

121<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

## Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

SUMMER 2021

With YOUR SUPPORT  
Lives Continue to be  
RESCUED ...  
for 122 Years!

Your generous support rescues desperate women and men like Thami and Gary from despair to a better life. For 122 years we have helped thousands on the journey out of being homeless and hopeless. No matter how long it takes, eventually the successes start to add up. They learn how to change harmful habits. They live meaningful lives.

Now, it's summer - financial contributions drop but the needs and the services continue. Please give generously today. Thank you again for your compassion, and may God bless you!

Blessings,  
John

  
Rev. John Samaan, President



## I Came to the Boston Rescue Mission to Save My Life



*I've told everybody—I love the Mission!*—Thami

*“I’ve been drinking my whole life, until I found the Mission.”*

I moved to Boston and found restaurant work. Over the years I lost jobs and apartments because of alcohol.

Sometimes I slept outside, which was awful. For many years

Hi, I'm Thami. At 60 years old, I came to the Mission to save my life. Now my health has improved, and my brothers are happy for me, because my life is back!

Growing up in Morocco, the people around me drank a lot of alcohol. Around 19 years old I started drinking too. After school I learned to cook, and in 1999

I drank on the streets, went to the hospital, got released for a few days and returned.

After my heart attack, I found the Mission. Here it feels like a family. I've been sober for 3 years, my lung cancer is gone, and I let all the guests know how well I'm doing. I can't wait to travel to Morocco and show my family the new me.

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**My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless** • 39 Kingston St., Boston, MA 02111 • 617-338-9000 • [www.brm.org](http://www.brm.org)

**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:

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

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Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.



*“Getting vaccinated is a true blessing. Now I can see my family again.”*

## Good News! Guests Staying Safely at the Mission

Since the start of the pandemic, the Mission has continued to take precautions to keep people as safe as possible - washing hands, wearing masks, and social distancing for all staff and guests. Recently, however, the Mission added another line of defense—vaccinations. In February all guests and staff received vaccinations.

“I was nervous about getting the shot,” said Emma, a guest at the Mission, “but now I feel good about doing my part to help our community at the Mission. I worry less now.” “Vaccination has been a true blessing so far.” said John Samaan, President.

## New Tax Benefits for Non-Profit Donors

The U.S. government recently extended the CARES Act, which helps nonprofit supporters like you realize new tax benefits, including these:

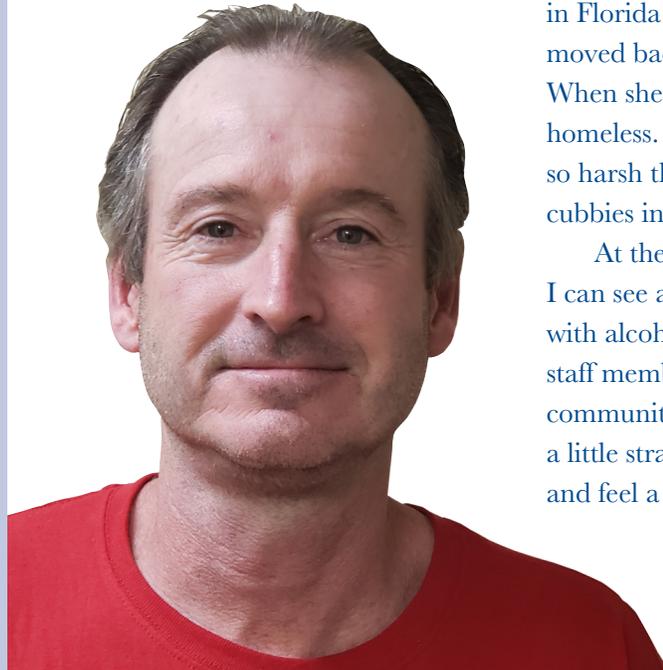
- Gifts up to \$300 are 100% deductible, even for those using the standard deduction. Contributions by cash, credit card or check only are eligible.
- The maximum charitable deduction is raised to 100% from a previous limit of 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI) for individuals giving cash (not stock). Also, donations in excess of AGI may be carried over to future tax filings for up to 5 years.
- Corporations giving limit is increased to 25% of taxable income from a previous limit of 10%.

As you consider giving plans moving forward, please consider how these changes might enhance your gift to the Mission this year. Thank you so much!

## I am Finally Making Positive Decisions for a Better Life

Hi I'm Gary. At the Mission I have greater peace of mind. It's so much better than bouncing around couches and sleeping on the street.

Through the years I worked with masonry, computers, at hotels, gas stations, and with HVAC,



*“Boston streets were so harsh when I was homeless.”*

but nothing really moved me. My drinking started in high school until I got arrested a couple of times. But the addiction had begun.

My brother invited me to a house in Florida for three years. Then I moved back to a woman in Natick. When she left the state, I became homeless. The Boston streets were so harsh that I tried staying in ATM cubbies in the suburbs when I could.

At the Boston Rescue Mission, I can see all the time I've wasted with alcohol. There are good staff members, and people in the community are helpful. I'm thinking a little straighter and more positively, and feel a little happier each day.

*I am grateful for the Mission and its donors – thank you!*  
— Gary

## 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!

## \$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

To reduce cost and go green, 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. Others will receive a printed gift statement in January 2022 for all 2021 gifts. Thank you