

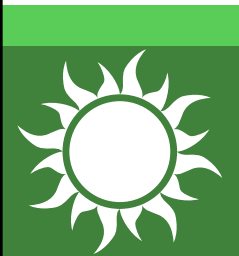


Changing Lives

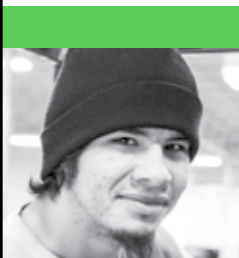
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**YOUR
SUPPORT
IS GIVING
SILAS A
SECOND
CHANCE**

and he can't
thank you
enough!





“Before I was broken, AND NOW I AM REBORN.”

Silas had a difficult childhood. He suffered his father’s abuse before his dad was sent to prison. His mom cared more about her boyfriends than Silas... leaving him scared and alone, trying to care for himself.

“My mom didn’t want anything to do with me, so at 14, I ended up in foster care. I turned to drugs and alcohol to deal with the depression, hurt and pain.”

After leaving foster care, Silas reconnected with his father and they moved in together. But his father also struggled with drugs, and Silas fell deeper into addiction.

The turning point came when Silas was in jail. “One of the guys kept nudging me toward Christ. I started praying and asked God to get me out of this.” That’s when Silas decided to try the Mission.

As soon as he walked into Holland Rescue Mission, everything changed for Silas.

“I was hoping to find a new way of living,” he says, with a rueful grin. “Because I know the way I was doing it wasn’t working out at all.”

In our care, Silas found healing for past hurts. A few months into our long-term recovery program he gave his life to the Lord – and really began to change.

“It’s helping me not be angry all the time. They’re giving me tools and coping mechanisms to handle difficult situations without drugs or alcohol.”

Silas works for our thrift store, helping to pick up deliveries of donations from homes. And he’s restoring relationships with his family members, who are thrilled at the changes God is working in his life.

“ I started praying and said, ‘I know I messed up, but can you get me out of this? I’ll try to get my life together.’ ”

“The Mission took me off the path of following the world and doing what the world wants, and put me on the narrow path following Jesus.”

Silas is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “It’s nice seeing people come together in a community where everyone wants you to get better. They don’t care who you are or what you did... you’re welcome here.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.05!



A Message from
DARRYL BARTLETT

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), “You should love your neighbor as yourself.” And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You’ve seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God’s love.

That’s why I’m thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$78,000 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up

We can’t meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Darryl Bartlett
Executive Director

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community’s needs!

Your gift today provides:



38,000 meals



11,700 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! hollandrescue.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Do you know our

SUMMER 6?



Our “Summer 6” are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all summer long.

We’d LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items!

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 661 East 24th St., 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It’s a great way to care for our guests at the Mission this summer!

1. Kleenex
2. Bottled water
3. Flip flops/sandals
4. Hand towels
5. Shelf-stable food
6. Hand sanitizer





LEAVE A LEGACY & MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT

As you plan for your future, it's important to create a will or trust to care for your loved ones. But have you considered including your favorite nonprofit organizations as well?

Leaving a legacy gift provides you with an extraordinary opportunity to support the work of Holland Rescue Mission both now and for generations to come. Your gift will create a lasting legacy of support to share God's love and mercy with hurting and homeless people in our community.

For more information about the options available to you, please contact Rachael Neal, our Development Director, at **(616) 396-2200**.

If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say, "Thank you!"



A Clean Car Can Help RESTORE LIVES!

When you have your vehicle cleaned at Gateway Detailing, the impact goes far beyond just having a clean vehicle. Your support of the Holland Rescue Mission provides meals and nights of shelter for our guests! In addition, Gateway Detailing provides job opportunities and hands-on work training for our Gateway students.

You can choose from services ranging from an Exterior Wash (includes an exterior hand wash/dry, tire shine and rim wash) to The Works Wash (includes exterior hand wash/dry, tire shine, interior vacuum, carpet/mat shampoo, wax service and more!)

To schedule an appointment for your car to be detailed, please call (616) 928-3401.