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Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Transformation of the Heart and Mind

This Spring YOU will transform hopelessness into new life. You are supporting the transformation of returning veterans and women and men struggling with homelessness and addiction. You will provide nutritious meals to hungry women, men, and families.

Because of your loyal support, we can serve 160,000 meals and shelter 35,000 people every year. I hope you will be pleased with the list of accomplishments we achieved together in 2017.

Together we help transform lives like Kyle and Eddie to get back to their families, and to society as law-abiding citizens. Thank you for your compassion, and may God fill you with the hope of new life this spring!



Rev. John Samaan, President



They Gave Me Last Rights – Twice

Hi I'm Kyle. After life's ups and downs, the Mission gave me stability and a strong foundation. But I almost didn't make it.

I grew up in a well-connected family and ran my first company in my 20s. Life looked pretty good.

“As soon as I start drinking, my professional career crashes within 24 hours.”

Since 13, I drank and partied a lot. Through adulthood, I worked hard and played hard, but always respected personal limits. At 47 and retired, I suddenly had lots of free time. That didn't go well.

Every day was party time. Soon I was up to a half gallon of vodka each day. It was so bad that I flatlined twice and heard last rights two other times. I had really hit the deep bottom.

Then came what alcoholics in recovery call an awakening. I remember walking to work

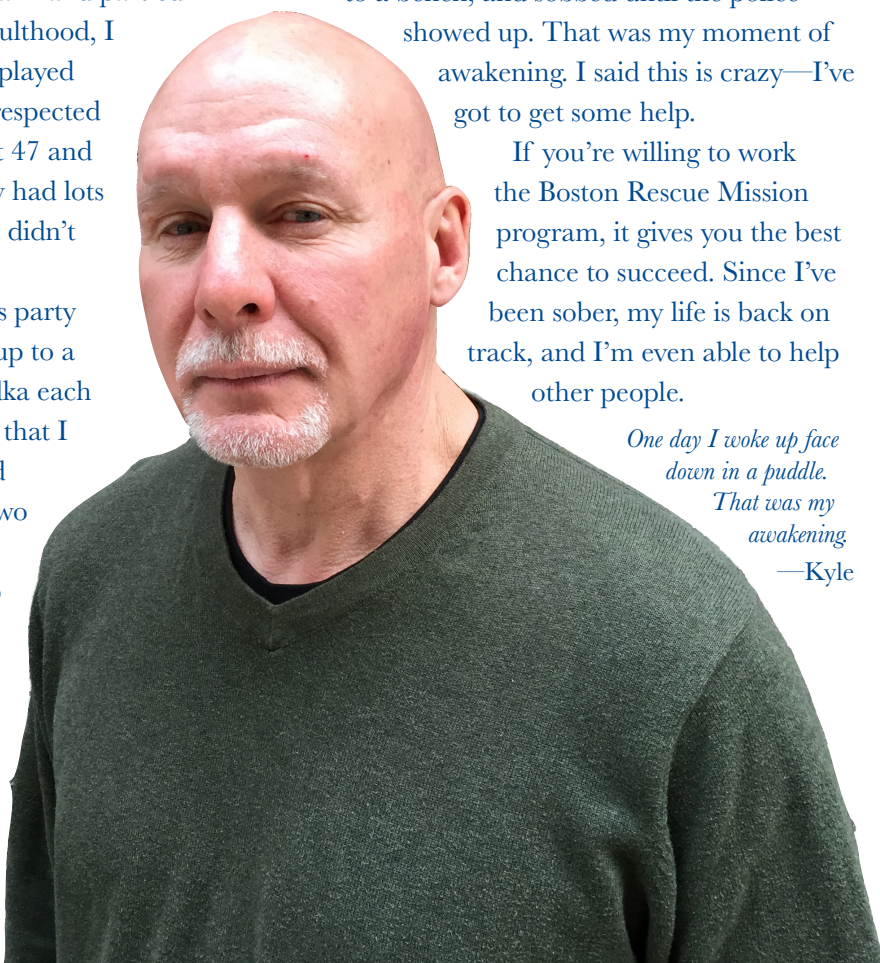
across the Boston Common in a suit and tie. I thought it was ok because I was only drinking a little. 48 hours later, I woke up face down in a puddle on the same path that I'd walked 2 days before. I was beaten up with no shoes or jacket, dragged myself

to a bench, and sobbed until the police showed up. That was my moment of awakening. I said this is crazy—I've got to get some help.

If you're willing to work the Boston Rescue Mission program, it gives you the best chance to succeed. Since I've been sober, my life is back on track, and I'm even able to help other people.

One day I woke up face down in a puddle.

*That was my awakening
—Kyle*



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Near Record Demand for Life Saving Shelter This Winter

In November, the Mission added an extra 50 beds for women and 70 beds for men in Downtown Crossing to meet a sharp increase in demand for homeless services. Going forward, the Mission will now provide overnight care for more than 170 men and women per night.

John Samaan, President of the Mission remarked “The expansion will provide hot nutritious meals and a safe place indoors for homeless women and men when the weather gets extremely cold.”

Mike Way, Vice President of Operations, stated that, “The Mission is now at almost maximum capacity and we are grateful to be providing this life saving shelter to those who find themselves on the streets this brutal winter.”



Warm, safe beds await those in need in the Mission’s expanded shelter program.

Mission Featured on Mix 104.1



Mike Mullaney, John Samaan, Sue Brady, and Dennis Gaskell, in the studio at Mix 104.1.

We’re grateful for new Mission volunteer Sue Brady from iHeart Radio, who led John and Dennis to Mix 104.1’s New England Lifestyles program with Mike Mullaney to raise awareness of homelessness, addiction, and the Mission. Hear the 30 minute segment of heartfelt and authentic stories of real lives transformed on our web site at brm.org/current-events.

Putting the Disease to Rest

Hi, I’m Eddie. I’m at the Mission because I want my life back. I’ve given up far too much to be using drugs again.



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

I found marijuana in high school. Everybody drank on the weekends, and soon I drank on a daily basis. You could say I was misinformed by the misinformed.

My addiction and lifestyle choices led me to jail. After my release, I got some big positions and forgot the suffering. Then a car accident shattered my leg. I was dealing with injuries and addiction and Eddie got in the way. An argument about liquor led to me losing my job, my relationship, and my condo!

I’m so tired of the losses. Now I’m staying sober, going to work, and making good choices. To all of the supporters of the Mission, thank you for the gifts and opportunities that helped bring me here.

I’ve given up far too much to be using drugs today.—Eddie

Give New Life to that old Jalopy in the Backyard!

Your gift of an old auto, boat, yacht, truck, motorcycle, aircraft, or RV to the Mission can give desperate people a second chance. Ask for a no obligation evaluation of your potential vehicle or property donation. Receive a tax deduction and possibly a cash

payment for your gift. Pickup is free anywhere in the USA, so family and friends can help too! For more information about property donations, please call (866) 244-8464 or visit the Action Donation Services web site at www.actiondonationservices.com. Thank you!

\$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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