

“I’m allowing God to heal and transform me.”



THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME PURPOSE

Hi, my name is Brandon and I am 56 years old. I grew up in north New Jersey. I am an Army veteran.

I grew up with my mom and my five siblings. We were a ball of dysfunction. There were a lot of drugs, alcohol and things that weren't conducive to a healthy family unit. As the youngest, I was spoiled, protected, but also neglected.

At age 12, I experienced trauma at the hands of a trusted adult. This left me filled with shame, guilt, and a brokenness inside me I didn't know what to do with. I learned to distrust relationships.

I began to not care about life and wondered, “Where is God in this?” I didn't want to deal with the feelings so I turned to drugs and alcohol to numb me.

My addictions caused a reality of dysfunction. I did not lead a productive life. I would set a goal and achieve success only to lose it all again.

This was a battle within myself. I didn't have anyone I could talk to, to trust or feel safe with. I was not ready to let God heal me.

With my money spent on drugs, my family was done with me and

I had no where to go. I had exhausted all of my resources. At a train yard in Minneapolis I planned to end my life.

But God had other plans for me and immediately I went to the VA and checked myself into a psych ward instead. That began my journey to Capital City Rescue Mission.

I entered the New Life Program for men and stayed for nine months. I experienced success and so I left before completing the program. The Lord quickly showed me I had the wrong motives in my heart and that I had not dealt with the trauma inside me. I was far from Christ.

Without Jesus I was on a repetitive path of destruction, darkness and degradation. I had developed a “woe is me” attitude. God did not protect me when I was 12, why should I want to give my life to Him now?

After a few cycles of trying to destroy myself again and again, I wanted to get off this roller coaster I had created.

God showed me that my past experience at the mission had been so blessed and He had surrounded me with a family in

Christ, pastoral counselors and brothers who knew me better than I knew myself. I was ready to be all in.

So, last June I returned to the New Life Program. This time I stayed and was able to complete! Jesus has called me to a life of service and I knew I could use my gifts to help others here as I had been helped. I love the verse...

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:15

I am learning to keep God first. He must be the focal point of my life at all times. I am dealing with the hurt inside me. With Christ, the counselors and brothers, we encourage each other, we support one another.

I am now working at the mission as a Resident Assistant and Jesus uses me each day to share the good news of the Gospel and pray with those who feel there is no hope, just as I did.

As a grandfather of three, I want to show them what a true servant of God looks like. When I think of the generosity of the donors that make the program possible, it overwhelms me. I am so grateful!

2023 IMPACT

312,939

nourishing meals for hungry men, women and children.



307,979

articles of clothing given to neighbors who need coats, hats, shoes, etc.



95,598

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A Breath of Fresh Heir

It's the stuff of dramatic tension in books and movies: who's named in a will, who isn't, and what gifts are at stake. While most estate plans aren't nearly that exciting, there are cases of outside-the-box bequests:



- * A wealthy Portuguese bachelor randomly selected 70 names from the Lisbon telephone directory and bequeathed his fortune to those individuals.
- * Billionaire Leona Helmsley left \$12 million to her dog (and excluded two of her grandsons, who were none too pleased).
- * Robert Louis Stevenson, author of Treasure Island, included a special gift in his will: his birthday. A friend didn't like her December 25 birthdate, so he gave her his, November 13.

These stories illustrate a larger point: your estate plan is less about who gets what and more about what's important to you. It's one of the best ways to communicate with your loved ones about your faith in God and the values you hold dear. It's Psalm 78:4 in action: “We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.”

- Here are two suggestions to get started:
- Write a **Legacy Love Letter**. Consider this a cover letter for your estate plan that outlines guiding principles, stories of personal faith, and future wishes for your family. Contact us for a free guide.
 - Include a **Gift in Your Will to Capital City Rescue Mission**. An in-will gift makes your priorities clear and helps us continue to impact lives.

Your will is the ultimate opportunity to share what's most important.

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Words from  
**Perry Jones**  
Executive Director

*"I am the  
resurrection  
and the life!"*

Every day we see the resurrection power of Jesus Christ demonstrated in men and women coming through our doors. Lives are transformed. Broken people are healed. New life begins.

Inside you will read about Brandon. Addiction and brokenness have passed away. Brandon is now living a Christ centered life instead of a self centered life. Thank you for caring for lost, hungry and hurting men and women.

You are warmly invited to join our 13th Annual **Hearts of Hope** benefit for the Rescue Mission's women's programs. You won't want to miss this ladies luncheon at the lovely Wolferts Roost Country Club. Come meet women in the New Faith Program and hear how God is at work in them. We would love to have you join us.

Finally, please pray for many to experience the resurrection power of Christ this Easter! Thank you for giving and praying so hundreds can experience transformed lives.

In resurrection hope,

*"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." ~ John 11:25*



**Celebrating the resurrection...** we again turn to the immortal words of Matthew, "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

The empty tomb. A risen Lord... who calls us to feed the hungry, comfort the fearful, and befriend those who have nowhere else to turn. He is also a Lord who wants us to offer rescue for the long haul.

He is a Lord who, through the power of His death and resurrection, is able to bring hope and eternal life to all who call in faith upon His name.

This is the work we see God doing every day. We don't make the transformation happen – He does. But you are His partners.

*The Lord is bringing the nations to our doorsteps and our neighbors are in need of food, clothing and medical care. You helped us to reach so many critical needs during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Thank you!!*

Now we again have an opportunity to work together to share the hope that only a relationship with the living God can provide.

To help provide men, women and children with an Easter to remember, please mail your gift or donate by visiting [capitalcityrescuemission.org](https://capitalcityrescuemission.org).  
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