

Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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You are the RESCUER of people at RISK...

Your generous support rescues desperate women and men from despair to a better life. The transition out of being homeless and hopeless can be a bumpy road with successes and occasional failures. No matter how long it takes, eventually the successes start to add up. People like Marvin and Ezel become stronger and more independent by sharing their stories with others. They learn how to change harmful habits. They successfully transition, but they do not forget your compassion.

Now, it's Summer – financial contributions drop but the needs and the services continue. Thank you again for your compassion, and may God bless you!

Blessings,
John



Rev. John Samaan,
President

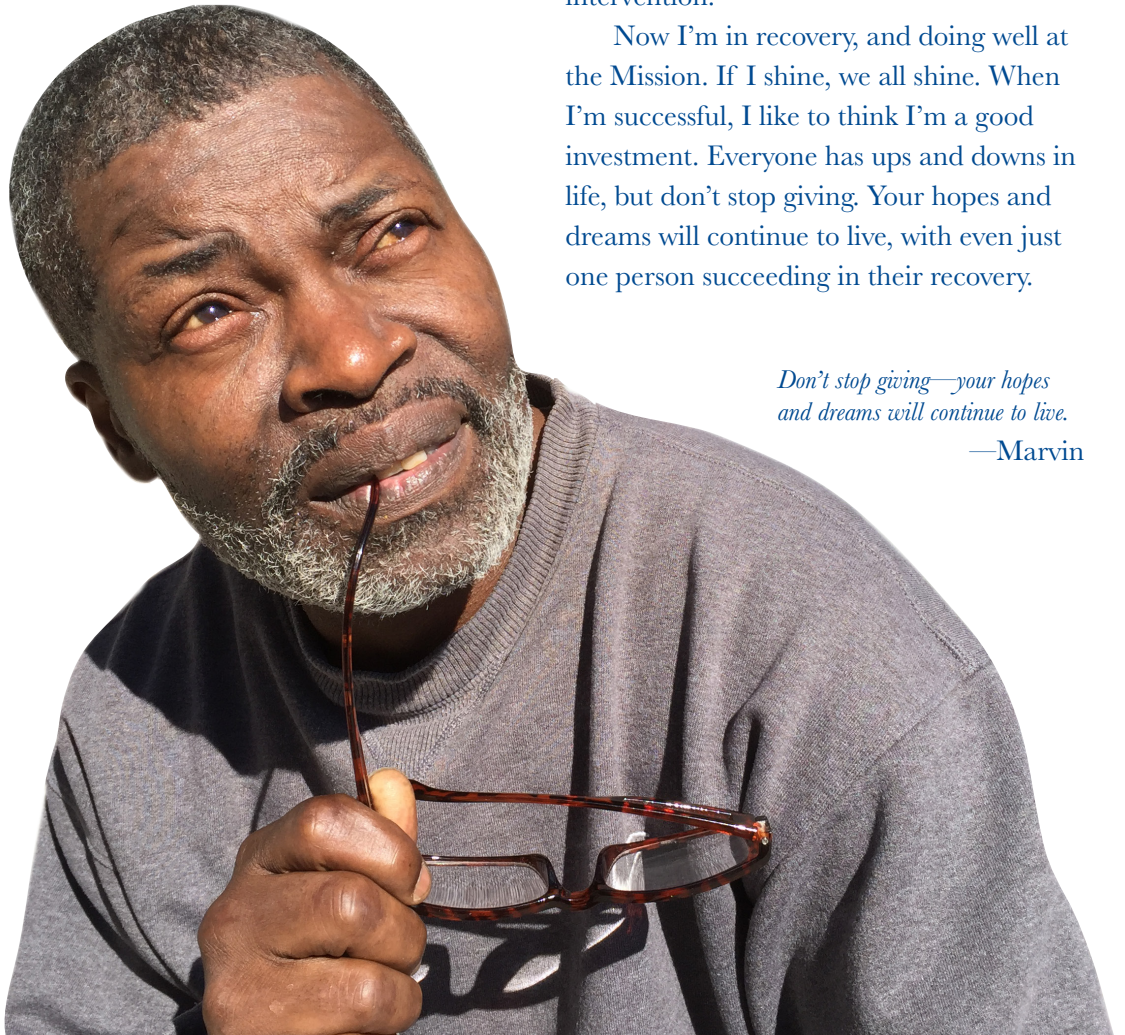


If I Shine, We All Shine

It's really hard to see folks in trouble.

Hi I'm Marvin. God has truly blessed me at the Mission. Spiritually, I'm lifted, and looking for my next home.

When I was little, mom and dad both drank a lot. At 6, I went to live with my father and got the belt or the switch a lot.



I skipped school, drank beer, smoked weed and hung out at the beach. I got into some things that I now regret, and went to jail.

At 28 I got out and doors opened up for me, but I still got in trouble. My family knew I'd lost enthusiasm to do anything except drink and watch TV. My health started deteriorating and my family performed an intervention.

Now I'm in recovery, and doing well at the Mission. If I shine, we all shine. When I'm successful, I like to think I'm a good investment. Everyone has ups and downs in life, but don't stop giving. Your hopes and dreams will continue to live, with even just one person succeeding in their recovery.

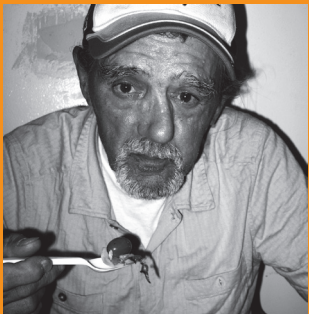
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—Marvin

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My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless

YES, John, You can count on me to help those in need. **Here is my gift of:**



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Safe Refuge from a Bitter Cold Winter

During the chilly winter months, our emergency shelter hosts women and men who don't have a place to sleep.

