

Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

WINTER 2018

Lives are Transformed
Because of YOU

Your compassion has helped to move thousands of people from despair to hope. We have seen 75% of men and women complete our life transforming programs.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing that incredible life transformation journey for people like Roberto and Edward. So our holiday greeting to you is a simple one: thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Please accept a cordial invitation to come down to visit us and to see your compassion at work. Call me at 617-338-9000 ext. 1216 to schedule a visit.

Blessed Holidays!



Rev. John Samaan, President



Fighting Guilt is the Worst Part

Hello I'm Roberto. I'm trying to get as much help as I can from others at the Mission. I used to be so absorbed with myself!

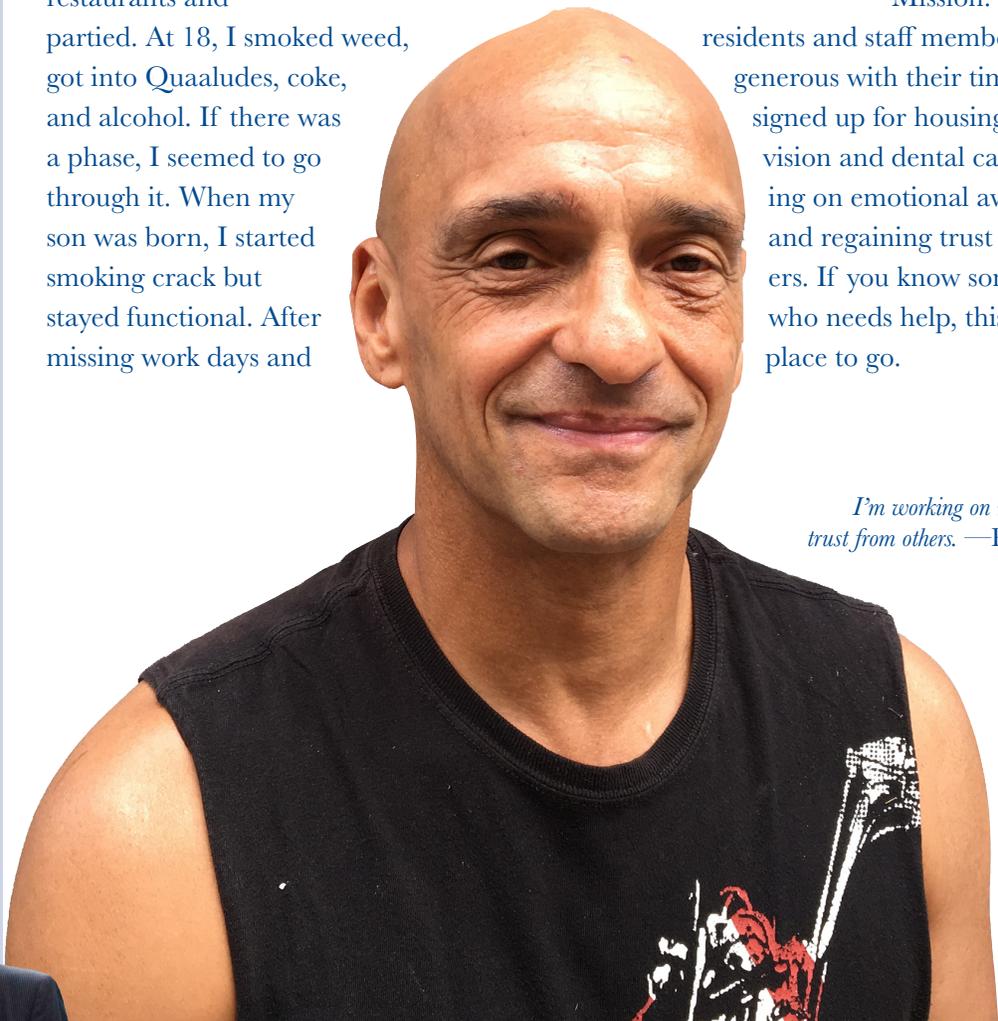
I dropped out of 10th grade, worked in restaurants and partied. At 18, I smoked weed, got into Quaaludes, coke, and alcohol. If there was a phase, I seemed to go through it. When my son was born, I started smoking crack but stayed functional. After missing work days and

lots of street fighting, I spent a fair amount of time in jail. It's there that I got sick and tired, and made plans to heal.

Once I got out, I checked into detox and found the Boston Rescue Mission. Here,

residents and staff members are generous with their time. I'm signed up for housing, getting vision and dental care, working on emotional awareness and regaining trust from others. If you know somebody who needs help, this is the place to go.

