Families come in all shapes and sizes, as one mother shared recently: “Dear Ann Landers: it happened again today. My two sons and I were in a shopping mall, and a total stranger felt the need to comment on the fact that my boys didn’t look anything alike. Apparently, my 6 year old decided it was time he explained the difference. ‘I’m adopted,’ he said. ‘That’s when you have the same family but not the same face.’”

Did you know you can change the “face” of your family by “adopting” a ministry you care about, like City Rescue Mission? It’s true! This approach is often referred to as “Child Named Charity.” It simply means that an individual chooses to include a ministry in their Will, gifting them an equal share to that received by each of their children. You’re essentially including the ministry in your family.

So why is it a good idea? A “Child Named Charity” allows families to make a clear statement of what they value most – advancing the Lord’s work for generations to come, while providing some great tax benefits.

For the full version of this article, ask for a FREE copy of “How to Change the ‘Face’ of Your Family” by simply checking the box on the enclosed reply card or by contacting Kathi Crothers from City Rescue Mission at (904) 421-5180 or KCrothers@crmjax.org - or bless your family today with a God-honoring Will at www.christianwill.org/crm

FAST FACTS- SIGNS THAT RELAPSE MAY BE AROUND THE CORNER:
1. Romanticizing or longing for the “old days”
2. Believing you are strong enough to use/drink again without falling back into addiction
3. Starting to reconnect with old friends from the addiction days
4. Becoming defensive and no longer able to accept constructive criticism
5. Changes in attitude or behavior
6. Sudden feelings of depression and loneliness
7. Breaking down of social relationships
8. Beginning to feel extremely stressed out and constantly tense
9. Missing church

It’s important to realize that the presence of warning signs doesn’t equal failure. It’s an indication that the recovering addict/alcoholic needs to reach out for help as soon as possible to avoid a relapse.
“GOD DETAILED MY LIFE: FINDING REDEMPTION AFTER YEARS ON THE STREET”

Stanley entered City Rescue Mission’s LifeBuilders program, but still had many hurdles to overcome within himself. “I definitely ran into some negativity during my time at the Mission when Satan would try and deceive me through the actions and words of others. Luckily, through the blessings God gave me, I ran into some instrumental men on staff at the Mission who helped me to succeed. I’m thankful for the day that I was placed in the maintenance department to give back to City Rescue Mission, because it gave me job training skills that help me today.”

Stanley got a job detailing cars at Kia of Orange Park in April 2014, and has since become a Manager there. He also recently graduated from City Rescue Mission’s LifeBuilders program in Fall 2014. “I’m making a solid paycheck, isn’t paved smoothly. A lot during my time at the Mission. The road to recovery wasn’t paved smoothly.

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