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Sharing HOPE



Chris Brown has been working hard to have a new life. After being sentenced to prison, Chris made a decision that he would not leave prison the same way he went in. Before he began his sentence Chris made the best life changing decision a person can make... he accepted Christ as his Savior.

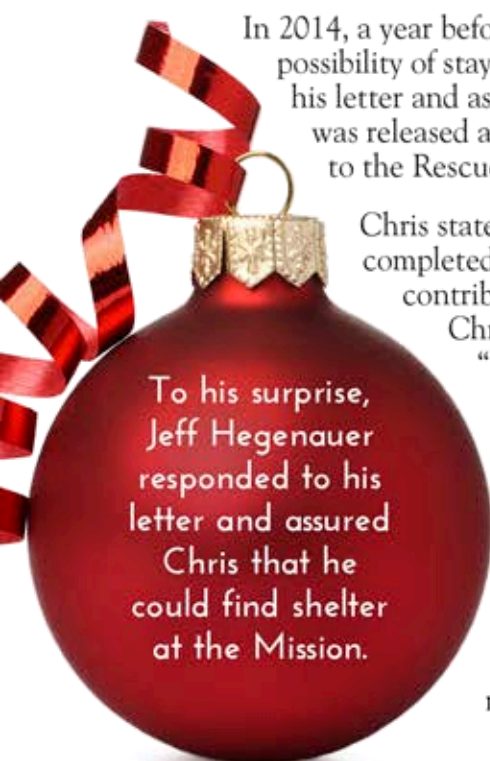
In 2014, a year before he was due to be paroled, Chris contacted City Rescue Mission about the possibility of staying at the Mission upon his release. To his surprise, Jeff Hegenauer responded to his letter and assured Chris that he could find shelter at the Mission. On October 27, 2015 Chris was released and made arrangements to begin his new life outside of prison doors. He moved in to the Rescue Mission's Men's Emergency Shelter on November 12, 2015.

Chris states, "I have benefitted greatly since I've been here at the Rescue Mission. I have completed all of my recommendations for parole because the Rescue Mission (staff) contributed to getting me to the classes in a timely fashion until I completed them."

Chris thanks God for the Rescue Mission and all that he's learned in the past year.

"I've learned to paint, dry wall, tapping off, sanding and mudding...the correct way!" Chris is now employed by B.E.A.M. Industries and has also completed training for his Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Chris works at the Rescue Ministries Thrift Store and as a front desk shelter worker on weekends. "I thank the Lord for His leadership, guidance and direction in my life and for His amazing blessings."

Chris plans to continue working and plans to attend college. He would like to become a Social Worker, too, and eventually work with those who are addicted to drugs and those dealing with domestic violence. Chris's desire is to be a role model for others at the Rescue Mission and for the youth in today's society.



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DIRECTOR'S DESK



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The Mission recently participated in a national survey with the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM). It asked general questions of the homeless population across the United States with nearly 300 member ministries like ours. Some of the statistics showed recent trends that were similar to many other communities: Veterans comprise 11% of the homeless population, 34% of those that are homeless struggle with mental illness, and that 63% of the total homeless population are single individuals.

A statistic that caught my attention was that 37% of those coming to the Mission had never experienced being homeless. That means that better than one out of three people are coming to the doors of the mission in a point of distress in their life that they have never known. Fear, failure, anxiety, low self-worth are just a few of the emotional struggles that our guests deal with personally.

One of the first goals of our staff is to help restore hope. Hope in what Christ has provided for each of us, and also hope in what they can accomplish. Romans 8:24 says, "For we were saved in this hope: but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?" Staff and volunteers endeavor to engage and motivate our guests to see a future that they can't even see for themselves or have given up on a future that they don't believe they will ever attain. We want them to know personal value again, and see themselves the way that God sees them...His creation that He loves.

So we are in the business of sharing hope, one person and one interaction at a time. The need continues to grow as we continue to see an increase in the number of people coming to our doors to receive services and care. The demand for volunteers, material goods, and financial donations are needed more now than ever before. We are striving to provide meaningful and impactful instruction, counsel, and open the doors to life changing opportunities for our guests.

Please consider what God would have you do to be a partner in sharing hope.

Dan Streeter
Chief Executive Officer



Merry
Christmas

and Happy New Year

from the staff at City Rescue Mission!



Merry and Bright

Renovations for Phase I of the Women's Emergency Shelter has gone very well thanks to sponsors and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who have donated and participated in making the Women's Shelter Merry and Bright.

Pictured are volunteers from sponsoring churches; Faith Lutheran Church of Bridgeport, Victorious Believers Ministries and Hopevale Church. Phase II of renovations for the "other side" of the Women's Shelter, will begin in early 2017. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Kimberly Ancel at 989-752-6051 ext. 123.



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To glorify God by SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL,
AND ESTABLISHING DISCIPLES AMONG DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE.



SHARING HOPE

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Brings Hope to the Homeless

You can help make the 2016 Sharing Hope Radiothon presented by Tim Hortons, Fisher Contracting, Euclid Industries and Bronners, a huge success! **Please tune in December 21, 2016 to WSGW, FMTALK 100.5, Moose 94.5, Mix 106.3 and Kiss 107.1.** The average cost for a night of hope and care is \$30. Our goal is to provide 1,500 nights of emergency shelter services. You can help us reach our goal by going to www.rescuesaginaw.org to make your gift today or by calling Kimberly at 989-752-6051 ext. 123 or use the form below.



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