"If you know somebody who needs help, the Mission is the place to go."



I'm working on regaining trust from others. —Roberto

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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. 1209
- **Online** – Go to 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.



Warm, safe beds await people who are homeless in the Mission's expanded shelter program.

Preparing Now for the Upcoming Winter

Last winter the Mission added an extra 50 beds for women and 70 beds for men as a safety net for the increased number of homeless women and men on the streets in Boston. The Mission expects this winter will be no different. Going forward, the Mission will have the capacity to provide overnight care for up to 175 men and women per night.

John Samaan, President of the Mission stated that "Gifts from our donors help us provide hot nutritious meals and a safe place indoors for homeless women and men when the weather gets extremely cold."

Join the Giving Tuesday Trend!

#GIVING TUESDAY

You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Now there's **GIVING TUESDAY!**

On November 27th, take a portion of your holiday shopping funds and donate them to the Boston Rescue Mission. Thousands of hungry women and men depend on the Mission for a hearty meal. They come hungry from many walks of life and most are homeless. Yet we depend on friends like you to help us provide these meals.

So on Giving Tuesday, please visit www.brm.org and click 'Donate Now'!

My Motivation is Back in Full Force

Hi I'm Edward. Since I've been sober at the Mission, my motivation is back in full force.

In school, I was a mess. At 16, I sniffed a bit of heroin, and off I went. For five years I drank, used drugs, and stole money from my family. I tried to avoid street violence until I got clean at 22 years old.

For a long time I stayed sober, had beautiful children, and earned back some respect. Then one trip

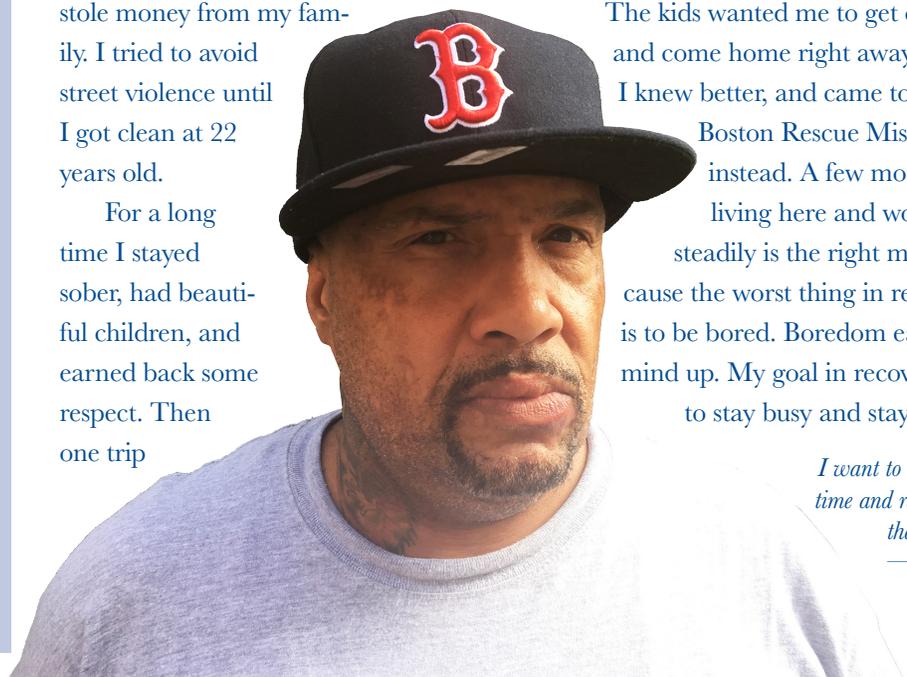
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out of town turned into a 14 month binge of alcohol, drugs, and parties. My kids came into

my hotel room, looked at the bottles and said "you couldn't possibly drink all of this". But I had.

The kids wanted me to get clean and come home right away. But I knew better, and came to the Boston Rescue Mission instead. A few months living here and working steadily is the right move, because the worst thing in recovery is to be bored. Boredom eats your mind up. My goal in recovery is to stay busy and stay sober.

I want to donate my time and resources to the Mission.
—Edward



Stocks, Mutual Funds, and Bonds Make Great Year End Gifts

Did you know that charitable gifts received prior to January 1, 2019 are fully deductible on your 2018 itemized income taxes? Also, a gift of an appreciated asset like common stock, mutual fund shares, or bonds may reduce your tax obligations

on capital gains. To make a gift of appreciated assets, contact Eric Grenfell-Muir at 617-338-9000, ext. 1209 or by e-mail at egrenfell-muir@brm.org. Find more information on the Donations section of our website at www.brm.org.

\$19.20 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.