Starting last Thanksgiving weekend, the Mission accommodated 30 women and 82 men. In the late afternoon, these 112 women and men start to

arrive at the Mission. After checking in, they receive a hot dinner meal, shower facilities, and safe beds out of the cold. Mission staff may make referrals for services the next day. The next morning after breakfast, guests leave and are more than welcome to return again in the evening. This seasonal program wrapped up in mid April.

One of 112 emergency shelter guests taking refuge from the bitter cold and enjoying a hot meal before spending the night inside, safe and warm.

A Note of Kindness

We're blessed by our supporters in so many ways . . . sometimes with kind words, like these from Marge and Jack:

Thanks for your thanks. We have been regular contributors to Boston Rescue Mission for many years. I remember vividly what first convinced us of the value of your Mission. It was an invitation to come to the BRM facility and see how our contributed dollars are being put to work.

Seeing the rooms, the beds and the other facilities and hearing how they are used on a regular basis made us realize how important our dollars were to helping the unfortunate among us. We intend to continue our contributions and we wish you well in your mission.

It's faithful givers like Marge and Jack that reach those in great need. And please contact us at info@brm.org for a personal tour!

My Drug Problem Ruined Lots of Opportunities

Hi I'm Ezel. The Mission doesn't just provide help, it motivates me not to be like other people on the street.

Growing up, my older brother became a best friend and a father figure. I started smoking marijuana at 13, then selling crack cocaine. My brother overdid it one weekend, got a heart attack, and died while I watched. I lost a big part of me that day.

My sister didn't want her kids around my drug use. I moved all over until a destructive path landed me in jail. I had suicidal thoughts after my mother died, and finally a heart attack.

Mom said 'You're going to miss me.' She was right.

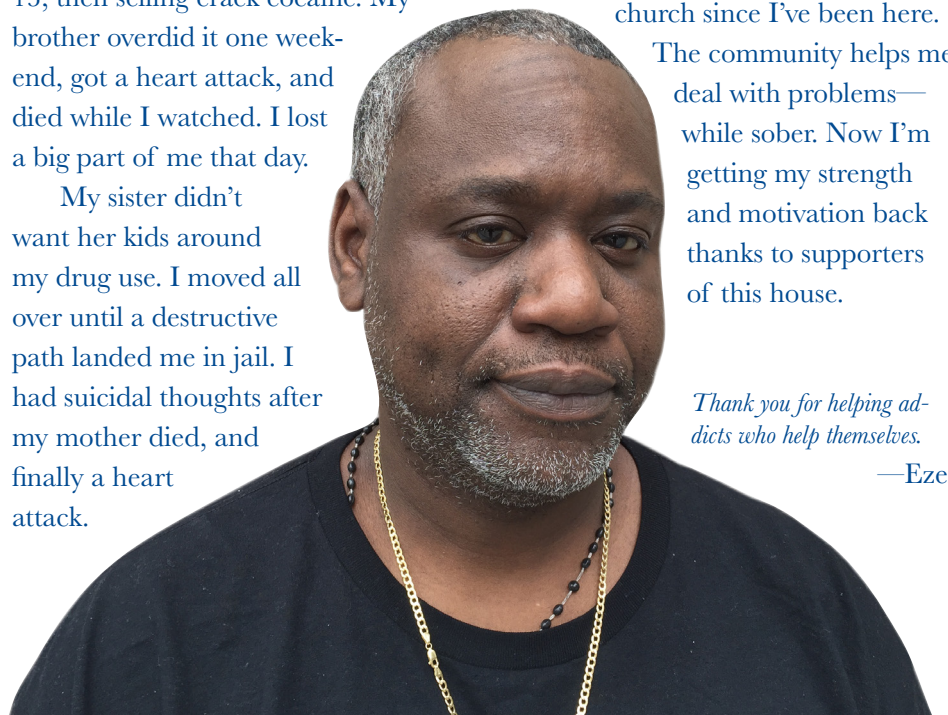
Finally I was tired of drugs and checked into detox.

I made it to the Boston Rescue Mission, and I've been going to church since I've been here.

The community helps me deal with problems—while sober. Now I'm getting my strength and motivation back thanks to supporters of this house.

Thank you for helping addicts who help themselves.

—Ezel



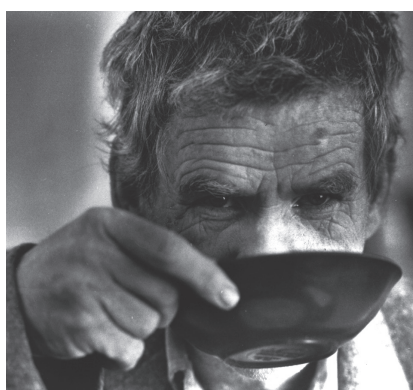
A Holy Week Feast

For the last several years, the Mission has received a generous award from Citizen's Energy to assist with winter heating costs. Every year, we're grateful to this nonprofit that makes basic needs more accessible and affordable to low-income families.

During holy week in April, founder Joseph Kennedy II, his wife Beth, and Citizen's Energy staffers came by to serve steak, lobster, and other goodies for hungry residents and guests. We're so grateful to Citizen's Energy for providing a wonderful meal for our guests and others who have few chances to eat such a feast!

\$19.20 Does Much More Than Feed 10 Hungry People

Not everyone who comes to the Mission to eat is homeless. Between gas, rent, utilities, and medical bills, families don't have enough left over to buy food. They come to the Mission's kitchen or food pantry for meals to help tide them over and keep them on their feet!



So would you please provide as many meals and as much help as you can? Mail your gift today in the enclosed envelope, or give online at www.brm.org. Thank you!

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