

Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

SUMMER 2018

**This Summer we depend on
You to be the RESCUER...**

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 James and Kenneth become stronger and more independent by sharing their stories. They learn how to change harmful habits. They successfully transition, but they do not forget your compassion.

Now, it's Summer – donations drop but needs continue. In hot weather, our guests face even greater difficulties. Thank you again for your compassion, and may God bless you!

Blessings, John



Rev. John Samaan, President



The Mission Gave Me a New Life

Hello. I'm James. At the Mission I have a sponsor, a church, a therapist, medicine, and a 12 step group to guide me through recovery. But through a lot of my life, I had nothing.

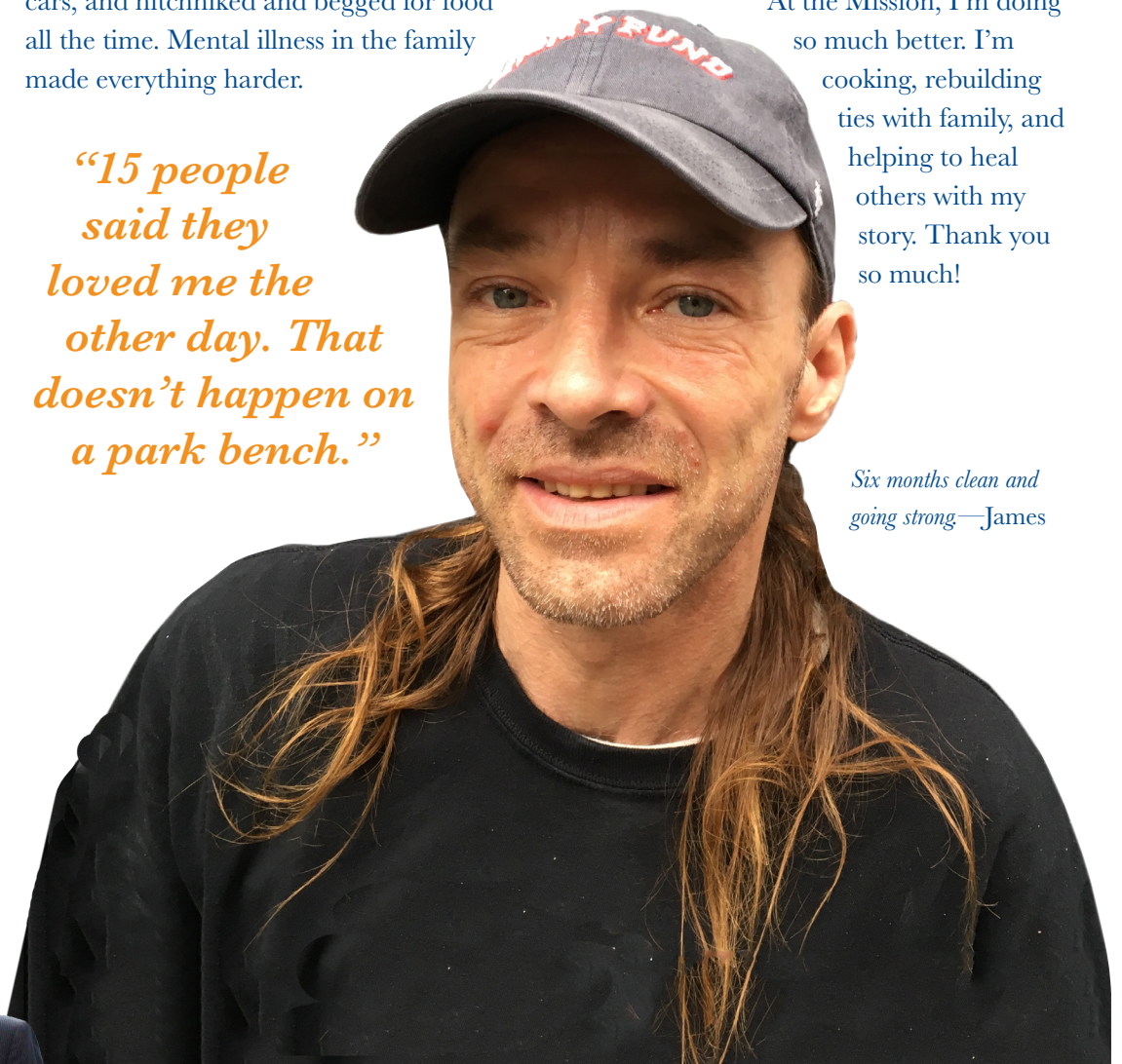
Our family was very poor, and constantly homeless. We lived on the street, in cars, and hitchhiked and begged for food all the time. Mental illness in the family made everything harder.

