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# Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

## Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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### You are a Hope Giver

When people hit rock bottom, and problems overwhelm them completely, they need HOPE to reclaim their lives. How can the Mission continue to help homeless, desperate and hungry people transform their lives without you?

Your support provides food for the body, spiritual presence for the soul, and one-on-one guidance to help our guests return to society and live as law-abiding, tax-paying citizens.

My heart is filled with gratitude to have rescuers such as you. Your compassion has helped to move people like and from despair to hope.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Blessings,  
John

  
Rev. John Samaan, President



## My Family has their Daughter

## and Sister Back

*“My rock bottom was lying to every single person that cared about me, including myself.”*

Hi, I'm Heather. At the Boston Rescue Mission, I have found healing – not only from addiction, but also from self-centeredness and the fear of judgment. While here, I've reconnected with humility and with my Higher Power, and can honestly care about other people. I'm slowly changing the person I was—the person who thought it was ok to abuse drugs.

Growing up, life was pretty good. But sadly, I suffered a severe break to my arm. Eight surgeries and excruciating pain led me to morphine and vicodin prescriptions. After a year of trying to control the pain with opiates, I became completely dependent on them. I began sniffing, and

*At the Mission, I lost my fear of being judged.*  
—Heather

then shooting, heroin. My rock bottom was lying to every single person that cared about me, including myself. Before long, I was arrested for heroin possession.

After prison, I was paroled to the Mission's program. I'm grateful for the chance to explore the spiritual side of recovery. Mending relationships with myself

and my family is a huge priority. Now I can look

forward to more

education. I still

have some time

to straighten

out and correct

mistakes that

I've made.

My family is

grateful, too

– they feel

like they

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## My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless

**YES, John,** You can count on me to help those in need. **Here is my gift of:**



### WAYS TO GIVE

■ **Telephone** – 617-338-9000 ext. 1211

■ **Online** – Go to [www.brm.org](http://www.brm.org) & click on the Donate Now! button.

■ **Mail** – Cut on the dotted line & return this form with your check to the Boston Rescue Mission or fill in your credit card information below.

### Please charge my gift on my credit card:

Visa  Mastercard  Amex  DISCOVER

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt.



## Our Thanksgiving Event Celebration

The Boston Rescue Mission will celebrate our 28th Annual 'Day of Thanks'. Hundreds of homeless people, along with needy families from the Boston community, will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Additionally, several hundred food baskets with turkeys and all the trimmings will be given out to families to enjoy at home.

*Homeless and hungry people enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner on the Day of Thanks.*

### Your Legacy to End Homelessness

A planned gift from your estate to the Boston Rescue Mission cements your legacy to end homelessness and can provide income in the meantime.

Won't you consider a bequest to the Mission in your will and estate plan?

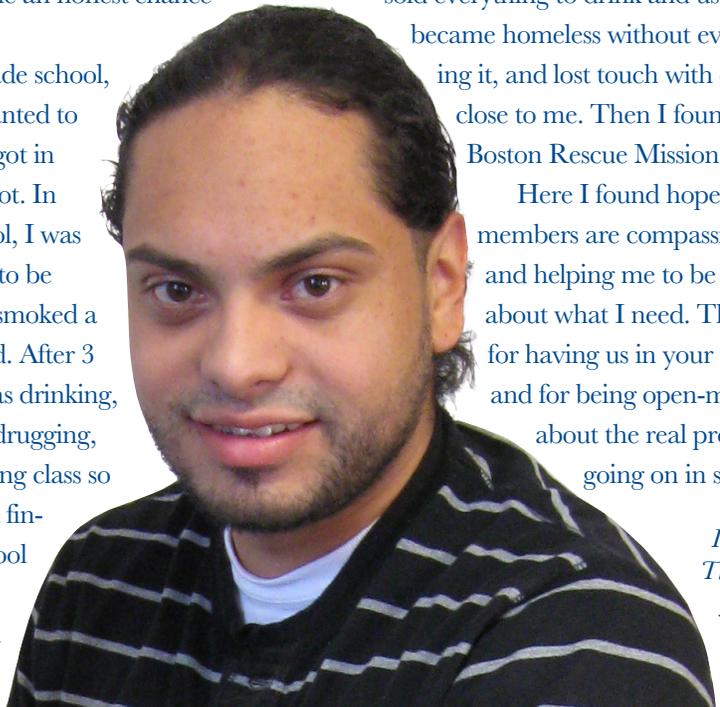
For assistance with a bequest or other planned gift, please contact your financial advisor or John Samaan at [jsamaan@brm.org](mailto:jsamaan@brm.org) or (617) 338-9000 ext. 1216. And thanks!

## Thank You for Having Us in Your Hearts

### Staying sober requires help

Hi. I'm Alex. For me, there's a solution to staying sober which requires help. Working a structured program with the caring staff at the Boston Rescue Mission is giving me an honest chance to heal.

In grade school, I really wanted to fit in, but got in trouble a lot. In high school, I was desperate to be cool, and smoked a lot of weed. After 3 years, I was drinking, smoking, drugging, and skipping class so much that finishing school seemed like a joke.



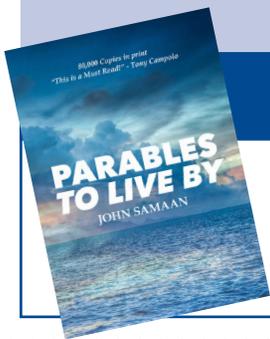
*"The Mission gives me an honest chance to heal"*

Even after dropping out, I didn't realize that I was an addict.

I began selling drugs on the streets, which led to an arrest. After release, I sold everything to drink and use drugs. I became homeless without even knowing it, and lost touch with everyone close to me. Then I found the Boston Rescue Mission.

Here I found hope. Staff members are compassionate, and helping me to be honest about what I need. Thank you for having us in your hearts, and for being open-minded about the real problems going on in society.

*I found hope. Thank you for your caring!*  
—Alex



### Parables to Live By: A gift for you with our gratitude!

John Samaan is offering a free copy of his inspirational book *Parables to Live By*, to our generous supporters. Simply visit our website at [www.brm.org](http://www.brm.org) and enter your email address. You'll receive an email link to download this bright and inspiring read, as well as periodic email updates with Mission news and events!

### \$22.50 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](http://www.brm.org). Thank you!



### Going Green with Emailed Gift Receipts

The Mission began providing gift receipts via email only as of January 2021.

Please email [gifts@brm.org](mailto:gifts@brm.org) to ensure we have your address. If we don't have your email address, you will receive one printed gift statement in 2022 for all 2021 gifts.