

Paul's Ponderings

TRUST is in everything. It's in personal relationships, in business, politics, church, health care, etc. Trust is also in our relationship with God, but those who have a hard time trusting God have been hurt by people, many times in the church, and they equate that with not being able to trust God.



Paul Stasi
Executive Director

Our Leadership Team meets to discuss leadership books. We just began the Stephen M.R. Covey book, *The Speed of Trust*. He says that trust means confidence. When there is high trust in an organization, things speed up. If trust is removed, it will put an end to everything. If it is cultivated, established, and advanced, it will positively influence and propel every area of our life. This is easily seen in many relationships, especially marriages where broken trust ends in divorce.

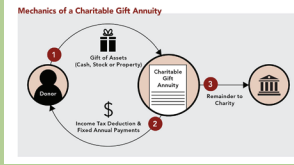
I would venture to say that everyone who comes to us for help has either experienced broken trust, or has created a situation where they have broken the trust of others, especially family members. I always say that trust must be earned. So, if you desire to rebuild your relationships, you first will tell your loved ones about your transformed life, but you also have to model it, and keep modeling it. The trust you broke will not be fixed overnight, so be patient and keep proving that they can trust you.

As for their relationship with God, Proverbs 3:5 & 6 says, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."* Again, many feel that God abandoned them, doesn't love them anymore, or can't love them because of what they have done. But, the proverb is simple, just trust, don't overthink it, and give everything to Him. He will, not may, lead you in every decision you make and everywhere you go. That seems simple, but often the most difficult word in this is "submit." All we have to do is give it all over to Him. He'll take care of us.

We thank you so much for your support in so many ways as we help those who come to us broken to see the simplicity of the good news (gospel) from our loving and caring Father.

Turn "Good Vibes" into Changed Lives

A year after Mara Soriano's mother died, the Vancouver resident lost a teddy bear that played a recorded message in her mom's voice. When word of the bear's disappearance reached a famous actor on social media, he offered a \$5,000 reward. Within days, the stuffed animal was returned.



Our society talks a lot about "good vibes." We feel good when we give or serve. But many of us want to do much more than give a little and have "good vibes." What if you could give, make an impact, and get much more than "good vibes" in return? A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) lets you do just that. It's a Win-Win-Win.

A CGA is a contract made between a donor and a charity like City Rescue Mission where everybody wins. The benefits include:

- Fixed, reliable payments for life
- An immediate charitable tax deduction
- Partially tax-free income
- Ability to avoid capital gains (when giving appreciated stock)

We've all heard "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and when we give in ways that align with our personal values, it feels even sweeter.

Please contact Angela Washington at (904) 421-5147 or awashington@crmjax.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

City Rescue Mission is in need of the following:

- Loading dock ramp - \$15,000
- White twin sheet sets and pillows
- White towels and washcloths
- Travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- Bus passes - 3 day passes - \$12/7 day passes - \$20
- White, large draw string laundry bags for student use (120)
- Gently used or new furniture, clothing, home goods, books and more for the CRM Thrift Store ◀ **Urgent Need**
- Replacement of Dental Clinic flooring:
Cost \$15,000, or 1 gift of \$15,000, 2 gifts of \$7,500, or 3 gifts of \$3,000
- Replacement of 4th floor flooring in offices and classrooms:
Cost \$42,000 1 gift of \$42,000, or 2 gifts of \$21,000, or 4 gifts of \$10,500 or 8 gifts of \$5,250
- Five adult bicycles with wide seats

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New Life NEWS

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DANAIT'S STORY

After her family was separated, Danait struggled to find her way, abusing alcohol to manage her emotions and ease her anxiety. Finally, when she realized how her choices were impacting a loved one, she turned to City Rescue Mission. Now with prayers and support from friends like you, she's leading by example a Christ-centered life.

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I'VE FINALLY STOPPED RUNNING FROM ME
Danait's story

Born in Ethiopia, Danait was five years old when her family was separated as they fled the conflict breaking out between her home country and neighboring Eritrea.