*"15 people
said they
loved me the
other day. That
doesn't happen on
a park bench."*

At 10 I began drinking heavily. That started a cycle of entering and leaving foster homes, and drug use. After I lost my father I hit a low point. I lost my shoes, didn't shower or eat for days at a time, and slept on a lot of benches. Then I made a promise to God and my family to get sober.

At the Mission, I'm doing so much better. I'm cooking, rebuilding ties with family, and helping to heal others with my story. Thank you so much!

*Six months clean and
going strong—James*



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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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■ **Telephone** – 617-338-9000 ext. 1209

■ **Online** – Go to www.brm.org & click on the Donate Now! button.

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Sanctuary from the Bitter Cold Winter... More Bed Capacity Added

Deadly winter cold threatens so many women and men with nowhere safe to sleep. Over and above our regular overnight service for 80 homeless people, the Mission added even more beds to host women and men who don't have a place to sleep. In early November, we added 50 women overnight beds, then in December added 70 more beds for men. After arriving in the late afternoon, 200 guests receive a hot dinner meal, shower facilities, safe beds out of the cold, and many other support services to help them out of homelessness.



Overnight guests enjoying fellowship, a nutritious meal, and respite from the bitter winter cold.

Boston, Haiti, and Buckets of Rain

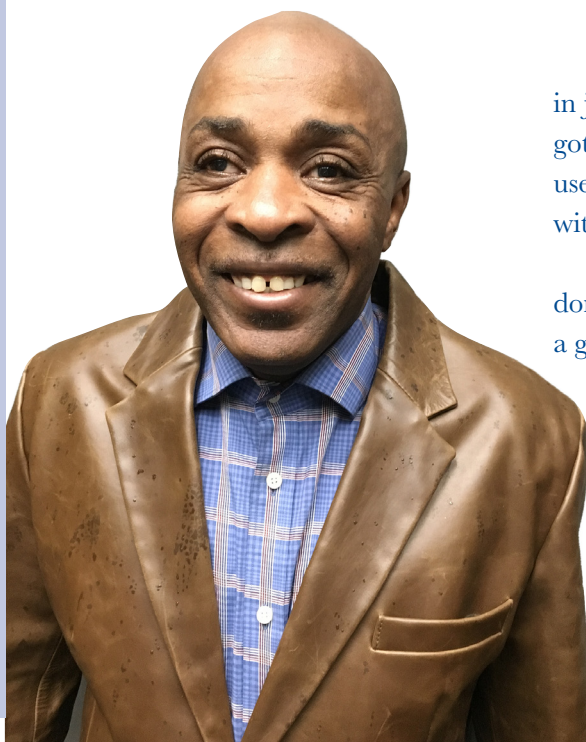


April 16th found John Samaan completing the 2018 Boston Marathon on a bone chilling rainy day. So far John has raised over \$5,000 to help women and men struggling with addiction on the streets of Boston. Funds raised will also help buy and donate school textbooks to the village school for the children in Haiti. Many thanks for your caring!

The Mission has Done a Miracle for Me

Hi I'm Kenneth. I'm so full of recovery right now. At the Mission I'm in good hands, but still I'm watching every step I take.

"In all my trials, I always carried God in my heart."



My father was an alcoholic and abused the family a lot. We always had "poor things"—I wore mostly used clothes that didn't fit right.

At 15, I drank and used angel dust with friends. Stealing and smoking marijuana followed, then cocaine, and crack. A friend taught me to shoplift, and I landed in jail a few times. After my mother got sick, nobody could stop my drug use. But I needed to learn how to live without getting high.

The Boston Rescue Mission has done a miracle for me. They say that a grateful heart won't use drugs and alcohol. I've got a grateful heart, and tunnel vision for recovery. And I believe my mother is in heaven smiling down on me.

I'm not just an addict. I'm a father, a salesman, a great listener, and a great motivator.—Kenneth

Going the Distance to Transform Lives...One Mile at a Time

A scenic 5K in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood in April, one of the fastest 10K courses in the world in June, and a rolling 13.1 mile jaunt through Boston's Emerald Necklace park system in October. Boston Athletic Association Distance Medley entrant John Samaan aims to complete them

all. When you support John's entry, you can save lives in Boston and help buy and donate school textbooks to the village school for the children in L'Asile, Haiti. Please call 617-338-9000 ext. 1209 or visit brm.org to support John's participation in the Medley and improve lives!

\$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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Circle of Hope

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