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Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Transforming Lives in
COVID Time!

Your contribution this spring will bring hope to the hopeless. You are supporting the Transformation of Lives of homeless veterans, homeless women and men struggling with addictions, and men and women living on the edge of poverty.

We are grateful to report that our guests and staff were protected and vaccinated.

Together we prepare men and women like Alfonso and Ruben for new jobs and help them to get back to their families. Thank you for your compassion, and may God fill you with the hope of new life this spring!



Rev. John Samaan, President



Finding the Mission is One of the Best Parts of My Journey

Hi. I'm Alfonso. I found the Mission by accident, and it was one of the best accidents ever!

*"It feels great to see
who I am now versus
who I was then."*

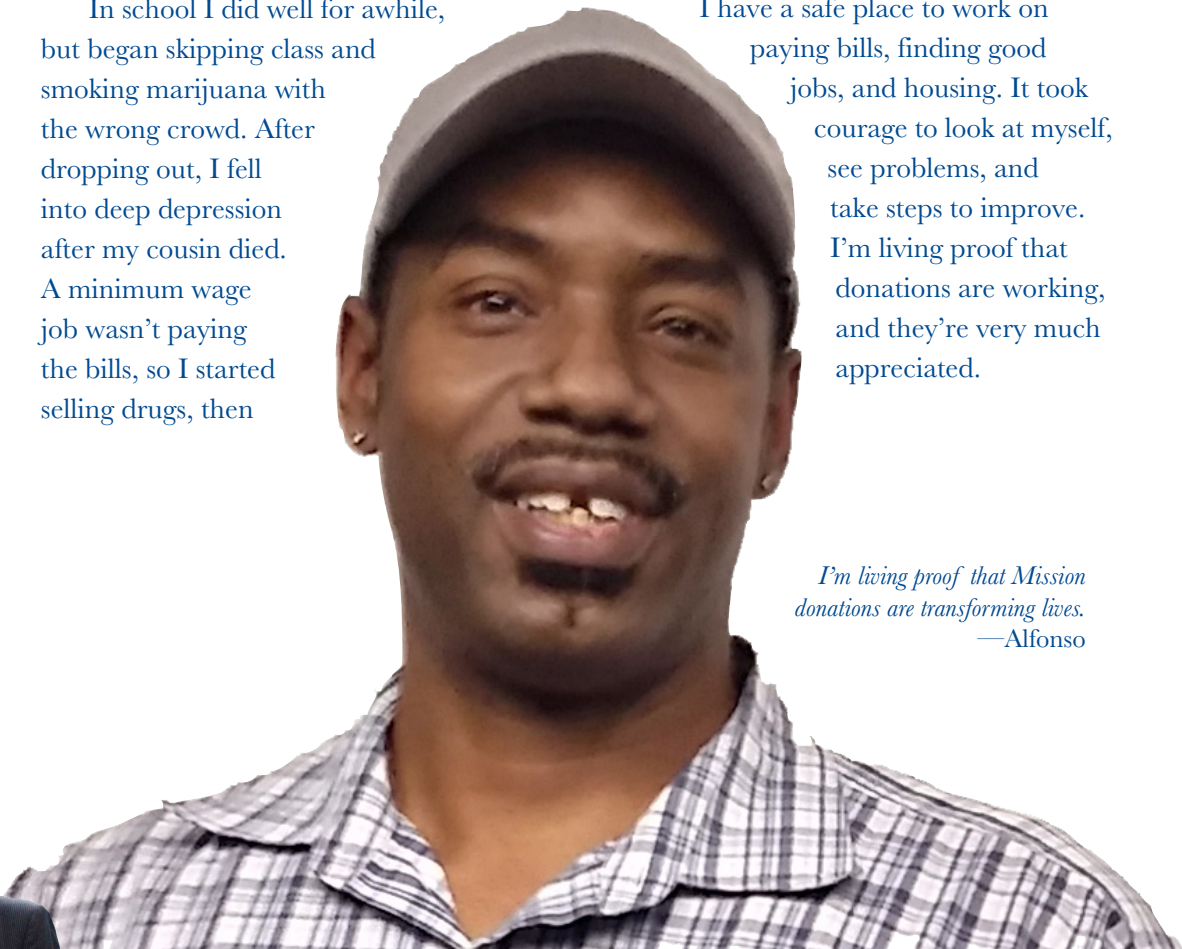
In school I did well for awhile, but began skipping class and smoking marijuana with the wrong crowd. After dropping out, I fell into deep depression after my cousin died. A minimum wage job wasn't paying the bills, so I started selling drugs, then

began using them. Soon I lost everything that I had.

