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## Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Transforming Lives  
Since 1899!

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.

Because of your loyal support, we can serve more than 126,000 meals and shelter 43,150 people every year.

Together we prepare men and women like Walter and Joe for new jobs and help them to get back to their families and to society as law-abiding, tax-paying citizens.

Thank you for your compassion, and may God fill you with the hope of new life this spring!



Rev. John Samaan, President



## I Never Thought I Would Be a Drug Addict

Hi. I'm Walter. Growing up, I wanted to be a boxer. I never thought I would be a drug addict instead.

My childhood was dominated by my father, the violent alcoholic. At 14 he threw me out and school kicked me out. I worked in roofing and boxed six days a week throughout my 20s.

In my 30s I was a bouncer and ran a liquor store. I picked up drinking on the weekends, then started sniffing heroin. Something inside me was killing my spirit, and I drank and used drugs to mask the feelings. In my 40s, I

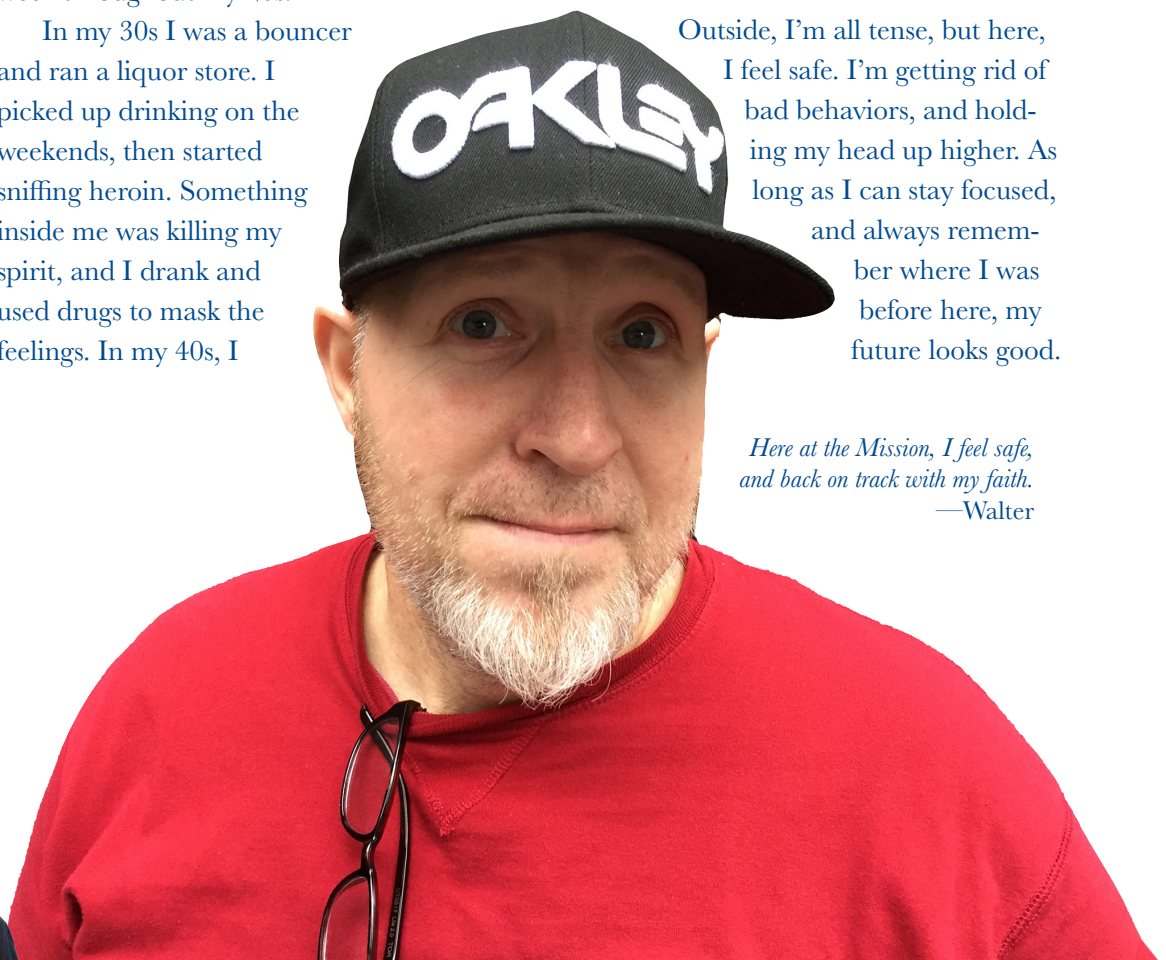
*"I didn't know if I  
wanted to live or die.  
My spirit was  
broken."*

was shooting heroin, and really struggling. Some recovery programs were like a horror show or jail.

