

## Paul's Ponderings

We just celebrated our independence and birth of our country with grilling in the back yard with friends, family, and fireworks. Despite what may be going on in the world, it's always a wonderful time to thank God for our freedom because we live in the best country in the world!

It also makes me think about the freedom that our students experience when they fully give their lives over to God and experience a personal relationship and true transformation in Jesus as their Christ. How often do we believe we have freedom, yet we remain in bondage? For our students, their bondage is addiction. The dictionary defines addicted as, "physically and mentally dependent on a particular substance, and unable to stop taking it without incurring adverse effects." Synonyms for addiction are obsession, monkey on one's back, enslavement, given over to, obsessed. That is their old self.

The great news is that this old self can be nailed to the cross and we can experience that new self, **Ephesians 4:22-24** talks about our mind being renewed and that we need to "put on the new man who has been created in God's image." This new person is produced by a creative act of God. It's not something we can do. We can have the new self with Holy Spirit living in us.

Christ freed us from the curse because He became a curse, **Galatians 3:13**.

Even before we were in our mother's womb, God knew us, **Jeremiah 1:5**. He has a purpose for our lives. We don't want to put the emphasis on striving not to do something wrong, but on releasing our students into their God-given gifts and destiny. Once that happens, that is true freedom.

Your gifts and offerings allow that to happen. Thank you!

### YOUR CREATIVITY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Think creatively about giving - big things can happen. You can donate time, energy, unwanted food, clothing, blood, and of course, money.



**1. Don't cash out.** Many people think cash is the best way to give but donating appreciated stocks to an organization like CRM instead of liquidating them eliminates capital gains for you and the charity when they're ready to sell.

**2. Bunch it.** You can maximize tax benefits by "bunching" charitable gifts. on the first one and take a standard on the second.

**3. Inspire generational giving.** Appreciated stocks are easily passed on within a family, so they're a great tool for instilling a heritage of generosity for generations to come.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

#### City Rescue Mission is in need of the following:

- Upgraded flooring in classrooms and offices at McDuff Campus - \$20,000
- Spray foam insulation for chapel - \$10,000
- White twin sheet sets and pillows
- White towels and washcloths
- Queen sheet sets
- Travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- Bus passes - 3 day passes - \$12/ 7 day passes - \$20
- Storage bins - 16 qt/4 gallon
- White, large drawstring laundry bags for student use (120)
- Gently used or new furniture, clothing, home goods, books, and more for the CRM Thrift Store

For more information, please contact Angela Washington at (904) 421-5147 or [awashington@crmjax.org](mailto:awashington@crmjax.org).



*Thank You* for remembering  
CITY RESCUE MISSION in your prayers!

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# New Life NEWS

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## The Battle for FREEDOM

*Stephan thanks God for rescuing him from a path of destruction . . . and giving him the tools and guidance he needed at the Mission to change his life!*

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PROVIDING HOPE, HEALING AND CHANGE SINCE 1946

CRM exists to transform the lives of those experiencing homelessness, hardships and addiction through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.



## FINDING MY WAY: STEPHAN'S STORY

Stephan was only 19 years old when he lost his father in a tragic accident. "I watched my father fall off of a building... and it sent me down the wrong path." He struggled to cope with his grief and turned to substances to numb the overwhelming pain of his father's death. "I looked to drugs to fill a hole," he says. Sadly, over the years, Stephan became trapped in a brutal cycle of substance abuse that led to trouble with the law. "It got to the point where I'd go to jail... then get out of jail and end up homeless, with nowhere to go," he says. "So then I'd start doing dangerous things again to survive."

The turning point came when Stephan was sentenced to a rehab program. "That was my rock bottom," he says. "I've hit rock bottom so many times... but this time my family pushed me to seek help." The night he was released, Stephan walked straight from jail to City Rescue Mission. "I turned around twice walking to the door and told myself, 'I can't do this,'" he says. "But I made myself go inside, and it's the best decision I've ever made."

Today, Stephan has been here for a little over a year and the transformation in his life has been tremendous.



Through classes and counseling in our LifeBuilders program, he's begun to heal from the trauma at the root of his struggles. "The staff here is great. Not only do they listen, but they'll help you figure out a solution to issues you're going through."

The faith-based environment here has helped Stephan grow closer to the Lord. "Before, the Lord was with me, but I wasn't seeking Him in my life as much as I should have been... But now I seek Him every single day."

Through workforce development in our kitchen and maintenance department, Stephan has also gained valuable life skills that he hopes to apply in the future. "The Mission has helped me create healthy habits, like saving money... And now one day, I dream of owning my own business!"

Most importantly, Stephan thanks the Mission for helping him to restore relationships with his family. "Before I came to the Mission, I was lost... an emotional wreck... and always felt like the black sheep of my family," he says. "But now I am whole, complete, and just feel at peace."

Stephan is grateful for the support of caring friends like you whose generosity empowers him and others to rebuild their lives with the Lord as their foundation. "City Rescue Mission has been a complete lifesaver to me. Since coming here, I'm not lost anymore. If you want to change your life, this is the place to be."



### Support City Rescue Mission through Amazon Wish List!

You can view a list of City Rescue Mission's ongoing needs, as well as a list of CRM's special needs using Amazon

Wishlist. Amazon Wish List 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](http://crmjax.org). Every gift helps us better serve the hungry, homeless and addicted in our community. THANK YOU!

**AMAZON SMILE** Through Amazon Smile all purchases you make .5% will be donated to City Rescue Mission. Just designate City Rescue Mission, Jacksonville as your charity of choice. If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, simply sign up at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu. Tap on AmazonSmile on your phone.



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# CITY RESCUE MISSION'S 14TH ANNUAL CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE

GOLF TOURNAMENT

TPC SAWGRASS STADIUM COURSE

AUGUST 29, 2022

12:30 P.M. SHOTGUN START

## PLAY GOLF FOR A CAUSE!

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, 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](mailto: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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Save 15% on your entire purchase at City Rescue Mission Thrift Store. Offer ends July 30, 2022. This coupon must be presented at the register to redeem. Good 7/1/22 - 7/30/22.

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