To Boston I came, and by accident I found the Boston Rescue Mission. Coming here, I really felt like I got to start from the ground up as a sober person in a sober community. There are great programs here that other shelters don't have. Now

I have a safe place to work on paying bills, finding good jobs, and housing. It took courage to look at myself, see problems, and take steps to improve. I'm living proof that donations are working, and they're very much appreciated.

*I'm living proof that Mission
donations are transforming lives.*
—Alfonso



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Good News! Guests Staying Safely at the Mission

The Mission performed its 14th random/universal testing and all clients tested had negative test results! All previous 13 random testing had the same negative test results since May 2020.

We are also happy to report that the Boston Rescue Mission's staff and guests were vaccinated. The Mission will continue its efforts in educating the

A Mission client safe inside out of the cold enjoying a hot meal.

guests about the vaccine and will remain vigilant with its COVID's safety protocols.

Bequest: The Gift That Endures

Most people have no will or estate plan in place, which often leaves decision making to a process called probate, and probate fees can be prohibitively expensive. Through proper estate planning, you can minimize probate, thus leaving more for distribution to loved ones and charities. We hope that you'll consider a bequest provision to the Boston Rescue Mission in your will and estate plan.

For more information on planned giving, visit our website at www.brm.org or contact **John Samaan at 617-338-9000, ext. 1216.**

The Mission is a Place of Solace

Hi, I'm Ruben. After a tough year, I'm working toward building stability with caring Mission staff members.

My single mom and 6 kids moved a lot in my youth. I couldn't focus well in school, and became kind of a class clown. At 20 I moved to Oklahoma, but had relationship trouble. For seven years I moved back and forth from Idaho to Oklahoma.

After we broke up, I tried California with a person who turned angry.

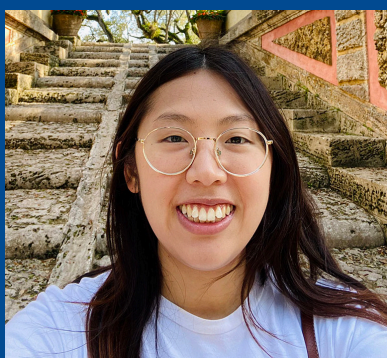
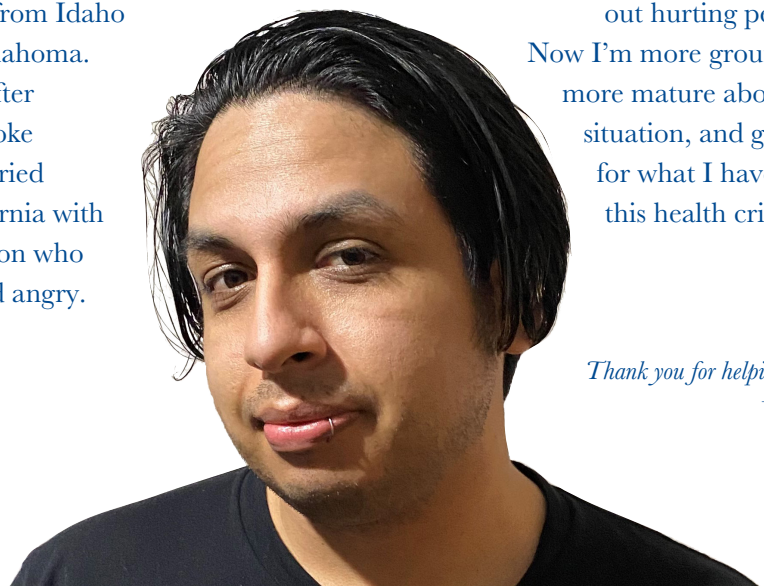
"I was homeless a few times, and I can't do it again."

Back to Oklahoma City I went, then to Tulsa. I worked low wage jobs, found and lost apartments, stayed in shelters, and even slept on the street. I transferred to upstate New York, then tried Boston. It's so tiring to move all the time!

At the Mission, I've found a place of solace. I really appreciate staff and donors who help out hurting people.

Now I'm more grounded, more mature about my situation, and grateful for what I have during this health crisis.

Thank you for helping me heal.
— Ruben



Hope Scope: Our Newest Blog

This spring, the Mission launched its first ever blog. Our intern Kyung Mi Bae shares uplifting posts featuring the amazing staff and supporters here at the Mission. Learn more about the friendly faces in our Mission community and get a dose of positivity. Come check out "**Hope Scope**" online at www.brm.org!

\$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!



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 to ensure we have your address. Others will receive a printed gift statement in January 2022 for all 2021 gifts. Thank you