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Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Warming Hearts This Winter

This past year, your kindness transformed the lives of hundreds of people who came to the Mission seeking hope and a better life. Many of them succeeded in getting their lives back on track through our restoration program.

Thank you for your continuous support, which made recovery possible for people like Mary and Tommy. Mary and Tommy both came to the Mission with broken hearts, but with your generosity, they've discovered renewal this Christmas. Our guests will feel warm when they find gifts under the Christmas tree and hearty meals to keep them full.

Blessed Holidays,
John



Rev. John Samaan, President



I Drowned My Pain Away with Substances

Hi, I'm Mary, I stayed at the Mission twice when I struggled with drug and substance abuse. Growing up, I came from a large family with 8 kids. Life was quite normal until I reached the age of 10. During that year, one of my brothers was killed by a hit-and-run. I was devastated by his death. I didn't understand why he had to die. When I asked others, they told me he was punished by God. Even though I grew up in a Catholic school with a punishing God, it was still hard to believe that my brother was gone from us forever.

His death haunted me for years. When I was 15, I started drinking and using drugs.

"I wasn't here for long, but I felt comfortable and safe."

I continued to use substances until I was 30. These substances distracted me from thinking about my brother's death, but they also made me ill. I lost my job and my house as a result. With nowhere to go, I came to the Mission.

The Mission's program allowed me to stay overnight when I wasn't ready to get clean and sober yet. It felt safe to be here. They provided me with a place to sleep and meals to eat. I eventually got treatment, as I've truly had enough of the drug and drinking life. Today, I have 7 years of sobriety and 14 years away from marijuana. I now volunteer at the Mission to make an impact on others like me.



My family and I are happier now.
—Mary

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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:**



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- **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.

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Another Successful Thanksgiving Meal!

The Mission celebrated our 29th “Annual Day of Thanks.” Many homeless and hungry people, veterans, and families in need enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving meal with turkey, potatoes, gravy, and more. Additionally, turkeys were given to families at the William Monroe Trotter K-6 School, so they could cook a hot Thanksgiving meal at home. All of this was possible thanks to the help of our donors, volunteers, and staff. Thank you for making this Thanksgiving a successful one!

Future Giving

You're Cordially Invited to Join the Mission's Cornerstone Society

“Give thanks to God for God is Good” — Psalm 107:1

Your bequests can leave a lasting legacy, secure tax advantages for your family, and help us to prevent and end homelessness for years to come.

For more information on planned giving, visit our website at: www.brm.org/bequests-legacy-gifts or email us at jsamaan@brm.org.

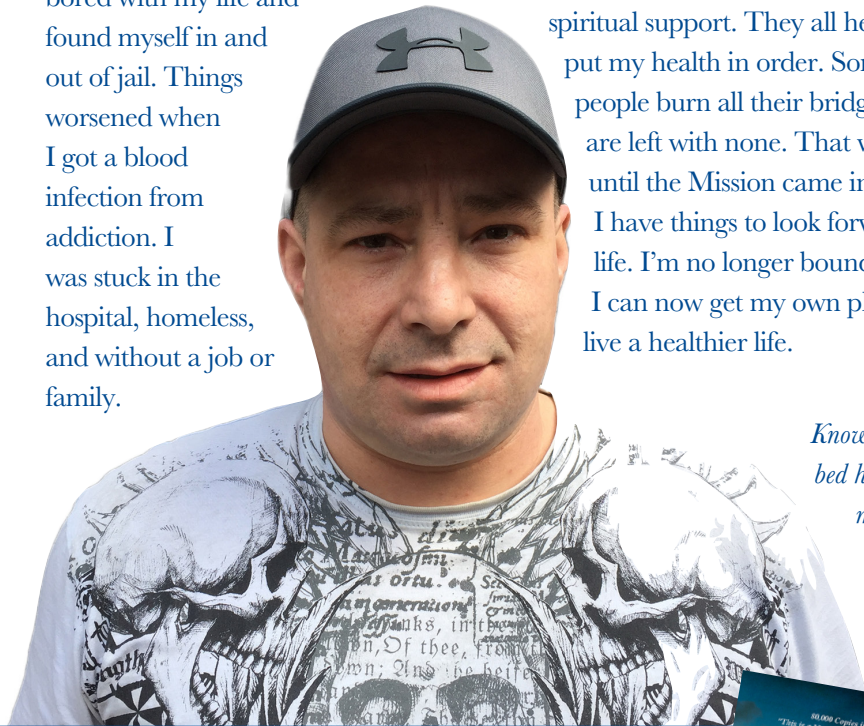


I Was a Prisoner of Drugs

Hi, I'm Tommy, I've been battling many years of addiction. At 25, I had many ideas on how to make money. I would sell, hustle cars, plow, and do a variety of jobs. These jobs earned me good money to spend on drugs. I was successful, but I often got bored with my life and found myself in and out of jail. Things worsened when I got a blood infection from addiction. I was stuck in the hospital, homeless, and without a job or family.

“Being locked into methadone made getting another start so difficult but it was possible.”

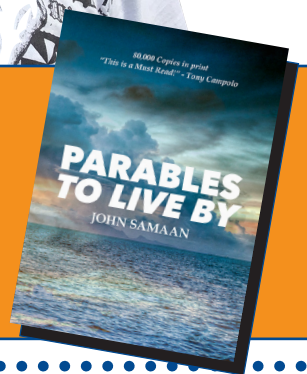
Around Christmas, the Mission gave me a roof over my head. The staff made sure I was comfortable. Doctors visited and asked what they could do for me. A case manager gave me spiritual support. They all helped me put my health in order. Sometimes people burn all their bridges and are left with none. That was my life until the Mission came into it. Now, I have things to look forward to in life. I'm no longer bound by drugs. I can now get my own place and live a healthier life.



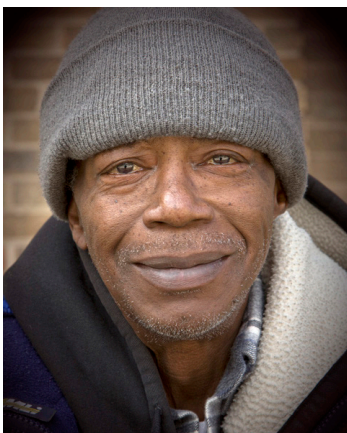
Knowing I have a bed here, comforts my mind and soul.— Tommy

PARABLES TO LIVE BY

President John Samaan is offering a free digital copy of his book *Parables to Live By* whenever you subscribe to our online mailing list. Once you subscribe, you will receive an email to download the inspirational book. Subscribe today at brm.org to be the first to know about important updates at the Mission.



\$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. Setup an automatic gift at:

www.brm.org and click on the green button “Donate Monthly (Circle of Hope)” at the top of the page to get started in monthly giving today.