At the Mission it's much better.

Outside, I'm all tense, but here, I feel safe. I'm getting rid of bad behaviors, and holding my head up higher. As long as I can stay focused, and always remember where I was before here, my future looks good.

*Here at the Mission, I feel safe,  
and back on track with my faith.*  
—Walter



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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](http://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.

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Safe from the cold, a hot meal brings a smile to the face of one of our overnight guests.

## 60 Women Find Safe Overnight Shelter This Winter

In October the Mission increased capacity in its overnight accommodations to meet the increased demand of homeless women in Boston.

Every evening women receive a hot meal and a warm, safe place to sleep as well as showers and breakfast in the morning. Each woman is free to meet with a case manager and together they design a personal pathway out of homelessness that supports each women's unique situation. The women also have access to health care and housing search services.

One woman said "I'm grateful for the safe program at the Mission while I try to give my kids a healthy, stable home." On top of meeting basic needs, many women are working hard to rebuild relationships with family members.

## Socks for Everyone!



15,000 socks — that's quite a feat! The Mission thanks the thousands of listeners donating socks to The TJ Show.

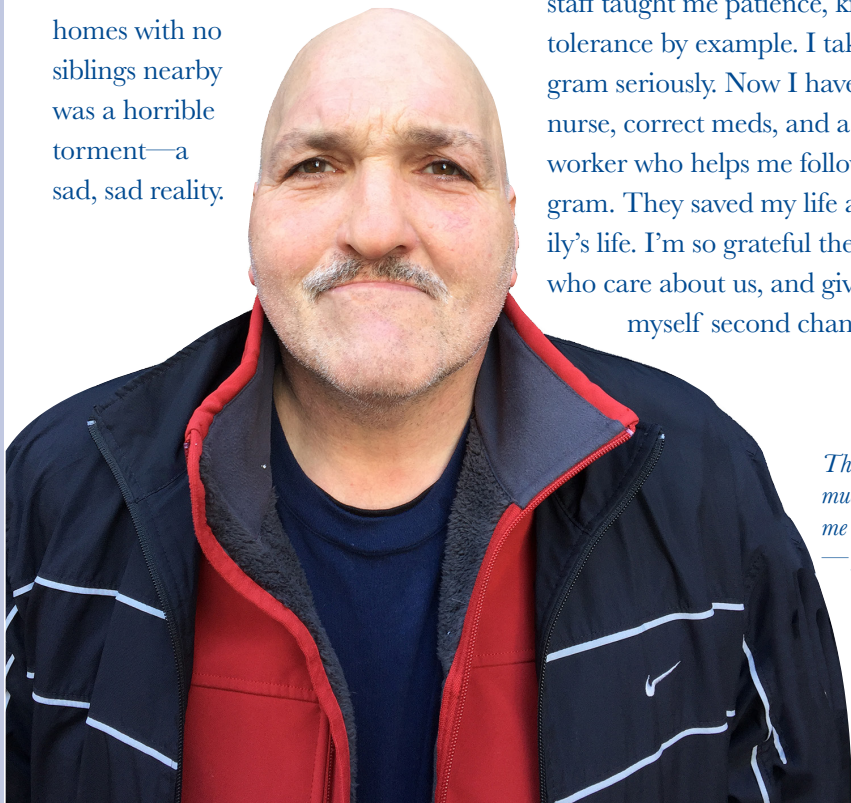
In just over a 2 week period, The TJ Show on Boston's 103.3 Amp Radio collected more than 15,000 pairs of socks from generous listeners. Morning show co-hosts TJ and Loren and Producer Matt helped to promote the drive in part by interviewing several Mission clients. The drive capped off with a brief interview of John Samaan and a fun-filled delivery with dozens of boxes and bags from five different vehicles!!



## The Mission a Gem and it is Here to Save Guys Like Me

Hi, I'm Joe. The Mission showed me that it's ok to have my own issues; to recognize them, address them, and stop beating myself up with negativity. There's already been too much of that.

My childhood life was dangerous. With an alcoholic parent, my sisters and brothers and I were yanked from our house at a very young age. To bounce around foster homes with no siblings nearby was a horrible torment—a sad, sad reality.



*"I'm so glad there are supporters who give people second chances."*

I developed alcoholism quickly. The disease got me in trouble with the law, and divided my kids and me. I knew that I needed help.

The Mission is a hidden gem. The staff taught me patience, kindness, and tolerance by example. I take this program seriously. Now I have support, a nurse, correct meds, and a caring case worker who helps me follow my program. They saved my life and my family's life. I'm so grateful there's people who care about us, and give people like myself second chances.

*Thank you very much for helping me save my life.*  
— Joe

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

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