

Paul's Ponderings

February is a time of remembering our love for each other and God's love for us. God, the Father gave His Son, Jesus because of love. Therefore, we must love one another. "Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all." 1 Corinthians 13:4a.



At CRM, we are called to reach out with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to anyone in need. As the verse above says, this means doing so with patience, kindness, and gentleness. When someone is at the end of their ropes, trust is a difficult thing. Often, they feel anger, despair, guilt, and shame. Feelings are demonstrated through unpleasant behaviors when people have experienced trauma. We are called to minister to these individuals through lovingkindness, patience and gentleness and we can chip away at the walls of protection that many have put around themselves. Many experienced trauma that made them very fragile. The negative behaviors are there so they won't get hurt again.

However, when someone truly feels and experiences the gentle and kind love of Christ, their hearts are touched. That hardened heart is melted, and they can experience true life transformation.

It is because of your faithful gifts that we can be the hands and feet of Christ, sharing His love. I thank you for your devotion.

Please also keep us, and those we serve, in your prayers. Join us on our new Facebook page, "City Rescue Mission Prayer Team."

Paul

What Kind of Legacy are you Building?

Much of our lives are spent raising families, building careers, and preparing for retirement. Are you building a legacy that aligns with the values you most want to express? You can leave:



- **A legacy of provision.** An up-to-date estate plan is not only good stewardship of the resources you've been given - it establishes a plan to provide for your loved ones.
- **A legacy of love.** Many people are incorporating the idea of an "ethical will" into their estate planning. An ethical will passes along the riches of the heart.
- **A legacy of generosity.** What causes and ministries have you felt connected to throughout your life? Planning a legacy gift to City Rescue Mission is a powerful way to communicate your values and inspire loved ones to consider their legacy as well.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "Consider the Power of Your Legacy" by contacting Angela Washington at (904) 421-5147 or awashington@crmjax.org - or bless your family today with a God-honoring Will at christianwill.org/crm

WE NEED YOUR HELP

City Rescue Mission is in need of the following items:

- New roof and steeple repair on chapel - \$55,000
- Upgraded flooring in classrooms and offices at McDuff Campus - \$20,000
- Spray foam insulation for women's emergency services - \$10,000
- Spray foam insulation for chapel - \$10,000
- 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
- Utility wagons for office and event use (5)
- Storage bins - 16 qt/4 gallon
- Booster seats (5)
- White, large drawstring laundry bags for student use (120)

Please contact Angela Washington for more information at (904) 421-4147 or awashington@crmjax.org.

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A BETTER MAN - Terrance's Story

I was bound to be addicted to something, even from an early age. I grew up in a dysfunctional household, even though it was a loving home. After arriving in Jacksonville in 1987, I was living a chaotic life, driven by my addictions. I had passed by the New Life Inn on State Street and told myself that I would never end up there. I had no idea that my help was inside that building.

I ended up being homeless and having to stay at City Rescue Mission. I remember attending chapel and seeing people with badges on, praising God, and looking so happy. It turns out that they were in the program. I said, "This is something that I need", so I spoke with staff and entered the program for the first time in 1998. I got a job and relapsed. I didn't stay long because I knew where to get help. I went back to the Mission and stayed for two years. I started working for City Rescue Mission in housekeeping and felt a little bit of responsibility. However, I never dealt with the underlying issues that sent me back to the addictions. I went back into the program 3 or 4 more times, but I never gave up.



In 2012, I wanted a total change. I surrendered to God and said, "God, you have to do this for me." He did. My life changed. My character changed. My attitude about myself changed and I saw myself as a man of God. I started taking responsibility for the things that I did.

The Mission made me a better person and a better man. I am grateful to City Rescue Mission for everything. Not only did I learn about myself and develop into the leader that I was born to be, but I was able to receive dental and medical care that I wouldn't have been able to receive. City Rescue Mission is the reason that I was able to get a job at Nimnicht Chevrolet. I am forever grateful for the people that God put in my life through the City Rescue Mission.

SAVE THE DATES! CRM'S UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING LIFEBUILDERS GRADUATION - FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Wayne M. Densch Chapel (426 S. McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254)
Join us at 7 pm to celebrate the incredible men and women graduating from our LifeBuilders Program! We hope you will join us for this special night celebrating transformation and new beginnings for all of our graduates!

EASTER BANQUET AT NEW LIFE INN - THURSDAY, APRIL 14

New Life Inn (234 W. State Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202)
We will be providing Easter praise and worship, along with a traditional Easter meal for the public in need on April 14. Praise and worship will begin at 10:30 am and the meal will be served from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, APRIL 20

City Rescue Mission's McDuff Campus (426 S. McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254)
If you are interested in getting plugged in to the volunteer program at City Rescue Mission, we invite you to contact Kimberly Crockett at (904) 421-5149 or volunteers@crmjax.org.

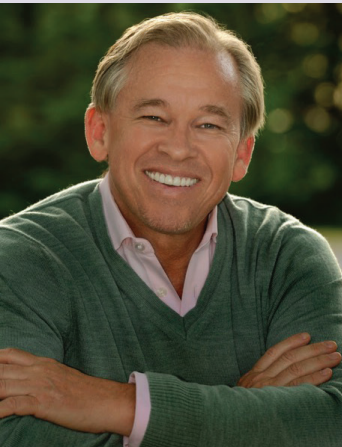
NEW DATE!

City Rescue Mission's 7th Annual Difference Makers Banquet

May 5, 2022

Southbank Hotel Jacksonville Riverwalk
1515 Prudential Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Sponsorship packages available! Reserve your seat today.
Contact Christa Martin at (904) 421-5141 or crmdevelopment@crmjax.org.



Guest Speaker:
Gordon R. Pennington,
Former Director of
Marketing for
Tommy Hilfiger



City Rescue Mission's Hope Builders Circle Monthly Giving Program

Your faithful monthly giving
transforms lives and
provides hope, healing and change!

The Hope Builders Circle are partners in fulfilling CRM's mission. We exist to transform the lives of the homeless, needy, and addicted, serving them through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Through ongoing monthly giving, the CRM Hope Builders Circle helps restore hope to men and women who really do want to overcome past mistakes and take steps toward a better life.

As a Hope Builder, you will receive regular updates on how you are helping Northeast Florida's hungry, homeless, and addicted neighbors.

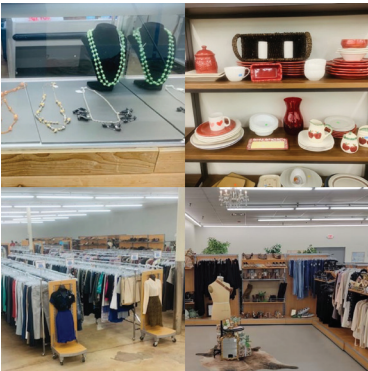
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DECLUTTERING YOUR SPACE?

We hope as you sort through your gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, and home goods that you will consider donating them to CRM Thrift Store!

Donations can be dropped off at
7200 Normandy Blvd.,
Monday - Saturday, 7 am - 4:30 pm.



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