While her mother relocated to Europe, her father brought the children to America, where he worked multiple jobs and long hours. He grew increasingly angry and frustrated over his struggle to provide for Danait and her two siblings.

"We were shuffled into a basement and that's where we all stayed," Danait recalls, "We pretty much raised each other." Yet while they lacked material comforts, Danait's father demanded his children stay in school and instilled in them a sound work ethic.

"I thank God for that," Danait says. But as she grew older, she focused on employment as the center of her life, forsaking her own social and spiritual development, and began to embody her father's anger and anxiety.

"I didn't know how to be in a community, talk to people or even share my emotions because I didn't even know how to feel them." When she used alcohol, all that changed.



"If I drank, I felt alive. So I told myself, as long as the bills are paid, I can drink. I used that as an excuse."

As the chains of addiction took hold, she denied their destructive consequences. After all, she reasoned, she wasn't homeless.

"I had a three-bedroom house... and only one bed. I didn't have kitchen stuff. I had no sofas. I had one chair and one dish. I was living in a facade."

Yet she recognized the toll her life was taking on her brother. Ten years younger, he had always been her shadow and followed in her footsteps. Now he was drinking heavily too, and headed down a deadly path. She knew she had to make a change, hopeful he would also.

At her family's urging, she came to City Rescue Mission and joined our LifeBuilders program. "I tricked myself into thinking I was doing it for him. Eight months later I realized I was doing it for me."

With the guidance of our Christ-centered staff, Danait learned to identify and regulate her emotions and use them in positive and constructive ways. She's regaining her sobriety and using her drive and accountability to excel at her ministry assignments. But most important, she shares, was her official introduction to God: "Someone I thought I knew but really didn't." And today she is building a new life in Christ.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Lib Creech is City Rescue Mission's oldest employee recently turning 80 years old this past April. Lib originally joined the City Rescue Mission family as a volunteer in the development department and was soon able to fill a need in the finance department as a bookkeeper. She has since dedicated the last 8 years to CRM helping impact our community.

During Lib's free time she enjoys crafting and riding her scooter with her bike club.



YOU ARE INVITED!

LIFEBUILDERS GRADUATION

Class of Fall 2023
Friday, Sept. 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
CRM McDuff Campus, Wayne M. Densch Chapel
426 McDuff Avenue S., Jacksonville, FL 32254



Reception immediately following.

Support City Rescue Mission through Amazon Wishlist!

You can view a list of City Rescue Mission's ongoing needs, as well as a list of CRM's special needs using our Amazon Wishlist. Amazon Wishlist allows friends of the Mission to quickly and conveniently view and purchase selected items for donation to CRM! You can view the lists by visiting crmjax.org. Every gift helps us better serve the hungry, homeless and addicted in our community. THANK YOU!



USE THIS LINK: <https://www.crmjax.org/crm-needs-list/>



City Rescue Mission's
15th Annual Champion's Challenge

TPC SAWGRASS STADIUM COURSE

AUGUST 28, 2023
12:30 P.M. SHOTGUN START

PLAY GOLF FOR A CAUSE!

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Enjoy a day of golf at the iconic TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL and help transform the lives of those experiencing homelessness, hardship, and addiction right here on the First Coast.

Each registered player will enjoy a full afternoon of golf, complete with lunch, dinner, award ceremony, golfer swag bag, and silent and live auctions in the beautiful TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse.

Registration fees include on-course concessions, bag tags, and all of your forecaddie gratuities and golf fees!

Sign up as a team (4 players), an individual player or become a sponsor of this event!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or to register to participate, contact Angela Washington at (904) 421-5147 or CRMDevelopment@crmjax.org.



Summer SAVINGS

CRM THRIFT STORE

In addition to our already low prices on high quality clothing, furniture, household goods or other items, this coupon saves you an extra 15% off your entire purchase!

Simply bring this exclusive newsletter coupon with you to City Rescue Mission Thrift Store to get a special discount during one visit this summer.

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