

120TH ANNIVERSARY

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YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

WINTER 2019

You are Transforming Lives!

This past year, your compassion has transformed hundreds of people out of despair and given them hope. Those already on the journey of transformation bring hopeful news: the majority of Boston Rescue Mission residents succeed in completing their restoration program and are getting their lives on the right track.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing that incredible life transforming journey for people like Manny and Matty. Because of your generosity, Christmas and the Holiday Season will bring renewal in the broken hearts of homeless women and men. Our guests will also be pleasantly surprised with a few carefully selected gifts under the Christmas tree.

Blessed Holidays!

John


Rev. John Samaan, President



God Bless Those People Who Donate

I'm blessed to put smiles on faces.

"The Mission gave me a chance. Now I want to pay it forward.."

Hi, I'm Manny the chef. Having been homeless myself, I can feel the struggle of people living on the streets. I really wanted to help those who are less fortunate. I feel the Lord had plans for me to come to the Mission.

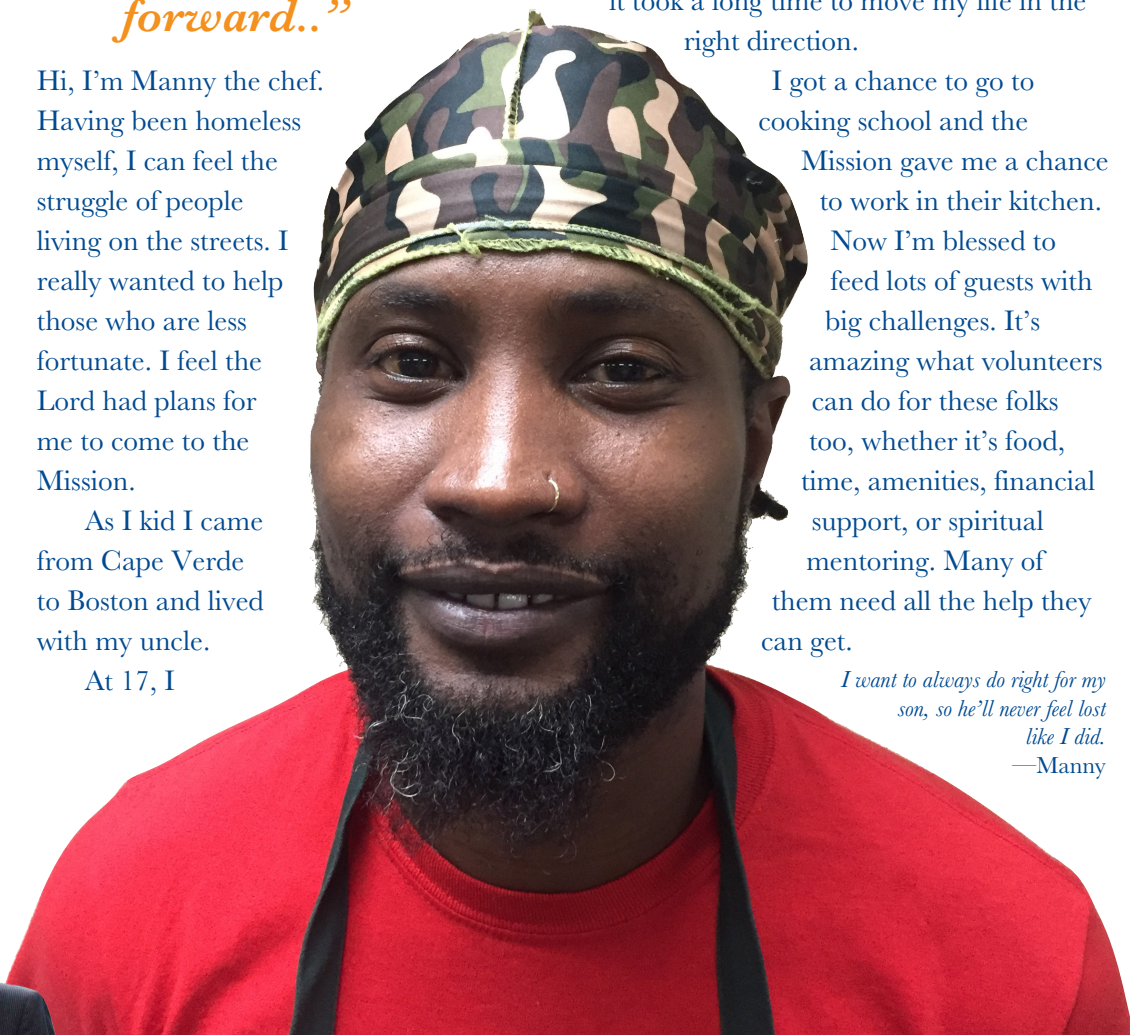
As I kid I came from Cape Verde to Boston and lived with my uncle.

