

Restoring HOPE

Annual Banquet at
the Marriott Albany!

Thursday, Oct 29 @ 6:00PM

Cost: \$40 per person

Online Auction:

Preview: Wed, Oct 28

Bidding Begins: Thur, Oct 29 - 9am

Bidding Ends: Sat, Oct 31 - 9pm

RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

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Giving Hope... Transforming Lives.

A MESSAGE FROM

**PERRY JONES, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**



As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm reminded that every meal served, every bed provided, and every life transformed is possible because of God's faithfulness working through friends like you. Each day, men, women, and children come to the Mission carrying heavy burdens—homelessness, addiction, hunger, and hopelessness. Yet every day we also witness the power of Christ at work. Lives are being restored as people find safety, healing, and the hope that comes through a relationship with Jesus.

In this issue, you'll read Jhonatan's story. His journey is a beautiful reminder that no one is beyond God's redeeming love. Thank you for making stories like his possible through your faithful prayers and generous support.

I hope you'll join us on October 29 at the Albany Marriott for our annual Restoring Hope Banquet. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all God has done over the past year and to hear firsthand how your partnership is changing lives throughout the Capital Region.

Thank you for standing with us as we share Christ's love with our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year. May God richly bless you and your family.

Blessings,

Colossians 3:15 – "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts... And be thankful."

You are a special friend to the needy
... especially at Thanksgiving

You are a valued friend to more neighbors in our community than you could possibly imagine. Thank you. Your compassion reflects the heart of our Savior. As Thanksgiving approaches, Mission guests experience your love through the abundance of food, clothing, and kindness you provide. Your generosity brings hope when it is needed most, and we are deeply grateful.

To continue changing lives, please use the enclosed remit slip or make your gift online at capitalcityrescuemission.org. Thank you for partnering with us as we reach out to the homeless and hurting at Thanksgiving — and every day of the year.

Help us gear up

Clothing

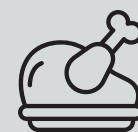
Men's socks & shoes
Men's jeans & pants
Men's/Children's underwear
Women's bras/underwear
Coats

Toiletries

Men's Deodorant
Bar soap/body wash
Toothpaste/toothbrushes
Shaving cream/razors
shampoo/conditioner
Neutral scented lotion

Drop off by Nov 19:

Turkeys
Boxed/bagged stuffing
Cranberry sauce
Instant potatoes
Canned corn
Boxed dessert mixes
Canned gravy



ATTENTION COFFEE LOVERS!



Join us in this fun new way to support our hungry neighbors this Thanksgiving. Check out the 2026 Coffee Trail HERE

Trail guides go on sale
September 14 @ 9AM!



I'LL BRING HOPE TO THE NEEDY THIS SEASON

YES! I want to give a generous gift to help provide meals, shelter, and hope this Thanksgiving. Enclosed is my gift of:

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

Please make checks payable to: **Capital City Rescue Mission**

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AmEx ☐ Disc ☐ **Make my gift recurring monthly**

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Now, I wake up excited
for what God has in
store for me.

“I know with Jesus I can achieve anything!”

THANK YOU FOR GIVING HIM A SECOND CHANCE!



Hi, my name is Jhonatan. My life before coming to the Mission was extremely chaotic. As a small child I lived in an orphanage in the Country of Colombia. I was adopted at age 7 and came to live in the US.

I dealt with depression and struggled with my identity most of my life, not knowing where I came from. For a long time, I didn't know who I was or where I belonged.

As a teenager, I became a follower. I made choices to do what others were doing to fit in, even when I knew it was wrong. My depression, anxiety, and bipolar disorder were a daily struggle. Mixing drugs with those struggles, only made things worse.

Every day was a roller coaster. It was difficult to keep a job, maintain housing, and keep my life together. I would have periods when things were going well, followed by periods when I would lose everything and have to start over.

After COVID, my employer closed down. I lost my job, then my car, my housing, and eventually, everything.

I was homeless.

I had reached a point where I felt like I was running out of chances and opportunities. People had started drifting away from me, and I knew that if I didn't get my life together now, that it might never happen. That was how I ended up at Capital City Rescue Mission.

