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SPECIAL COVID-19 EDITION
YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

COVID EDITION 2020

Can a Homeless Person be in Lock Down ... Without a Home?

During this pandemic, the Mission doors stay open as a welcoming refuge for our guests. We have adapted our services to address coronavirus concerns and still receive women and men with nowhere else to go. Thanks to your continuous support, our guests enjoy 3 meals a day, overnight shelter, showers, case management, and recovery assistance. While things may feel uncertain amidst this national emergency, our guests can always count on a warm welcome at the Mission 365 days a year, as they have for more than a century.

We are so grateful for your prayers, good wishes, and gifts, and for the courage of our team coming to work every day.



Rev. John Samaan,
President



Mission Staffers Recover from COVID-19

When the Boston Rescue Mission became an Essential Service Provider, dedicated Mission staff members like Kim, Dan, and KC knew they were at risk of catching COVID-19. Washing hands, wearing face masks, and keeping social distance reduces COVID-19 transmission, but some risks remained for these caring Mission front line workers. After helping an infected guest, Kim soon lost her sense of smell completely. She tested positive for COVID-19 and went into quarantine at home. The guest received treatment in a separate facility.



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KC was most concerned with disbursing helpful information and enforcing protective measures for guests. He noticed a broad range of symptoms and tested positive for the virus shortly after Kim did.

Dan's 2009 experience with the new virus H1N1 was serious. Then recent symptoms led him to get tested for COVID-19, after a negative result he returned to work with a heart grateful to serve.

The Mission salutes our first responders like Kim, KC and Dan who continue to serve guests in the midst of this public health crisis with courage and a positive attitude.



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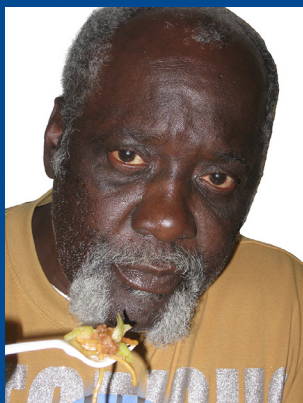
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When Our Guests Struggle, Your Gifts Shine

In this public health crisis that has brought so much of our old ways to a halt, one thing has stayed the same: your support is so generous! Since COVID-19 came to town, you have responded with so many prayers, food pantry donations, masks, financial donations, and offers to help out. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity when our guests need it most.

Your support puts food on the table for dozens of guests every day.

New Tax Benefits for Non-Profit Donors

The U.S. government recently passed 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!

COVID-19 Got Me for 20 days

Hi, I'm Jaime. For 20 days I went to the hospital and into quarantine with COVID-19. Thankfully, I'm feeling better and giving others at the Mission hope that they can get through this virus too.

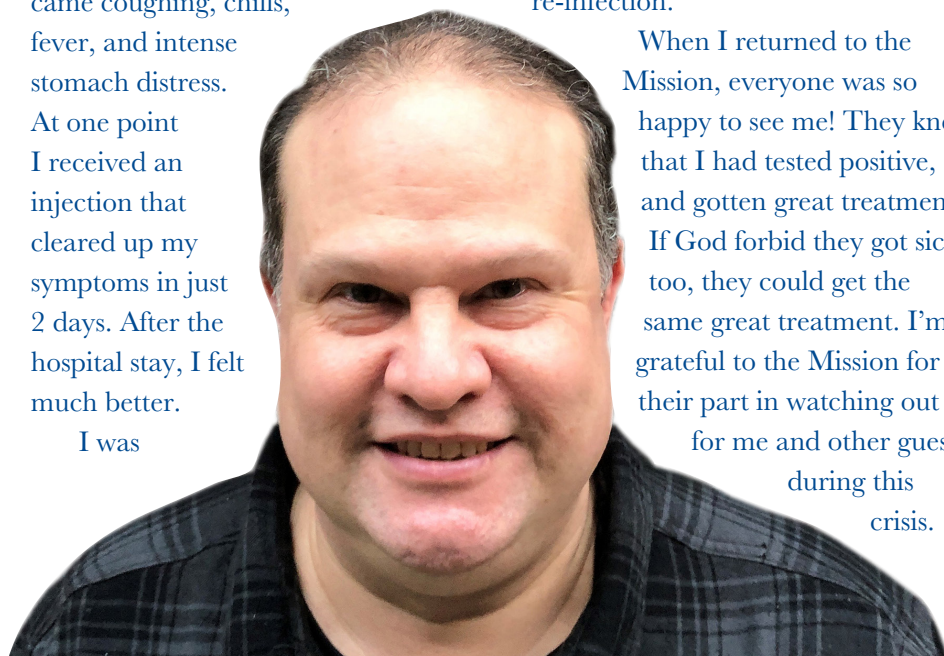
The symptoms were strong - a complete loss of smell and taste! Then came coughing, chills, fever, and intense stomach distress. At one point I received an injection that cleared up my symptoms in just 2 days. After the hospital stay, I felt much better.

I was

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quarantined for 10 more days to ensure I didn't relapse. They asked me to keep taking precautions with everyone else to reduce the chance of re-infection.

When I returned to the Mission, everyone was so happy to see me! They knew that I had tested positive, and gotten great treatment. If God forbid they got sick too, they could get the same great treatment. I'm grateful to the Mission for their part in watching out for me and other guests during this crisis.



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 Eric Grenfell-Muir at egrenfell-muir@brm.org or (617) 338-9000 ext. 1209. 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. Thank you!

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Your Monthly Gifts Create a Circle of Hope

When you support the Mission's life-transforming programs with a monthly gift, you bring hope to homeless guests every day of the year. And when you setup an automatic gift online at www.brm.org, you skip the checks, envelopes, and stamps. Please join our monthly giving **Circle of Hope** today.