

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

RECOVERY IS FOR EVERYONE... Every Person, Every Family, Every Community

The road to recovery is a long and difficult one, filled with obstacles and pain. But millions of Americans have successfully made the journey from dependence and despair to freedom and hope.

Each September, during National Recovery Month, tens of thousands of recovery programs around the country shine a spotlight on those who've transformed their lives, celebrating their bravery and giving hope to those still trapped in addiction.



Recovery Month also highlights new evidence-based treatments and recovery practices and honors care providers so that those still struggling with substance abuse will know where to turn for help.

This September, we're celebrating the courageous men and women who've walked the hard road of recovery here at the Rescue Mission and transformed their lives through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We invite YOU to join us in the celebration!

To see the faces and read the stories of men and women who've found healing and hope in the Lord here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, visit rescuemissionga.com/stay-informed/stories-of-hope.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD!

Our **Five Star Celebrity Classic online auction** will be open for bidding now through September 16!

We have hundreds of amazing items, including artwork, sports memorabilia, trips, jewelry, gift baskets, and more. All proceeds from the auction will help support our life-recovery program that brings physical, emotional, and spiritual healing to those in our care.

To participate in the auction, just follow these easy steps:

- Go to qtego.us/qmlink/rescuemissionga
- Click on "Register for Event"
- Complete the required fields and click "Submit Registration"

When you receive a welcome text message from Qtego, you're ready to start bidding!

If you're the winner of an auction item, we will have your item ready for pick-up on September 18th. Just stop by the Rescue Mission at 6601 Zebulon Road, Macon, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. If your item fits into a 9x12 envelope, we will happily mail it to you. Just let us know your preference.

If you're not interested in any auction items, but still want to support the Rescue Mission, **you can donate online now through September 16, at qtego.us/qmlink/rescuemissionga.**

Thank you!

For assistance with registration, bidding, donations, or prize pick-up, please contact Dawn Burns at **(478) 743-5445, ext. 301** or dawn@rescuemissionga.com.



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Providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment through Jesus Christ

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INSIDE: Kevin shares
how your support
changed his life!



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Giving thanks for YOU this fall



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the hurting neighbors the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Kevin, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help, and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

Later in this newsletter, you'll read that September is National Recovery Month. This is a great reminder of how you're helping provide long-term healing and stability through our life-recovery program. With you beside us and Christ as our foundation, our ministry can provide life-changing

services that help people address the root causes of their pain... and find long-term healing and happiness.

For many guests, the journey that leads to long-term recovery starts with a hot meal at the Rescue Mission. Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 54,600 meals to our hurting neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, prayers, and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia – a reason to give thanks this fall!

God Bless,

Pat Chastain,
President/CEO

Current Needs

Donate these essential items this fall!

During the busy fall season, the number of guests we welcome at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia steadily increases! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

These are the items on our list of needs for our community meals this Thanksgiving season:

- Turkeys
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Instant Potato Mix
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Cakes and Pies
- Bottled Water
- Blankets
- Coats for Men, Women, and Children
- Ponchos
- Tarps
- Socks

With more people expected to arrive at our doors over the coming weeks – and cooler temperatures approaching – we won't be able to get through the busy fall season without these essential items!

This fall, you're invited to give thanks by giving back! Help us meet these and other immediate needs of our neighbors. Visit rescuemissionga.com/current-needs to see our current needs list.

Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

54,600

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome their pain and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.77, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:



Safe, housing



Warm clothing, coats, & shoes



Classes & job training



God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at rescuemissionga.com/donate.

Meet Kevin – who is thankful for your support! 

“I’ve become the man God created me to be.”

As a child, Kevin struggled with a learning disability and was bullied by his grade school classmates. Things were even worse at home. “My mother called me names and abused me because I was slow in school,” he says. “I had low self-esteem and was always depressed.”

When he was in sixth grade, Kevin began drinking to numb his pain. But his addiction made learning even more difficult, and

he wound up failing several grades. “I dropped out of high school and started running the streets,” he says.

Eventually, he wound up homeless, sleeping in abandoned buildings. “I was lonely, exhausted, and in pain. **I felt empty inside because I had no love in my life.**”

Kevin longed to fill the hole in his heart, and when he learned about the Rescue Mission, he knew it was the answer. “From the moment I walked in the door, I was treated with love.”

Through Bible studies, chapel services, faith-based classes, and counseling, Kevin’s faith grew strong, and he found freedom from addiction. “With the help of the Holy Spirit, I dug up the root causes of my drinking and laid the mess at the foot of the cross,” he says. “Now, I’ve received God’s goodness through His Word, and I’m joyful and at peace.”

Kevin is now employed as a

kitchen assistant with the Rescue Mission, where he can show the residents he works with the same love he needed when he was in the same place they are now. “Many of them are broken, just like I was, so I treat them the way I was treated... with love.”

Now, Kevin is looking forward to a future career in the restaurant industry. He loves to cook and has earned a ServSafe Food Handler Certification. Wherever he goes, he’ll share his story of transformation. “I want to tell people how God saved me and help change their lives.”

This fall, Kevin gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life. “The Rescue Mission gave me the strength and courage to become the man God created me to be.”



“Christ healed me, heart and soul.”