When I arrived, I realized things I had heard were wrong. I was loved there. Staff and volunteers made sure I was settled in and understood how things worked. Even the other guests helped me learn the routines.

The Christian atmosphere was different from anything I had experienced. I had always believed in God, but I had never really read the Bible. What stood out to me at the Mission was that nothing felt forced. I was given the choice to participate, but whether I did or not, people still cared about me and wanted to help me.

I started attending chapel. I heard people speak about Jesus Christ, God, and the Bible.

My heart opened to Christianity, faith, and Christ.

After a couple of weeks, I joined the New Life Program. There, I was able to go deeper into the Bible, learn from pastors and study Scripture. I needed that. I believe it changed my whole life.

I learned what God says about who I am, and I began to see myself differently. I learned about the way I was created and my place in this world.

Before coming to the Rescue Mission, I was depressed, angry, sad, and lonely. Now, I am joyful. Every day I wake up excited about what God has in store for me.

I am employed now, and I have learned how to use the resources available here to prepare for success.

I am thankful to the Mission for giving me another opportunity at life and for helping me have my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in my life. Now, instead of dreading the past, I am looking forward to the future. Thank you for giving me a second chance!

YOU PROVIDED A SAFE PLACE FOR HER TO HEAL AND GROW

Gisslle had a happy childhood, but everything changed when her mother became ill and both of her parents became addicted to drugs. As her family unraveled, and she moved from place to place, her life was suddenly filled with uncertainty.

After fourteen years of marriage, Gisslle got divorced. She and her son lived in hotels while she worked two jobs, but no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't get ahead. Hoping for a fresh start, she returned to Albany, only to discover the support she was counting on wasn't there. Facing homelessness, she came to Capital City Rescue Mission.

Gisslle had been living in survival mode, using marijuana and alcohol to mask painful emotions while struggling to understand who she really was. Through the Mission's New Faith Program, she found more than a safe place to stay. She found the opportunity to slow down, heal, and deepen her relationship with Jesus. Today, Gisslle is learning to trust God, ask for help, and embrace the future with hope. Instead of simply surviving, she is discovering the woman God created her to be and is excited to see what He has planned for her life.



Some Gifts Are Meant to Be Shared



Allen Levi challenged himself to write a full-length novel. After accomplishing his goal, he put the manuscript in a drawer and moved on to the next thing.

At the suggestion of friends, Allen self-published the book, titled Theo of Golden, in 2023. Word spread about this story of generosity, faith, and connection. By early 2026, it reached #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. The pet project Allen once put aside has resonated with countless people.

If you've been saving money in a donor advised fund (DAF), consider this your invitation to pull it out of the metaphorical drawer and make a difference today. Here's how:

1. Remember your “why.” You had a vision when you started your DAF. Refocus on those plans and priorities.
2. Give today. Discover what your favorite ministries are doing that align with your vision, then make a DAF gift to transform lives right now.
3. Create a plan. Your DAF giving can continue after your lifetime. List Capital City Rescue Mission as a beneficiary of your DAF account and provide ongoing support for our work.

For the full version of this article, request our FREE resource “From Good Intentions to Great Impact in 3 Simple Steps” by contacting Mandy Schettini at (518)462-0459 x255 or mschettini@albanymission.com Create a will that honors your faith and family by visiting capitalcityrescuemission.legacywill.org

These amazing Free Clinic stories are only possible WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

A chronic cough and trouble breathing is what brought Tim (pictured) to the clinic. He had run out of the medication for his chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and needed help fast and had nowhere else to turn. He was evaluated and treated at the clinic and given the medications he needed to feel better, but this happened twice. Something needed to change. Tim entered the New Life Program and utilized Smoking Cessation tools to quit smoking and using nicotine. He is currently on staff as a Resident Assistant at the front desk and is implementing skills for a healthier lifestyle.



Randall prefers not to have any medical care and lives life on his own terms. He is unhoused and for years has found shelter in open vehicles at night. When he developed a wound on his leg, he knew he needed help. He found the Mission's Free Clinic through a Google search and was welcomed without judgment. His wound was cleaned and dressed. He was prayed for and he was given the dignity of some new socks and shoes. We hope this is just the beginning of our relationship with Randall. We are here for him if and when he decides to return to the clinic or for any other services that the Mission can provide.