

124<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

## Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Transforming Lives  
for 124 Years!!

Your compassion for homeless neighbors like John and Aldo helped them start their journey toward a better life. Thanks to your support for 124 years, we can strengthen and sustain our meal, shelter, and care programs to help thousands of neighbors in need. Every person who comes through our doors has their own story to tell. Not one story is the same. It is our mission to help them transform their lives, so they can return to their families and friends and live healthy and productive lives. With summer's arrival, financial contributions drop, but your neighbors are still working towards their recovery. We desperately need your continuous support. Thank you again for your generosity, and may God bless you!

Blessings,



Rev. John Samaan,  
President

### I Lost My Home of 20 Years

*“The Mission is almost like being at home”*

Hi, I'm John. When I was 20, my parents separated, and my life went downhill. I couldn't pick a side because they were both my parents. I ended up staying with my grandma. During this time of my life, I became an alcoholic.

Depression, emotions, and anger overwhelmed me with my parents' split. I continued to drink for years until I saw my friends pass away from alcohol. I knew about 15 of them, but only three are left. I haven't drunk for 10 years since then.

But my life worsened when I lost my home of 20 years. My landlord was offered money to sell his land. He rejected the offer and told me I could stay. However, when he was offered more money, he decided to sell. And I was left without a home.

I couldn't sleep, find housing, or eat at all. Knowing the Mission as a safe place, I came back for help. The environment and people make me feel clean and stable. The case managers here are helping me look for housing as well.

Thank you all for your good work and effort toward helping people like me. I'm grateful for this place. It is one of the better shelters out there.



*“I saw how drugs affected my friends”*  
-John

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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. 1211
- 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

Please charge my gift on my credit card:

Visa  Mastercard  Amex

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

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



## A Look into Outreach

The Mission's outreach program at Boston Common has been around for many years. Volunteers gather on Sunday morning, to provide food and care to people experiencing homelessness and hunger. The outreach brings volunteers closer to the homeless community by offering them a chance to interact with neighbors as they hand out meals. Some groups like to hand out other items like care kits, socks, gifts, and more. If your group or organization is interested in participating in an outreach, complete the application on-line at [brm.org/volunteer](http://brm.org/volunteer).

The Mission offers several other volunteer opportunities.



## 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](http://www.brm.org/bequests-legacy-gifts) or email us at : [Jsamaan@brm.org](mailto:Jsamaan@brm.org)

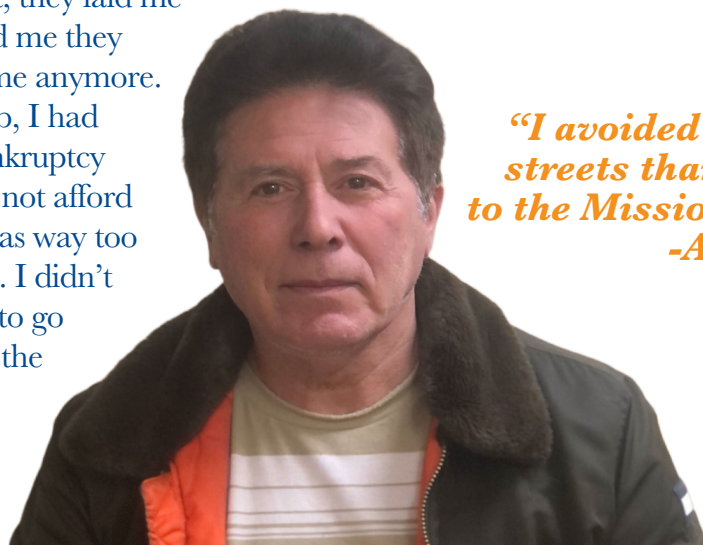
## I Became Jobless Then Homeless

***"It's a place where I can sleep in peace"***

Hi, I'm Aldo. I grew up in a normal and happy family. My siblings and I would play soccer all the time. I never had any major concerns. Later in life, I went on to work at a law firm. This job was my main source of income. It paid for my rent, food, and expenses.

Unfortunately, when the pandemic hit, they laid me off. They told me they didn't need me anymore. Without a job, I had to file for bankruptcy since I could not afford the rent. It was way too much for me. I didn't know where to go until I found the Mission.

The Mission became a place where I could get help, get meals, and get back on my feet. The staff here talks to me regularly to ensure that I'm doing fine. I've been here for 5-6 months now. Although it's still difficult for me to get a job due to my age, I am staying hopeful for the future. I believe everything will fall into place once I get a job.



***"I avoided the streets thanks to the Mission."***  
*-Aldo*

## JOIN THE 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](http://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.

## \$22.50 Does Much More Than Feed 10 Hungry People

Between gas, rent, utilities, and medical bills, families don't have enough left over to buy food. They come to the Mission's food pantry for meals to help tide them over and keep them on their feet!

Your generous support provides hope and relief to people at risk of hunger and homelessness. Mail your gift today in the enclosed envelope, or donate online at

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



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