’re so grateful. When you share your story, you embody Psalm 78:4, “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of “4 Ways to Share Your Story this Christmas” by contacting Mandy Schettini at (518) 462-0421 or mschettini@albanymission.com - Visit christianwill.org/ccrm to bless your family with an up-to-date will.

Thanks to your support, holiday smiles and gifts abound!

Over 3,000 gifts are given away to ALL who attend our Christmas Day celebration!



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! Many of you joined us at The Marriott Albany in October for a wonderful banquet meal and an inspiring program all about “new beginnings”. Your support has been such a blessing.

With your partnership, over **\$166,000** was raised, including sponsors, online auction donations and your generous offering! These gifts will go far in providing new beginnings for men, women and children in the coming year.

On behalf of each person who enters Capital City Rescue Mission ...thank you for your compassionate hearts and allowing them a chance to start over!



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

A MESSAGE FROM PERRY JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Christmas is a time for giving! Get-togethers, presents, and parties have meaning to me because we are celebrating the greatest Giver and the greatest Gift ever given! God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus. He is Emmanuel - God with us. His sacrifice offers us forgiveness and the free gift of eternal life.

This celebration has special meaning at Capital City Rescue Mission. You help hundreds of men, women and children who feel hopeless and hurting know that God cares for them personally through delicious hot meals, safe shelter, medical attention and Christmas gifts. You are God's blessing and provision for those in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

If you have never visited Capital City Rescue Mission, please come and see how you are making a difference. We thank God for each patient in the Free Clinic, each community member receiving clothing, each disciple in a recovery program and each graduate now employed or in college. Your partnership is invaluable and life changing in every way.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving, your volunteer hours, and compassion.

May God bless you this Christmas.

Perry

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given - And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6*

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

Once a year the world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. God gave us His Son - the greatest gift of all - in a plain and lowly manger. Here at CCRM, with your compassionate support, Christmas joy comes in many packages... food, clothing, shelter, bible-based addiction recovery, and education just to name a few. And through every aspect of outreach we share the message of Christ's birth and His unconditional love.

Your financial support helps provide these life-transforming gifts not only at the holidays but all through the year. This Christmas, please help us offer presents packaged in the form of hope for a meaningful future.

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

Thank you as together we reach out to the needy!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



YEAR END IS HERE AND I WANT TO HELP

YES, PERRY! I'm giving a generous year-end 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

☐ Please make my credit card gift an automatic monthly donation.

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Stories of hope...lives transformed



They took my daughter
and I had nothing to
live for.