At 17, I

realized that I needed to get out from underneath his watch. I left and stayed homeless for more than a year. I never really struggled with drugs or alcohol, but it took a long time to move my life in the right direction.

I got a chance to go to cooking school and the Mission gave me a chance to work in their kitchen. Now I'm blessed to feed lots of guests with big challenges. It's amazing what volunteers can do for these folks too, whether it's food, time, amenities, financial support, or spiritual mentoring. Many of them need all the help they can get.

I want to always do right for my son, so he'll never feel lost like I did.
—Manny



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My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless • 39 Kingston St., Boston, MA 02111 • 617-338-9000 • 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. 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:

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Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt.



After eating a hot meal, warm, safe beds await those in need in the Mission's overnight shelter program.

Winter Refuge for Homeless Women

Every year the Mission offers a safe refuge from the bitter cold for more and more homeless women. This winter the Mission will shelter up to 75 women from the harsh Boston streets. Up to 100 men in our main facility and another 10 veterans in our Safe Haven facility may find a warm respite from frigid nights. A big thanks goes out to our generous donors who help us provide hot nutritious meals and a safe place indoors for homeless women and men when the weather gets extremely cold.

A Tax-Wise Gift Idea!

TAXOTIME

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Are your itemized deductions capped? Here's one tax-wise alternative. If you're 70 1/2 or older, you can fulfill your required minimum IRA distribution by a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 per year to a charity like the **Boston Rescue Mission**.

For most people, a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** as small as \$1,000 realizes noticeable tax benefits immediately. Ask your tax advisor about a QCD to the Mission this giving season or visit:

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/philanthropy/qualified-charitable-distribution.html> for more information.

The Mission is Teaching Me How to Live Again

Hi, I'm Matty. Two years ago, I couldn't function as a civil human being. Now I'm more comfortable with myself and feel confident about the future.

Right around 18 I started drinking a lot. In one heavy partying period, I lost my license and got arrested three times in the same week. After a while I got cocaine for friends, then sold it to everyone--even during work, then started using it myself. If that wasn't enough, I picked up heroin and followed the revolving door in and out of jail. Finally I called the

Boston
Rescue
Mission
for help.

"Getting arrested three times in a week is out of control."

Here I've found a lifesaving program that's teaching me how to live again.

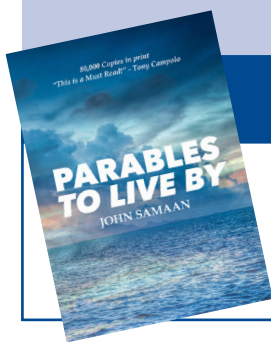
Thanks to the staff and community here, I can face the day and look for a permanent position with benefits and potential for the future.

Thanks to the Mission, I have a permanent job and planning for my future.
—Matty



Parables to Live By: An Insightful Treat

In celebration of the Mission's 120th Anniversary, John Samaan is offering a free copy of his inspirational book *Parables to Live By*. Simply visit our website at www.brm.org and enter your email address. You'll receive an email link to download this bright and inspiring read, as well as periodic email updates with Mission news and events!



\$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!

#GIVING TUESDAY

December 3, 2019

Join the Giving Tuesday Trend! On December 3rd, take a portion of your holiday shopping funds and donate them to the Boston Rescue Mission. So on Giving Tuesday, please visit www.brm.org and click 'Donate Now'!