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120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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## Boston ~~R~~escue Mission Newsletter

FALL 2020

In COVID time...You are  
the HOPE giver!

When people hit rock bottom, and problems overwhelm them completely, they need HOPE to reclaim their lives.

In COVID time, how can the Mission continue to help homeless, desperate and hungry people transform their lives without you? Your support provides food for the body, spiritual presence for the soul, and guidance to our clients. Your compassion has helped to move people like David and Richard from despair to hope.

Friends like you helped us weather the first wave of the COVID infections. We need you even more for the upcoming second wave.

My heart is filled with gratitude to have rescuers such as you.

  
Rev. John Samaan, President



## The Community Here Gives Me a Strong Leg to Stand On

Hi, I'm David. The Mission gave me comfort and solace in a time of uncertainty. Here my faith has grown and strengthened and every day I carry a little less burden.

At 15 I moved into an apartment and painted houses after graduation. I began a commercial painting business with a national scope. It was a good living, but also very stressful.

A drink or two on the weekends turned into a week, then longer.

Alcoholism took over and I stayed home drinking for the better/worse part of 6 years. The business and my condo slipped

***“Weekend drinks seemed reasonable until they turned into years.”***

away to the strong lure of alcohol.

Finally, I found the Mission. Every kind of person is here.

It's humbling and comforting to talk and listen among this community of like-minded people.

Here I'm growing and strengthening my faith.



*The sense of community here at the Mission has given me a leg to stand on.  
Thank you. —David*

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Firefighters fought to contain the fire to the back alley and the Mission's laundry facilities.

## Alley Fire Spares Residents, Damages Building

Residents, guests, and staff were relieved last month after a fire threatened the Mission. Firefighters found a neighbor's trash barrel blazing in the back alley. Through heavy smoke, firefighters punctured the roof and several walls and sprayed water to control the fire's spread. Luckily, no one was harmed and homeless women and men received shelter, care, and essential services that night and since. The Mission is working quickly to repair water, smoke, and structural damage and your contributions are appreciated. We're so grateful for alert staff and first responders who kept everyone safe that night.

## Mission Guests Testing Negative for COVID-19

Thanks to the mission's staff and for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless, residents and guests have access to routine COVID-19 testing. At the time of printing, we are grateful that



almost 4 months of universal and random COVID-19 tests have produced all negative results. Staff and guests will continue to apply vigilant precautions to keep our residents and guests as safe as possible during this pandemic.

## I Know the Mission is a Great Place

*"I work at another shelter, so I know the Mission does great work."*

Hi, I'm Richard.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to stay focused and sober at the Mission, and get the job training that leads to better work.

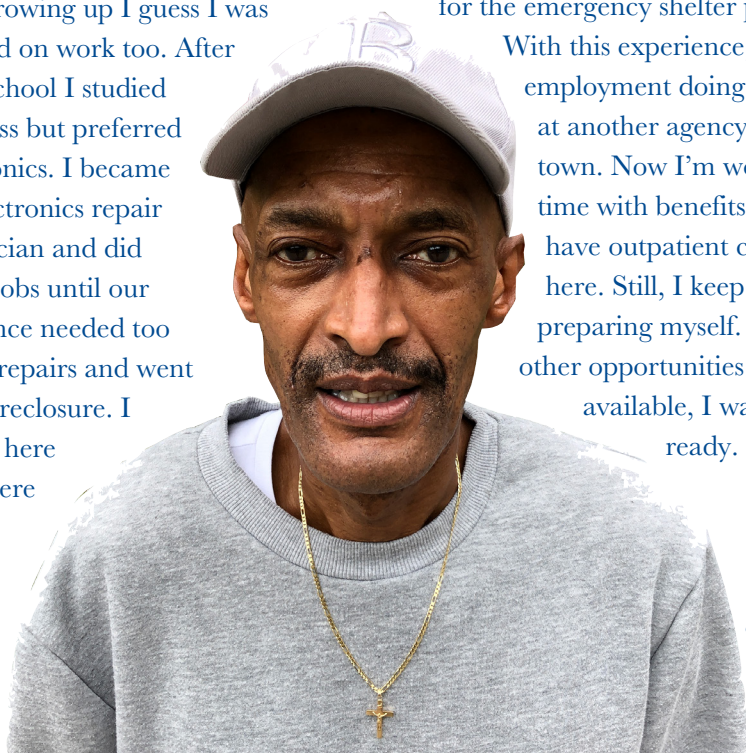
Growing up I guess I was focused on work too. After high school I studied business but preferred electronics. I became an electronics repair technician and did other jobs until our residence needed too many repairs and went into foreclosure. I stayed here and there with

friends and acquaintances until I found the Mission through a friend.

For four months I lived at the Kingston House and did laundry for the emergency shelter program.

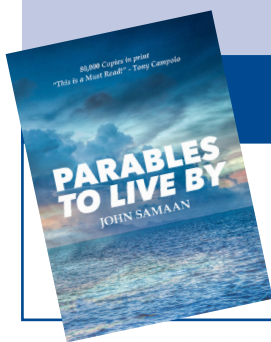
With this experience, I found employment doing laundry at another agency across town. Now I'm working full time with benefits and still have outpatient counseling here. Still, I keep preparing myself. In case other opportunities become available, I want to be ready.

*"I keep telling myself: don't give up. Keep trying, and every day, I do."*  
—Richard



## 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](http://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](http://www.brm.org). Thank you!

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