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Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Transformation Lives
for 123 Years!

Your kindness and support shine a light on women and men like Alfonso and Joaquin who come to the Mission during their hardest times. Thanks to your support for 123 years, we have helped thousands recover from hopelessness. As long as homelessness and hunger persist, the Mission's door will remain open, so those who come to us can recover and find meaning in a new life. With summer arriving, financial contributions drop, but the needs and services continue. Please consider giving to support our homeless and hungry neighbors this summer. Thank you again for your compassion, and may God bless you!

Blessings, John


Rev. John Samaan, President



I Stay Clean and Sober for My Family

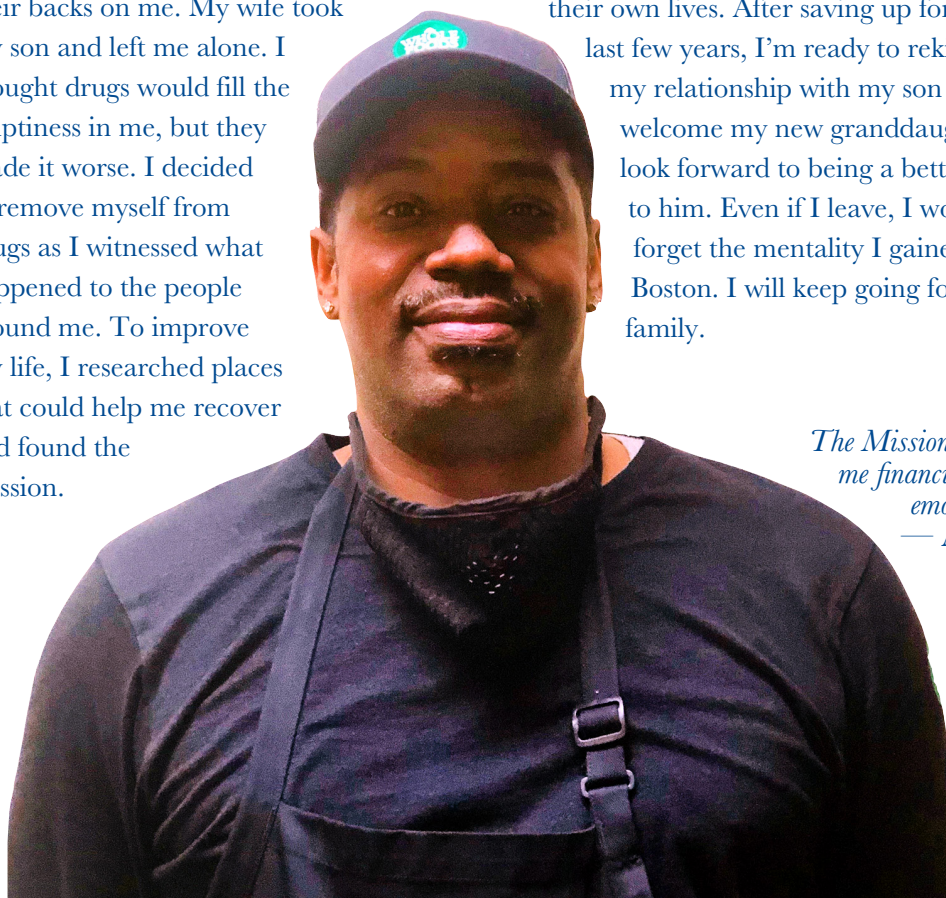
It has been 11 years since I've been sober. I am now back on my feet and ready for a new life in Tennessee in the next month. This opportunity wouldn't have been possible 2 years ago if I hadn't arrived at the Mission. Before coming to the Mission, I had a family with a son and a wife. Despite government support, it was still very difficult to raise a family, so I turned to fast money by selling drugs. And at some point, I started to use them more than I was selling them. Everyone turned their backs on me. My wife took my son and left me alone. I thought drugs would fill the emptiness in me, but they made it worse. I decided to remove myself from drugs as I witnessed what happened to the people around me. To improve my life, I researched places that could help me recover and found the Mission.

Even though I knew nobody in Boston, I took a chance here. And I have never regretted my decision. Since coming to the Mission, my credit score has improved, I've gained a few pounds, and I've made

"Drugs couldn't fill the emptiness inside me."

some pretty decent friends who are working together with me to transform their own lives. After saving up for the last few years, I'm ready to rekindle my relationship with my son and welcome my new granddaughter. I look forward to being a better dad to him. Even if I leave, I won't forget the mentality I gained from Boston. I will keep going for my family.

*The Mission restored
me financially and
emotionally.*
— Alfonso



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My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless

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John Runs to Change Lives in Boston and Haiti

Recently, John, the Mission President, participated in one of three races in the BAA Distance Medley Race Event. He ran the event to not only challenge himself as a runner but also to help those in need. His goal is to help more homeless and hungry neighbors who come to the Mission and create a better learning environment for Haitian children through textbooks and supplies. As of now, John has completed the 5K in April. He is now training to complete the 10K happening this month. Learn about his campaigns at: <https://bit.ly/BRMission> or <https://bit.ly/LASILEBooks>

Future Giving

You're Cordially Invited
to Join the Mission's
Cornerstone Society

*"Give thanks to God for
God is Good" — Psalm 107:1*

Your bequests can leave a lasting legacy, secure tax advantages for your family, and help us to prevent and end homelessness for years to come.

For more information on planned giving, visit our website at: www.brm.org/bequests-legacy-gifts or email us at jsamaan@brm.org.



The Mission Taught Me to See the Good in People

Hi, I'm Joaquin, I'm doing better financially and studying to become an interpreter, thanks to the Mission's guidance. Before arriving at the Mission, I made a series of poor financial decisions that led to homelessness. At first, I owned a bakery with a partner. The bakery was doing well, so I spent most of my money on partying and drinking. Eventually, I lost my spot as a partner and my home. Without a home, I secretly snuck into an apartment to stay for a year. However, the apartment owner reported me and not long after, I found myself at the Mission.

*The Mission truly sees
the potential in us.*
—Joaquin



*"Praying keeps me
calm and helps me
to stay positive."*

At the Mission, I met staff like Rick Fogg and Mike Way. They taught me about praying and seeing the good in people. The two became my closest friends and family. They would check in to see how I was doing to make sure I was on track with my finances. Through their support, I discovered my skills in translating for other Spanish-speaking homeless guests and developed a habit of praying for myself and others. From these experiences, I feel that the mission really wants people in the shelter to recover, and I did thanks to them.

STOCKS AND SECURITIES CAN GO A LONG WAY

Did you know? You can also donate through stocks and securities to the Mission. They are equally as useful as cash and check donations to help people now and in the future. Talk with your financial advisor or broker or email us at akinyua@brm.org to let us know about the transfer. You can learn more at www.brm.org/ways-to-give.

\$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. Thank you!

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Circle of Hope

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